



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school yard is starting to dry out but it is still muddy in many areas. I think it will be June before our large snow mountain melts. 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. We will be laying the clothing out in the main hall in hopes of having the lost items claimed. Anything remaining will be sent off to be donated.

We have many exciting events happening at Beechgrove in the coming months. Beechgrove will be having our annual Grandfriends' Day on May 12th. 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.

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



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Dates to Remember:

April 12th

Parent Council Meeting

April 21st

Yearbook Orders Due

April 26th

Little Caesars Pizza Orders Due

May 12th

Grandfriends' Day

Better Together

PARENT COUNCIL

Our last Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser was so much fun we decided to do it again this month! The money earned by school fundraisers directly benefit the kids whether it goes towards class trips or additions to the school grounds. Recently the school library was able to purchase new e-readers for students to use. This is very exciting because new technologies are a part of life and

it is great to be able to help provide tools that are fresh and exciting to learners.

The date for the next Parent Council meeting is April 12th. We meet in the school library at 3:30pm. There will be free child care for anyone who needs it. Hope to see you there!

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YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE!

Watching the kids huddle around last year's yearbook in anticipation of finding a picture of themselves is evidence of how special school yearbooks are. Please don't miss the chance to have your child's memories kept alive in our 2016-2017 Yearbook. Go online at YBPay.lifetouch.com and type in code: 12704917 or have your child bring home an order form. **Order deadline is April 21st!**



PARKING LOT

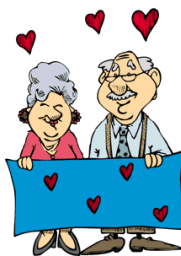
We have received a warning from the by-law officer regarding our parking lot. We are to always have one lane clear for emergency vehicles to pass through, no exceptions. Vehicles are not to be left sitting in the driving lanes unattended. If we all make use of the empty parking spaces and alongside the road, cars will not be blocked in and emergency vehicles will have the access they need to ensure the fastest response time possible in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.



GRANDFRIENDS' DAY

Grandfriends' will be invited to join their grandchildren in their classrooms on Friday, May 12th starting at 9:00 am.

Please mark your calendars, more information will follow soon.



CHANGE OF CONTACT INFO

We have been experiencing difficulties when trying to contact Parents/Guardians regarding students. If your contact information has changed since the beginning of the school year, please ensure that you notify the school immediately so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.



OUR CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH IS

Citizenship

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

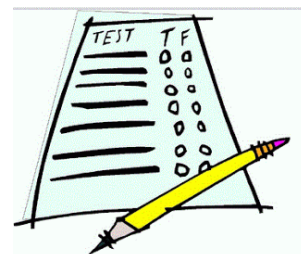
WHAT IS EQAO?

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 23—June 5**.

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.

Tuesday April 4th, 2017 – Gravenhurst Public School, Gravenhurst – 4:00-7:00pm

Wednesday April 19th, 2017 – Saint Mary's Catholic School, Hunstville – 4:00-7:00pm

Thursday May 4th, 2017 – Monck Public School, Bracebridge – 4:00-7:00pm

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.

WITH APPRECIATION

Many thanks to Boston Pizza (Gravenhurst) for their generous donation of fresh produce to our school Breakfast Program. Remember, each time you dine at Boston Pizza in Gravenhurst, please write our school name on the receipt and leave it at the hostess stand.

Ten percent of your bill is generously donated to our school.



LITTLE CAESARS

Order forms for our Little Caesars fundraiser go out this week. Please be advised that the order forms must be returned by Wednesday, April 26th.

Your order will be available for pickup on May 17th from 2:00 pm–6:00 pm. Thank you in advance for your support.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Muskoka Heritage Place and The Nutty Chocolatier Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt 2017 - Sunday April 16th, 2017 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm. Admission is FREE Gate opens at 12:00 noon sharp and children are split into various age groups, even the very young. They then embark upon a chocolate treasure hunt and search for the golden eggs to win prizes. The entire event lasts one hour and admission is free.

VOLLEYBALL

The Volleyball Team went to the Gravenhurst/Bracebridge tournament and played in the competitive division and placed 2nd overall. Way to go!

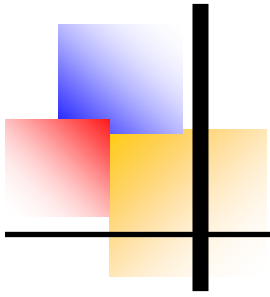
DON'T MISS IT!

Want to learn how to eat better, sleep better, and move better? Join us on Wednesday, April 12 for a live presentation by Dr. Greg Wells at Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School. Kids are encouraged to attend with their parents/guardians/grandparents or favourite adult. This is a free event that highlights the importance of feeding all four for a healthier life. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Attendees will be welcomed to grab healthy snacks and refreshment prepared by the fabulous BMLSS Hospitality class. In the spirit of MOVE Better, there will be drop-in fitness stations at BMLSS to try out. The official presentation will take place from 6 pm to 7:30 p.m.

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Character Education Theme CITIZENSHIP

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 / 3	 4 / 4	5 / 5 Swim to Survive (Grade 3) Immunizations Grade 7 & 8's	 6 / 1	7 / 2
10 / 3	 11 / 4	12 / 5 Swim to Survive (Grade 3) Parent Council 3:30	 13 / 1	14 GOOD FRIDAY <i>(No School)</i>
17 EASTER MONDAY <i>(No School)</i> 	 18 / 2	19 / 3 Canadian National Film Day French Movie for Grades 4-8	 20 / 4 Mr. Kamachi's Class to Great Moose Adventures	21 / 5 Earth Day! Wear Blue, Green & Brown Last Day for Yearbook Orders!
24 / 1 Great Moose Adventures Visiting: Mrs. Ovell, Mrs. Richter & Mrs. McIntosh's Classes	 25 / 2	26 / 3 Dental Screening for JK, SK, 2 & 8's Little Caesars Pizza Orders Due	 27 / 4 Dental Screening for JK, SK, 2 & 8's	28 / 5



Milk is sold daily for \$1.00

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