



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

If you see spring please sent it our way! The weather seems to be teasing us lately. Hopefully we will soon see some warmer and dryer weather. Splash pants and extra clothes are great things to send in with your child until our yard dries up.

Our lost and found is again overflowing! If you are missing clothing at home it is probably here. The nice new racks allow for easy browsing and it would be nice to get some of this clothing back to its owners.

We have many exciting events happening at Beechgrove in the coming months. Beechgrove will be having our annual Grandfriends' Day on May 6th. Grandfriends' are invited to come in for a special assembly at 9:00 AM and then they will have the opportunity to spend some time in their grandchildren's classrooms. If the Grandfriends' get their work done they will then get to go out for recess with the students.

We have had a great response to our monthly Sub, Pizza and Wrap orders. The students have been enjoying our new choice of food items and we have been working to streamline the process to make it as easy as possible for parents. Order forms will come home the third week of the month to order food for the following month.

PARENT COUNCIL

Next meeting April 27 @ 3:30pm in the school library, new parents welcome. Day care will be provided.

Fun Night! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 10th for Beechgrove's annual Fun Night! Volunteers are needed to help with rides, games and set up and clean up.

Fun night planning meeting is set for Thurs-

Please make sure your orders are in on time. A special thanks to Katrina Cadeau for all her work to organize this for us. We are looking for a few more parents to assist with the pick-up and organization of the food orders. Please let the office know if you are available to help out.

Just a reminder that police checks are required for parents wishing to volunteer in the school or go on school trips. Forms are available in the office to pick up and then submit.

April, May and June are always very busy months at school. Make sure you check out our calendar to make sure you don't miss any of the many special trips, activities and events happening. As always, parents are welcome to come and be part of all of the great things going on at Beechgrove!

Paul Goldring

day, April 11th @ 3:30pm. Please join us and share your ideas or volunteer your time. Additional information will be going home soon.

Our second round of Little Caesars Pizza orders has gone home. Orders are due back on April 8th and pizza orders will be available for pick-up on April 28th from 2pm to 6pm.

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Dates to Remember:

- April 8
Little Caesars Pizza orders due
- April 11
Fun Night
Committee Meeting

April 27
Parent Council Meeting

May 6
Grandfriends' Day

Better Together



SPRING IS HERE!

When it starts to get warm out please remind your child(ren) to bring boots, splash pants and warm jackets to school. (It is always a good idea to have a spare set of clothes as well.) Our drainage in the back of the school is very slow which results in "Lake Beechgrove". Please remind your child to stay out of the "lake" and puddles.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Just a friendly reminder that our morning playground supervision does not start until 8:20 a.m. Students should not be arriving at school prior to this time.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns.

LITTLE CAESARS

Order forms for our Little Caesars fundraiser went out last week. Please be advised that the order forms must be returned by Friday, April 8th.

Your order will be available for pickup on April 28th from 2:00 PM-6:00 PM. Thank you in advance for your support.



OUR CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH IS

Citizenship

Citizenship is shown by making responsible decisions, caring about others, and contributing positively to our community.

WHAT IS EQAO?

EQAO stands for Education Quality and Accountability Office. They are an arm's-length agency of the provincial government that collects information about student achievement in grades 3, 6, 9 and 10. In elementary school, students are assessed two times: once at the end of Grade 3 to assess what they've learned throughout the Primary Division; and again at the end of Grade 6, to assess what they've learned throughout the Junior Division. EQAO assessments provide a snapshot of your child's achievement in relation to the provincial standard in reading, writing and math. In the end, no one better understands the true measure of your child's abilities and knowledge—or is in a better position to assess them—than his or her classroom teacher. When used together, the results of EQAO and classroom tests provide a picture of your child's knowledge and skills. EQAO is also an integral piece of information for us when we are deciding the focus of our school improvement plan. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact the Principal or your child's classroom teacher.

Testing Dates!

The Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessment dates are **May 25—June 8**.

Please support us by refraining from making any appointments for your child during this time.



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IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

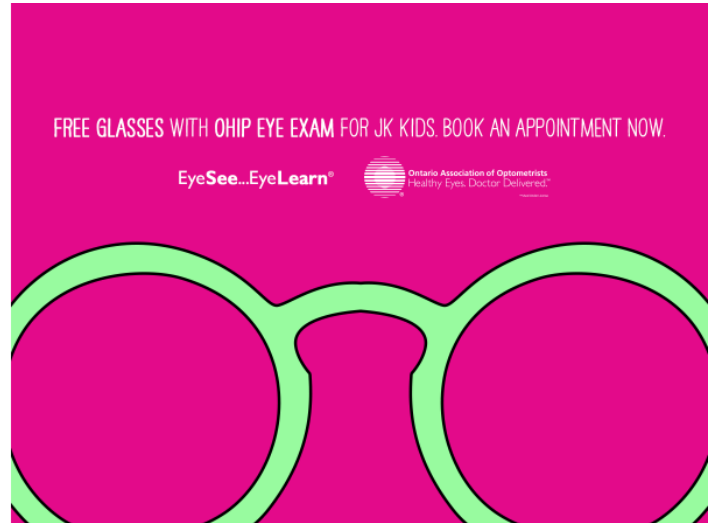
If you have a child entering Kindergarten for the first time this fall, you will want to attend a Ready for Kindergarten event near you this spring. You are welcome to attend an open house regardless of where you live and which school you have registered at for the fall.

April 5th 4-7 PM
Gravenhurst Public School

At Ready for Kindergarten your child will have the opportunity to have their hearing and vision tested, as well as undergo screening for developmental milestones. You can learn about how to pack healthy lunches, sample healthy snacks, speak to a dental hygienist, learn about immunizations, talk to someone about library and recreation programs, and even go with your child on their first school bus ride. The events run from 4 pm until 7 pm and you will need one to two hours to get through all the activities.



Mr. Kirkpatrick's class field trip to the Muskoka Airport



FREE GLASSES WITH OHIP EYE EXAM FOR JR KIDS

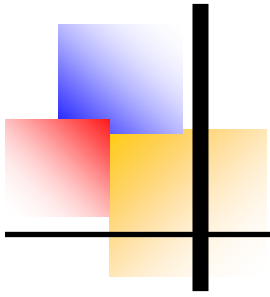
Eye See...Eye Learn® provides comprehensive eye exams by participating local optometrists to junior kindergarten students across Ontario. The eye exams are covered under provincial health insurance (or OHIP) when you show your child's health card. This means that there is no out-of-pocket cost for the eye exam.

If the child requires a pair of glasses, they will receive a **complimentary** pair donated by Nikon Lenswear, OGI and your participating optometrist. The value of the glasses is estimated over \$250.

The Ontario Association of Optometrists (OAO) recognizes the important link between eye health and learning, and recommends comprehensive eye examinations for all children entering kindergarten. The Eye See...Eye Learn® program will help make sure our kindergarten students get the best start to learning.













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APRIL 2016

Character Education Theme CITIZENSHIP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 	6 	7 	8 Little Caesars Order Due	9
10	11 Fun Night Committee Meeting	12 	13 	14 	15	16
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24	25	26 	27 Parent Council Meeting 	28 Pickup Little Caesars Order 	29	30



Milk is sold daily for \$1.00

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