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From the Desk of the Principal

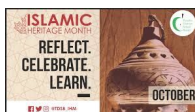
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October is....

Dyslexia Awareness Month



Islamic Heritage Month



Somali Heritage Month



Secondary Update: Quadmester 2 Virtual School/In-Person Process

This letter was sent home today. It can also be found on the tdsb website.

Achievement

TDSB in consultation with the MOE has made revisions to assessment, evaluations and reporting for the 2020-2021 school year. Here are the highlights of the changes for your information:

- No culminating activities, i.e. no exams
- No formal written mid-term report cards
- Teachers will share student progress with students and families using Teach Assist or a marks print out
- Ministry Report Cards will be issued at the end of each quad based on 100% term work

How do I get involved in the School Council?

- 1. I can register to vote to decide who is elected to sit on the school council. Only those elected to the school council will be able to vote this year in school council meetings.**

School Council Elections will take place on **Monday Nov. 2** via ZOOM. We will also make a ballot available to those who desire a paper ballot. Please call the school to request a paper ballot. Paper ballots will be collected at the front of the school on November 2. The link to the election will be provided to the election for parents/caregivers who are registered to vote. In order to register to vote please complete the registration form provided here. To register to vote:

bit.ly/BPSchoolCouncilVoterReg2020

- 2. I can be nominated or nominate myself to sit on the school council to have a vote on issues discussed at School Council.**

If you are interested in running for a position on the Birchmount Park CI School Council please the School Council Nomination form provided here. To nominate either yourself or someone else: bit.ly/BPSchoolCouncilNominationForm2020

- 3. I can run for an EXECUTIVE position on School Council. You must first be elected to school council (see #2 above). How do I do that?**

If you are interested in running for an EXECUTIVE position on the Birchmount Park CI School Council you must first be elected to the school council. Then the voting members of the school council will elect the executive including the chair, treasury and secretary. The executive election will take place at the next School Council meeting (scheduled for Wednesday November 4, 2020). Candidates for Executive positions will get an opportunity to share their background with the school council members.

- 4. Attend and participate in School Council Meetings.**

I can attend school council meetings but if I am not an elected member of the school council then I cannot vote on issues discussed at school council.

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

Spirit Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate

Monday Oct. 26	Tuesday Oct. 27	Wednesday Oct. 28	Thursday Oct. 29	Friday Oct. 30
Day 3 PJ Day Virtual Tours- Seneca College Sheridan College	Day 4 Jersey Day Virtual Tours- MacMaster University Wilfred Laurier University	Day 1 Wacky Hair, Hat & Sock Day Virtual Tours- Lakehead University Wilfred Laurier University	Day 2 Blue & Yellow Day Virtual Tours- Queen's University Conestoga College Wilfred Laurier University	Day 3 Halloween Virtual Tours- OCAD University University of Guelph

Halloween

Unfortunately, we will not be distributing treats at Birchmount Park CI this year. Keep Safe!



Guidance Corner

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Guidance has concluded the Applying to Post-Secondary Seminar series. We hosted 4 day time and 1 evening seminar. If students or parents have questions about how to apply for post secondary, please book an appointment with a member of the guidance team.

SHSM students had their first Virtual meeting this week. We are planning a number of activities and certifications to enrich the learning experience for all our SHSM students.

Community Service Opportunities. Looking for ways to complete the graduation requirement? We have just added a database of opportunities to our website:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/Guidance/Community-Service-Hours>

Next week is Spirit Week! The Peer Leaders have planned a theme for each day.

We are excited to see everyone's photos of themselves dressed in the Spirit theme. Prizes will be awarded.

Spirit Week				
Monday, October 26 to Friday, October 30				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PJ Day	Jersey Day	Wacky Hair, Hat & Sock Day	Blue & Yellow Day	Halloween
Wear your favourite pyjamas or onesie	Rep your favourite team or player	Wear your wackiest hairstyle, hat and/or socks	Show your Panther Pride! Wear your Birch merch or school colours	Dress up in your Halloween costume
				
To win prizes: Take a photo of yourself each day & Share it in your Guidance Google Grade classroom. Also, you can share it on social media using the hashtag: #BPCISW2020				

BEAP News

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Fun Fact: A high protein breakfast has been shown to benefit muscle health and to support weight loss by increasing muscle mass, energy expenditure (calories burned), satiety hormones, glucose regulation and by decreasing the desire to snack at night.

BPCI Library

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The Birchmount Park Library and Learning Commons is pleased to invite students to the new **Library Google classroom**. A one stop shop for BPCI library news, resources and academic assistance and enrichment.

This week the library google classroom will host the Docs for Schools viewing of *Rumble: Indians Who Rocked the World*, a documentary which highlights indigenous influences in popular music.

Coming soon... *Spooky Short Story contest*



Library Google classroom class code for students: **k4fpeje**



Special Education/DD

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Individual Education Plans

The Individual Education Plans or IEPs are in the final phase of development. Please return the Consultation Form to the Department of Special Education as soon as possible.

Student Success and Gifted Program

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All of the gifted students and teachers have been invited to join the “Gifted” Google Classroom. The class code is **volaj26**. Please join and try to figure out who the masked men are.....

As I continue to check-in with our students that are attending school virtually as well as in-person, I welcome telephone calls, emails, and requests for virtual meetings. Please reach to me with questions or concerns.

Other News

Environmental Action Council

The Environmental Action Council or EAC has launched a Google Classroom. Join us using the following access code: **3gevgho**
Let restart the conversations on how we can improve on our environmental equity and sustainability and BPCI. #ActOnClimate

Class Champs



Congratulations....

Table Tennis Champions in Mr. Rhora's Grade 9 Phys Ed. Class:

Aisoso Ehimwerma PPL10M - 1B Grand Champ

Yeabsera Beshir PPL10M - 1A Class Champ

Well Done!!!

Teacher Quote of the Week

"Never let your schooling interfere with your education"

Mark Twain