



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the weather starts to get colder, please make sure that your child is properly attired and that clothing is labelled. Our lost and found box is already overflowing and it was emptied at Thanksgiving.

This month we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Albisser who is leaving us at the end of December to start her maternity leave and await the birth of her third child. We wish her family all the best and we are in the process of hiring a replacement for her.

On December 11th, students in grades 1 to 8 will be bringing home the fall progress report card. This report is designed to let you know how your child is progressing and comments on how your child is developing learning skills and work habits that are essential for success. It also reports on the students' progress in all academic subjects. I encourage you to look closely at the suggestions it provides on how you can support your child's learning at home. The first full report

card will be going home in February.

We are excited again to be offering a great variety of Winter Elective activities for our students. We are in the process of putting together a great selection of activities at a variety of price points. Forms will be sent home early in January. Please return the forms quickly to ensure your child's first choice of activities.

From all of us at Beechgrove, enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday with your families. See you in 2015!

Paul Goldring



PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to parents for supporting our Little Caesars Pizza fundraiser. Over \$1800 was raised for the school. Pizza orders will be delivered to the school on December 11th. Be sure to take advantage of our Gift Card program to purchase gift cards to fill your Christmas shopping needs.

Make sure you stop by and check out our new Kindergarten storage shed that was purchased to store all the outdoor kindergarten play equipment.

Our next meeting is December 11th at 3:30 p.m. New parents are always welcome to attend and free babysitting is provided.

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Dates to Remember:

- December 11th
Progress reports go home
- December 15th
Christmas Concert
- December 19th
Start of Holiday Break
- January 4th
Back to School



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Muskoka Beechgrove Primary Christmas concert is on December 15th with a matinee show from 11:10 AM—12:10 PM and an evening show from 6:30 PM — 7:30 PM. Grade 7/8s will have hot chocolate and bake sale items available for purchase.

CHRISTMAS SALE

The grade 7 and 8 classes will be hosting a Christmas yard sale on Wednesday, December 9th to help raise money for a field trip. They are looking for donations of toys, housewares, tools and other items that they can sell. Please deliver items to Beechgrove as soon as possible so the students can sort and stage them for the big sale. Once all items are collected, the students will be able to write a list of people that they would like to purchase gifts for and on Dec. 9th grade 7 and 8 students will help them shop for the people on their list. Items will range from \$1 to approximately \$3.

SPIRIT DAYS

Students are invited to participate in the following spirit days the week leading up to the holiday break.

Mon., Dec. 14th — Christmas Hat Day

Tues., Dec. 15th — Red & Green Day

Wed., Dec. 16th — Christmas Character Day

Thurs., Dec. 17th — Christmas Sweater Day

Fri., Dec. 18th — Pajama Day

SNOWFLAKE DANCE

Students in grade 5-8 are invited to the Snowflake Dance that will take place Friday, December 18th in the afternoon.

Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase.



CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR DECEMBER

Compassion

Compassion is being understanding and caring, showing empathy by wanting to help, listen and say kind words.

PRIMARY SKATING

Primary students will be going skating on December 18th, students must bring and wear a helmet, skates and proper winter attire to participate. Parents are welcome to come.

Students will be skating from 1:30 PM —2:30 PM

Cost \$2 per student

PIZZA DAY AND SNOW DAYS

If bus cancellations occur on a Pizza Day, pizza will be delivered the next school day. If your child does come on a snow day please send them with a full lunch.

WINTER WEAR

Be sure your child is dressed for the weather as we try to go outside for all recess breaks. Extra mitts and socks are a good idea to put in backpacks in case the ones they left home with that morning get lost or are too wet to wear out again.



BUS REMINDERS

Please let the bus driver know if your child will not be taking the bus to school or home from school. Students are not allowed to ride on other children's buses due to liability issues.



This newsletter is available on our website at <http://mbs.tidsb.on.ca>

Stay up-to-date by following us on TWITTER at <http://twitter.com/@Muskbeechgrove>

Call Safe Arrival When Your Child is LATE or ABSENT 705-687-7802

ADULT VISITORS

This is an important reminder for all visitors to report to the office when entering the school. If adults and visitors require the use of washroom facilities please use the ones in the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPECIAL THANKS

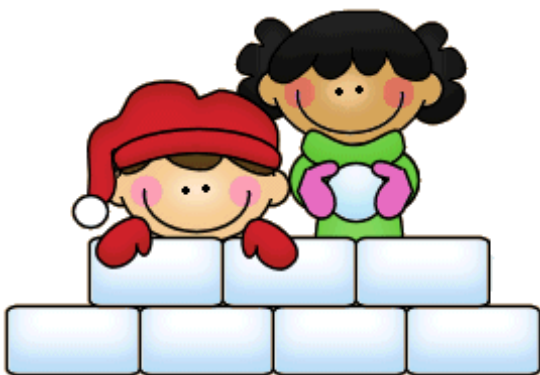
The Scholastic book fair was a huge success! Thank you for supporting this great fundraiser.

Special thanks to the following parent volunteers who made this event possible:

- Jamie Barnes
- Kristin Budney
- Robyn Hinton
- Wendy Playford
- Amy Pritchard
- Katrina MacDonald

SNOW IS IN THE AIR

Yes, the season of snow forts and snowballs will soon be upon us. We encourage fort building as it is a great team building exercise; however, the understanding is, if they didn't build the fort they can't break it. Please remind your child(ren) that throwing snow is not allowed and to slide down the mounds of snow on their 'seat'. Thank you!



HEAD LICE

Why should I be concerned:

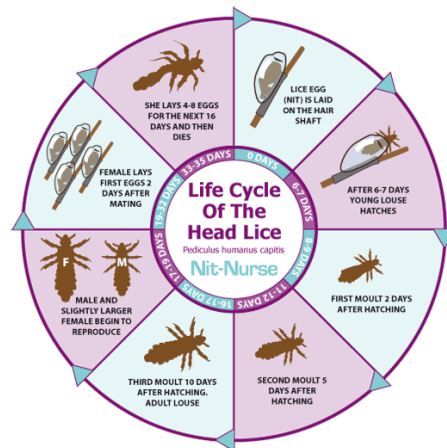
- Head lice can spread among children quickly.
- Head lice can be very difficult to treat.
- Head lice is uncomfortable.
- Children with head lice cannot attend school. Trillium Lakelands DSB has a No-Nit Policy: a child must be free of nits in order to attend school.

Facts about Head Lice

- Weekly home checks are the best defense against head lice
- Head lice do not jump or fly
- Pets do not get head lice
- Head lice are mostly contracted by head-to-head contact
- Head lice can only live off a human head for 48 hours
- Nits do not come off easily, manual nit-picking is a must in all lice treatments
- Discuss all treatment and head lice procedures with a local pharmacist
- Most common place to first find nits is around the ears and nape of the neck

Become a Volunteer



Volunteering with the school lice program is a sure way to gain knowledge and help your child's school control the problem of lice. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the office staff.



DECEMBER 2015

Character Education Theme Compassion



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Gr. 7/8 Xmas Sale 	10	11 Progress Re-ports Caesars pizza orders arrive	12
13	14 Christmas Hat Day	15 Red/Green Day Christmas Concert 6:30	16 Xmas Character Day 	17 Xmas Sweater Day	18 PJ Day Primary Skate Junior Dance	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 	Back to school January 4th	

