



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. Being dressed properly makes recess much more enjoyable!

Having parents stand outside of classrooms at the end of the day is very disrupting to end of day class routines. If you arrive early please wait in the front foyer until the bell rings before proceeding to your child's classroom.

This month we are welcoming Ms. Muntz who has taken over from Mrs. MacIntosh who is currently awaiting the birth of her first child a baby boy!

We are very excited again this year 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 activi-

ties at a variety of price points. We hope to have the forms go home prior to the Christmas Break.. Please return the forms quickly to ensure your child's first choice of activities. A confirmation note will be sent home to confirm your child's activity and request that payment be sent in. Payments will be due on January 24th. Please contact me in the office if you require assistance to pay for Elective activities. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help out with Elective activities. Please indicate on the form if you are available to help out.

From all of us at Beechgrove, enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday with your families. See you in 2018!

Paul Goldring

PARENT COUNCIL

The Scholastic Book Fair was November 22nd – the 24th. Thank you everyone who was able to come out and help with this important event! We look forward to these because supporting reading is so important. When you add a book or two to your kids own collection you are also helping to put some back to the school. Having a good variety of reading material in the library and classrooms is crucial in providing a good learning environment.

If you have any ideas or time that you can share, Parent Council always needs help for different things throughout the year. A small amount of time goes a long way and is greatly appreciated. The next meeting is Monday, December 4th at 3:30 pm. We look forward to all who can make it. There is free child care available!

Happy Holidays!!

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Dates to Remember:

December 12th

-Christmas Concert

December 11th - 13th

-Student Candy Cane Sales

December 14th

-Basketball Tournament

December 18th - 22nd

-Christmas Spirit Days

December 21st

-Primary Skating

December 22nd

-Snowflake Dance

December 25th

-Start of Holiday Break

January 8th

-Back to School

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Muskoka Beechgrove Primary Christmas concert is on December 12th with a matinee show from 1:50 PM-2:50 PM and an evening show from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM. Grade 7/8s will be selling jam as part of the fundraiser for the grade 7/8 school trip to Ottawa.

SPIRIT DAYS

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

Mon., Dec. 18th - Red & Green Day

Tues., Dec. 19th - Holiday Hat Day

Wed., Dec. 20th - Christmas Character Day

Thurs., Dec. 21st - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Fri., Dec. 22nd - Pajama Day

PIZZA, SUB & BP DAYS VS. SNOW DAYS

If bus cancellations occur on a Pizza Day, a Sub Day or a Boston Pizza Day, the lunch orders will be delivered the next school day. If your child comes to school on a snow day please send them with a full lunch.

SUPERHERO DRESS UP

Our last two Terry Fox incentives are swiftly approaching. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite Superhero and will get to enjoy a morning pancake snack on Friday December 8th.

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.



SKATING

Students will be going skating on Thursday December 21st, students must bring and wear a helmet, skates and proper winter attire to participate. Parents are welcome to come.



Junior students will be skating from 11:30 am - 1:00 PM., followed by Primary students skating from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Cost will be \$2 per student.

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

Robyn

Kim .C..

Katrina

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.

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.



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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!



BASKETBALL UPDATE

The grade 7 & 8's boys and girls basketball teams have been training and developing their skills. We are extremely proud of their effort, dedication and perseverance. The boys year-end tournament will be taking place on Wednesday December 14th. Go Beechgrove!



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IS BACK AT BEECHGROVE!

Students from grades 4 - 8 are making their teams to compete in the annual TLDSB Battle of the Books. Each team will read ten books and answer questions about the books. The titles of the junior and intermediate books will be released in December and students can begin signing out books from the library before Christmas. The battles will begin in February. The winning teams will represent our school at the Rene Caisse Theatre in Bracebridge in the spring. Thank you



Ms. Cutting, Ms. Terry, and Mrs. Madill for organizing this event this year. Happy reading everyone!

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Ms. Cutting would like to share some exciting news that will affect children in her classroom this year, as follows:

"We have been invited to participate in a program called Roots of Empathy (ROE). This program teaches children about feelings, their own and the feelings of others. Once every three weeks, baby Darwin and her parent(s) will visit the classroom. A trained ROE instructor will gather the classroom children around a green blanket and together they learn about how the baby grows and develops.



The Children predict and cheer when their ROE baby reaches the developmental milestones of the first year ie: "she got her first tooth", "she rolled over", "she can sit" etc. The ROE instructor also coaches the children in observing the baby and reading the baby's cues ie: "is the baby happy or sad?" "How can you tell?". We use this discussion in order to facilitate similar conversations for the children to share their own feelings and to help them understand how their classmates feel. For example, "How can you tell if your friend is upset/happy?". Being able to understand how others feel is called *empathy*. The ROE instructor also visits the classroom before and after each family visit in order to prepare and reinforce teachings using a specialized lesson plan for each visit.

For over 10 years, across Canada and Internationally, thousand of children are learning respect and care for one another with the lessons started through their ROE baby.

We hope that you will share in our excitement of having been chosen to participate in Roots of Empathy this year. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please, let us know."

Sincerely

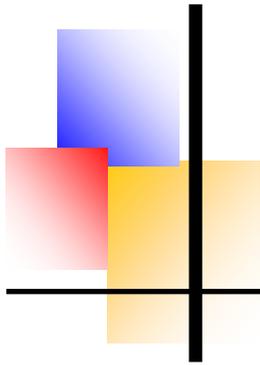
K. Cutting

SNOWFLAKE DANCE

Students in grade 5 - 8 are invited to the Snowflake Dance that will take place Friday, December 22nd in the afternoon during last block.



Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase.



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Character Education Theme

COMPASSION

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	 5	6	 7	8	9
					Superhero Dress Up/Pancake Day	
10	11	 12	13	 14	15	16
	Candy Cane Sales Start	Christmas Concert	Candy Cane Sales End	Boys Basket Ball Tournament	Boys Basket Ball (Rain Date)	
17	18	 19	20	 21	22	23
	Red & Green Day	Christmas Hat Day	Christmas Character Day	Ugly Christmas Sweater Day Skate Day	Pajama Day & Snowflake Dance	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Holiday Christmas Day	Holiday Boxing Day	Holiday Break No School	Holiday Break No School	Holiday Break No School	
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- Delivery days Boston Pizza 
- Delivery days Subway 
- Delivery days Pizza Station 



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