



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are into the mad craziness of June! EQAO, class trips and special events make this a busy and exciting month! Make sure you check the calendar so you don't miss anything!

Our full colour Yearbook has arrived and students who ordered copies will be receiving them next week. The yearbook has done a great job of capturing the events and activities of the past year. Congratulations on a great job to Ms. Rumford, Ms. Irons McLachlan and the rest of the yearbook committee.

The year for our great group of grade eights is swiftly coming to a close and they are very excited to be headed off to high-school next year. They have their Ottawa trip this week and their graduation will be on Friday June 24th.

As the year comes to a close we have a handful of staffing changes ahead. First of all, we will be saying hello to Mrs. Richter who is returning to Beechgrove after her leave of absence. We will be saying goodbye to Mr. Kirk-

patrick and Ms. Lee who are heading off to other schools and also to Ms. Emsley, Ms. Bartusevicious, Ms. Lennie and Ms. Kitchen who are headed off to other assignments.

We will be using our School Connects phoning system to contact parents during the last week of August to let you know your child's teacher for the coming year.

Enjoy a fun filled summer with your family. The first day back in September is Tuesday September 6th.

Paul Goldring



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Dates to Remember:

June 14
Fun Night

June 24
Grade 8
Graduation

June 29
Last day of School

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN NIGHT

Our new junior kindergarten students and their families had the chance to tour the classrooms this past Monday. We look forward to welcoming all the new students in the Fall!

GRADE 8 GRADUATION

Our Grade 8 students will have their Graduation Ceremony on Friday, June 24th.

More information will be coming home soon.



Our Character Trait for the month is

Self Control

Self control means self discipline and taking charge of yourself. You act instead of react.

FUN NIGHT AT BEECHGROVE

Mark June 14th 5:00–7:00 PM on your calendar!

The deadline to pre-order armbands and food tickets at a discounted rate was Monday, June 6, 2016.

Please be advised there will be no supervision between 3:00–5:00 PM, so kids can not stay after school.

TRACK AND FIELD

Students from grades 4 to 8 ran, threw and jumped their hearts out at our schools grade 4 to 8 Track and Field meet on May 17th. They tried their best, cheered on their peers and truly made everyone proud. The top competitors in each event will be headed to Gravenhurst High school on June 13th to represent Beechgrove at the Regional meet. We wish them all the best!

Check out our Facebook page for a great aerial footage of the event.



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

The grade 6s in Mr. KPs class have been traveling the world, completing challenges, answering trivia questions and learning how to work as a team. The TLDSB amazing race is a 10 leg competition between teams of 2, whereby the students are given clues based around a specific country that they “travel” to. Similar to the actual show, the teams are given tasks and problem solving scenarios that they must complete as a team. From digging in the sand in Morocco to learning how to use chopsticks in South Korea each leg presents a new and challenging representation of tasks from each country and the last team to arrive at the “finish line” may be eliminated. So far this year we have traveled to the USA, Scotland, Greece, Russia, South Korea, Singapore, Morocco and Jamaica.

The winning team will travel to Bracebridge to compete against other schools in the final where prizes are up for grabs. Great teamwork and collaboration 6s!

LIBRARY BOOK RETURNS

The Last day for checking out books will be Friday, June 10th. All books should be returned by Friday, June 17th as we hope to do inventory the following week.

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LIBRARY TREE FORT

Our new tree house in the library made its debut in at Grandfriends' day and it has been used nonstop ever since!

We want to thank our handy carpenters Mr. Sontag and Mr. McIntosh, our painters Ms. Foll and Mrs. Iron-McLachlan and last but not least for the Charters and Muskoka Lumber for donating the lumber and supplies.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all who supported the Muskoka Beechgrove Book Fair! We raised just over \$2800 to purchase new resources for our school.

An extra big thank you goes out to our parent volunteers who made this possible.

HEALTHY LUNCH PROGRAM

We like to thank the parent council for all their hard work organizing the healthy lunch program.

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks will be distributed Wednesday, June 15th. We did order a few extra copies, if you would like to purchase one they will be available in the office for \$25.00 each.



PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER

As we organize the process to place students in classes for September, we thought you might be interested in how we approach this important task.

Our school Staffing Committee has proposed a school organization based on the number of teachers we have been allotted (actual teacher names for classes have not yet been finalized). Due to movement and growth, final decisions about class placement are not made until the end of the summer. In the meantime, we meet with teachers as a grade team to place students into the next grade. The teachers are prepared to group the children so that there are a variety of academic ability groupings in each class. This allows for equity in access to the teacher's time and for the ability to create a reasonable number of reading, writing and math groups.

There are many other variables to consider as well. For example, teachers sometimes recommend students be kept together or separated because of the positive or negative influence on each other's learning. Other issues requiring careful thought include special needs such as health concerns, resource and withdrawal needs, and male/female role models (where a choice exists).

We appreciate your trust in our professional judgment for balancing all the considerations mentioned above. **If, however, you have a special request (i.e. female/male role model, a health or social issue) be sure to put your request in writing to the principal.** Keep in mind that academic groupings are our highest priority so sometimes requests cannot be accommodated.

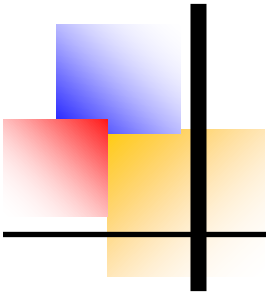
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Character Education Theme SELF CONTROL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 PA Day	4
5	6	7 Welcome to Kindergarten 6-7 pm	8 Grade 3 Huronia Museum Grade 7/8	9 Ottawa Trip	10 Gr. 6 Amazing Race Finals at Macaulay P.S.	11
12	13 Regional Track and Field	14 Fun Night 5:00-7:00 pm	15 Grade 3/4,4,5,6 Science Centre JK & SK Farmers Market	16 Grade 1-2 Trip to the Zoo	17 Corral Day at Gull Lake Rotary Park	18
19	20	20 Rock Fest at HPS	22 JK & SK Santas Village	23	24 Grade 8 Grad Ceremony	25
26	27 Volunteer Tea	28 JK & SK Splash Day	29 Last day of school!	30		



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