

# BIRCHMOUNT

## Weekly Update

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Friday, May 28, 2021

### Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday May 31	Tuesday June 1	Wednesday June 2	Thursday June 3	Friday June 4
Day 2 Guidance Drop in Day	Day 3 DEADLINE to accept OUAC offers	Day 4 Financial Literacy 1:00pm (see guidance)	Day 1	Day 2 <b>Student Council Elections</b> Career Chat 1:00PM

**Important Dates:** [Click here for TDSB important dates in Secondary School](#)

## From the Desk of the Principal

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## Student Council 2021-22

**COMING SOON**



**Campaign Begins  
Election Day**

**Monday May 24th-June 4th  
Friday June 4th**

## Community VACCINE UPDATE from Michael Garron Hospital

Wanted to share a few vaccine related things for the week ahead:

We have a number of vaccination clinic opportunities coming up and wanted to share with you to share with your communities.

1. **Sunday May 30:** Clinic at Kew Gardens in the beaches at the ice rink for anyone 12+ . Flyer attached.
2. **Monday May 31:** Clinic at Danforth Gardens Public School for 12+ for all your families or staff from 2 pm until vaccine supply runs out. Flyer attached.
3. In addition to the pop-up vaccine clinics outlined above if people prefer booked appointments, East Toronto Health Partners (ETHP) also has first-dose appointments available at the Thorncliffe Park Community Hub COVID-19 Immunization Clinic (East York Town Centre, 45 Overlea Blvd) for **May 28, 29 and 30**. Appointments are open to all individuals 12+. To book an appointment, please visit [tehn.ca/VaccineAppointment](https://tehn.ca/VaccineAppointment).

Lastly, We are hosting another family focused community Q&A on vaccines on June 3 to ensure everyone has the information re: vaccines they need.

Details: Join us on **Thursday, June 3 at 6 p.m.** for a special edition of ETHP's Community Q&A on the COVID-19 Vaccine for youth and families! During the event, trusted health leaders in East Toronto will answer your questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. The event is free and open to all. However, you must pre-register: [ethp.ca/vaccinewebinar](https://ethp.ca/vaccinewebinar)

During the event, attendees will hear from Dr. Janine McCready, infectious diseases physician at [Michael Garron Hospital](#); Dr. Kimberley Kitto, family physician and member of [East Toronto Family Practice Network](#); and Sydney Olsen, paediatric nurse at [VHA Home HealthCare](#). The event is moderated by Azan Alnur, youth community ambassador. The event will also outline where and how individuals 12 years of age and older may receive the vaccine.

## PRIDE 2021

TDSB GSA NETWORK presents...



**2021**  
*Pride*

May 31 - June 4

Join us for:

- Workshops and Guest Speakers
- Drag DJ Lunch and Drag 101 workshop
- Anime Movies
- Drag Storytime (all ages)
- Tea Condo with live music and performances
- And more!

 TDSB  
GSA  
NETWORK

For details and links to the events, follow @tdsb.gsa.network on IG and visit us at our website!

[TDSB GSA Network \(google.com\)](#)

## **School Council presents...**

### **Dr. Ramesh from Vision Care Clinic**

Are your eyes tired from all this screen time? Please join us **Monday May 31th at 7pm** for our Mini Health Series. Dr. Ramesh from Vision Care Clinic will talk about eye strain and some easy tips that can help you alleviate it! There will be an opportunity to ask questions too.

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/98151413768?pwd=SHB3eC9nTHdGZUpFazlaVjhtR2RQdz09>

### **Racial Trauma Workshop was a Success!!**

Racial Trauma with Charmaine was an informative success. She both opened our eyes and gave us a lot to think about. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey to complete the grant process.

### **Upcoming Career Chat**

Last week's Career Chat with a pandemic and dentist was really great with lots of great questions from the students. Today we have an accountant and a project manager. Join us next week for a professor and a chef who is currently teaching culinary arts in college.



[Click here for Birchmount Park School Council Facebook Link](#)

Monday is Guidance Drop-In day!

### **Birchmount Park's Guidance Drop-In**



Questions about your application for next year?  
Questions about Graduation?  
Come see us in our Drop-In sessions for Grade 12s  
Next Drop-In: **Monday May 31**

**12:00 to 1:00 pm**

**Link to be posted in Grade 12 classroom**

(students who have already graduated will be sent a link)

**LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT PHOTO FOR GRAD MEMORY BOOK**



# BPCI Library and Learning Commons




## Diversify Your Reading!



### The FOLD Challenge

12\* Great Ways to Diversify Your Reading

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	*BONUS
Short story collection by an author from a marginalized community.		An audiobook by a FOLD 2021 author.		Historical fiction by a writer of colour.		Book by a BIPOC author from Europe.		Book by an author living with chronic illness.		A play by an Indigenous playwright.		Cookbook by a BIPOC chef.
	Book that explores racism by a Black Canadian author(s).		A book that experiments with form by an Asian-Canadian author.		Nonfiction by a Trans or Non-Binary Author.		Book by a marginalized author who's over 60.		Fiction by a Latinx author.		Book by a marginalized author from British Columbia.	

For monthly reading suggestions visit [thefoldcanada.org/readingchallenge2021](https://thefoldcanada.org/readingchallenge2021)

In May the [Festival of Literary Diversity \(FOLD\)](#) celebrates diverse Canadian voices and challenges readers learn and grow. The festival itself continues to grow and will host a children's festival in November.

My read for May is *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan, available on Destiny Discover ♥

Reading online has never been easier! Use BPCI's Virtual Library and explore [DESTINY DISCOVER](#) -Ebooks and audiobooks- for your next great read!

## BEAP News

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We wrapped up our nutrition lecture series with the topic of reading food labels. Thanks to **Kyle Byron** for his knowledge this term. We are also excited for next **Thursday's BEAP Orientation** via Zoom for our incoming BEAP students and their parents/guardians. We are looking forward to meeting the BEAP Class of 2025!

## Special Education/DD

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### Identification, Placement, and Review Committee

Thank you to all members of the Identification, Placement, and Review Committee for your expertise and time during this year's IPRC process. We appreciate, and are grateful for your participation.

### June Reviews

Next month, the Special Education Team will complete June Reviews for our students in the Special Education Program.

## Student Success and Gifted

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### Can **HOPE** Really Change Everything?

Recently, I read an article about the importance of introducing *hope* to our students. Upon reflection, the article raised questions: how can hope equate to student success? As a caring adult, interested in and curious about our students, when I check-in, do my interrogations create a sense of hope? What does hope look like? Is it the same for each student?

Yesterday Jo and I attended a P.D. session to address issues around Equity. The call to action was made: “[we need to shift what is happening to students in T.D.S.B. schools](#)”. We were encouraged to reflect on student experiences in school and how these experiences impact their outcomes. What do you think are our students truest feelings about Birchmount Park C.I.? Perhaps we should create a forum where students speak openly and freely about their experiences. Will I be prepared for potential discomfort?

A small team of us have been dedicating our time to organize Career Chats. We thought that perhaps there is value for students to listen to someone talk about, not only their career but their path, their like or dislike for school and their interests

and skills. Maybe this experience will **ignite** a sense of hope in the young people who attend the chat.



Simply stated, hope is expecting something to happen. Hopefully.....



## Teacher Quote of the Week



**Thanks Ms. Lakie Singh (DD ACL) for sharing this quote with us.**