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## From the Desk of the Principal

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### **Toronto Public Health**

Toronto Public Health has declared the outbreak over. As previously mentioned TPH declared an outbreak at our school last week. The school has been “deep cleaned” and those directly impacted were cleared by public health to return to school. We continue to be vigilant with our safety protocols at the school. Handwashing, physical distancing and mask wearing is mandatory. Thanks to our staff of caretakers, teachers, support staff and students we have been able to keep everyone safe. Keep up the good work everyone. Please remember to do your self-assessments before coming into the building. Students are reminded to maintain a safe distance when entering and exiting the school.

### **BEAP Application Season**

BEAP Application Deadline is today. Friday Nov. 27th is the deadline to get your BEAP application in for incoming grade 9s for September 2021. If you know someone who is interested in applying to the BEAP program please encourage them to get their application packages in as soon as possible. We do understand that some may have had some difficulty accessing the online application. If you know someone who is not able to get the submission in on time please email me at [anton.skerritt@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:anton.skerritt@tdsb.on.ca)

### **Brightspace Learning Platform: Parent Guide**

In-School teachers are using either Google Classroom or Brightspace to deliver their virtual lessons. All teachers in the Virtual School are required to use Brightspace. If parents would like to get information about what is happening in their child's Brightspace environment they should visit [Brightspace for Parents](#) to learn how.

### **Important Dates**

[Click here for TDSB important dates in Secondary School](#)

## School Council Co-Chair Message

Please join us for the next School Council meeting on December 8th at . Please reach out to the co-chairs below for more information.

Any questions: Please email [Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca) or [Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca)

### Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Nov. 30	Tuesday Dec. 1	Wednesday Dec. 2	Thursday Dec. 3	Friday Dec. 4
Day 2 Virtual Tours -Sheridan College	Day 3 Virtual Tours -McMaster University -Laurentian University -Ontario Tech University ACL/CL Meeting 3:15pm	Day 4 Virtual Tours -Lakehead University	Day 1 Virtual Tours -Conestoga College	Day 2 Virtual Tours -Sheridan College

## Special Insert: Get your “Birch Merch” ..... Spirit Wear is here!

Spirit Wear orders are due on Monday. Please bring your cash or cheque to Grundy’s guidance window or pay through the cash online system.

<https://forms.gle/bKuNU8oeVdbFJCfu9>

**Gildan Heavyweight Blend 50/50 Hooded Sweatshirt**  
Add Personalization \$4.50  
Printed on T-Shirt  
Embroidered on Sweatshirt

**N3 Sport Long Sleeve Dry Fit Shirt**  
Navy Blue or Royal Blue  
\$37 (tax included)  
Logo: Front Centre

**Reusable 2-Ply Organic Cotton Mask**  
Navy Blue or Royal Blue  
\$15 (tax included)  
Logo: Side Left

**Order Now!**

**All Orders DUE by: November 30, 2020**

## Guidance Corner

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Quad 2 is off to a great start!

Just as a reminder Guidance is here to support students. Whether it be for what to do after high school or personal support during a tough time, please reach out to us for help if it is needed.

December's tip for success:

**Pace don't Race!**

Don't wait until the last minute to complete things. A little bit each day is the best way to achieve success. Create a routine to review learning or completing homework daily rather than waiting until the last minute!

## BEAP News

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BEAP classes are off to a great start in quad 2. Students are pushing themselves to the limit always believing, "Success doesn't come to you, you go get it"!

## BPCI Library

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**WHITE.PINE.IS.HERE!** Join the White Pine Virtual Book Club!

The Birchmount Park Library and Learning Commons is pleased to announce that the White Pine Books have arrived! Join the Library Google classroom to learn more!



class code: **k4fpeje** Join the Library  
google classroom to learn more about the  
White Pine Virtual Book Club!



### QUAD No. 2 Resource Room

Birchmount students with an Individual Education Plan, or IEP have access to our Virtual Resource Room, or VRR and our 'bricks and mortar' resource rooms. Visit our resource teachers for social-emotional and academic support. Click the [VRR link](#) and use class code **2yyda47** to access our Google Classroom.

This is the schedule for QUAD No. 2:

- DAYS 1&2
  - Ms Russell - 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM - VRR and Room 120
  - Ms Singh - 2:00-3:15 PM - VRR
- DAYS 3&4
  - Ms Singh - 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM - VRR and Room 100A
  - Ms Russell - 2:00-3:15 PM - VRR

### Individual Education Plans, or IEPs

The Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2020-2021 school year were sent home, either by mail or given to the students. Please review it with your child, and sign and return a copy of the IEP to the school.

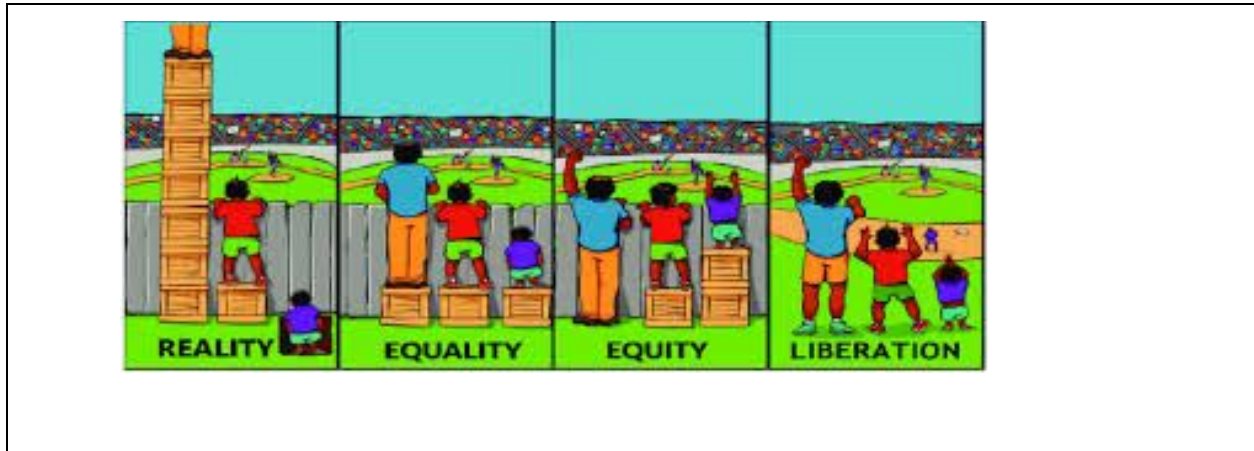
## Student Success and Gifted

We have been supporting students through the creation (and recreation) of engaging timetables. We have been meeting virtually as well as in-person with students and their family members in order to begin the second quad with early experiences of success. Teachers have been inputting information for students that were unsuccessful in their courses in the first quad. We are going to use this data to help craft new ways to guide our students more effectively. .

Big shout out to **Braden T.** for recognizing that his phone is a major deterrent towards his progress in math class. As a result, he has offered to pass his phone over to Mr. P for the duration of every one of his in-person math classes.

A big shout out once again to **Brandon J.** for his genuine interest in the growth and development of our Gifted Program. Mr. P and Brandon spent about a half of an hour on Thursday devising an action plan aimed at sharing all of the great things that occur in our gifted classes.

We started the week with the launch of our staff **FILL MY CUP** initiative. Staff members have been eagerly sharing messages of praise, support and upliftment. The hope is to continue to fill each other's cups for the rest of the school year.



## Teacher Quote of the Week

**The heights by great men and women reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upwards in the night.**

**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**