



# At The Beech

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! I enjoyed a wonderful trip with my family during the second half of last year and I am now very excited to be back at Beechgrove this year.

Just a reminder that Beechgrove is a peanut and nut free school. Please check labels to make sure lunches and snacks are free from peanut and nut products.

Due to our high enrolment numbers we have been given permission to create two new classes. We are in the process of hiring teachers for these classes and reorganizing class lists. Parents will be contacted directly if their child is being moved. Students will start in their new classes on September 28th.

We are using several forms of social media to facilitate communication between the home and school. Beechgrove uses Twitter and Facebook to send reminders and updates about special things happening at Beechgrove. Just connect to: <http://twitter.com/@Muskbeechgrove> or like us on

Facebook. We will also be using a new School Connects program to send out important messages and reminders to parents.

Some slight changes have been made to our daily schedule this year.

Supervision starts at 8:20 a.m.

Entry: 8:45 a.m.

O Canada & Announcements: 8:55 a.m.

Nutrition Break 1: 10:30— 11:10 a.m.

Nutrition Break 2 : 1:10 —1:50 p.m.

Dismissal: 3:10 p.m.

Again this year newsletter will be paperless and it will be emailed directly to families' homes. Please make sure the office has your email address. Email addresses will not be shared and will remain confidential.

Please don't hesitate to drop by the office and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

## PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council will meet each month. Our first meeting is on Monday, September 28th at 3:30 in the library.

Meetings cover a range of topics and often provide parents with an insight into the inner workings of the school.

Special guests will share information about school programs or new innova-

tions in teaching and technology.

Unfortunately due to the current labor dispute we are again postponing our Fun Fair. The new date is June 2nd. Thank you for your understanding.

**We are always looking for new parents to attend these meetings. Babysitting will be provided.**

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### Dates to Remember:

- September 30  
Terry Fox Walk
- September 22nd  
HEP B/HPV Vaccinations
- October 9  
PD Day
- October 12  
Thanksgiving
- October 14  
Picture Day!

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## SAFE ARRIVAL

The **Safe Arrival Program** is designed for the safety of your children. This means that if your child does not show up at school and you have not contacted us to inform us they will be away, we will call home to ensure they are safe. Please call Safe Arrival and let us know if your child is going to be late or absent and for what reason. **The Safe Arrival number is 705-687-7802.**



## MORNING ARRIVAL & STUDENT PICKUP

Teacher supervision of the yard and bus arrival area begins at 8:20 am. Students are not to be on school property before 8:20 am. All students are expected to stay outside where there is supervision until the bell rings at 8:45 am.

If students are late for school they need to come to the office for a late slip and sign in before going to class.

If you are picking your child up at the end of the day, please do not block other vehicles and stay out of the bus pick up lane.

If you are waiting for your child at the end of the day please wait outside the front doors or inside the front entrance.

Please note that classes are in session until 3:10 and your cooperation in leaving the hallways clear and "voice-free" is appreciated.



## PARKING LOT SAFETY

It is a new school year and we have many new students and parents who have joined us this year. As a safety precaution, concerning the parking lot, we would like to inform our new to Beechgrove families and also refresh the memories of our familiar families to how the parking lot operates.

Parents/Guardians of students will only be permitted to enter the school's parking lot, if they are using the **DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE**. It is a **ONE WAY** traffic lane and cars are not to be left unoccupied. This stopping (but not parking) system will ensure a faster flow of student pick up and drop off without unnecessary congestion, which can create a danger to our children. Should you need to walk your child(ren) into and out of the school (i.e.: kindergarten students), please park in a parking spot. Parking spaces in the parking lot are for school staff and school visitor use only.

Thank you for your cooperation. Let's continue to keep our school safe!



## CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

### Goal-setting

Goal-setting is knowing precisely what you want to achieve and where you have to concentrate your efforts.

## MILK SALES



Chocolate milk and white milk are available for sale at both nutrition breaks at a cost of \$1.00. Milk sales begin on September 8th.

## BREAKFAST FOR LEARNING

The Breakfast program continues here at Muskoka Beechgrove. Students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning may drop in at 8:20 a.m. for breakfast. Studies have shown that students who eat a good breakfast are much more focused and ready for learning. Parent volunteers are necessary for this program, please consider donating your time. The Breakfast program will begin later this month.



## VOLUNTEERING

We are always in need of volunteers at Beechgrove. If you are interested please be sure to fill in and return the volunteer form your child brought home on the first day of school. We are always looking for volunteers to do head lice checks and help with the Breakfast program. Just remember that all volunteers need an authorized police checks. If you have any questions, please call the school office.



## SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT

Just a reminder that we are a scent free environment at Beechgrove. We have several staff and students that are allergic to scents. Students, Parents and Staff are asked to refrain from wearing heavily scented products (perfumes, deodorants, shampoos, etc.) when in the school.

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## STAFF 2015/2016

*JK/SK Mrs. Owens*  
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*JK/SK Mr. Kamachi*  
*Mrs. Kuhl*  
*SK/1 Mrs. Gardiner*  
*GR 1/2 Ms. Coutts*  
*GR 2 Mrs. Cutting*  
*GR 3 Mrs. Clubb*  
*GR 3/4 Mr. Winger*  
*GR 4/5 Mr. Gregory*  
*GR 5/6 Mr. Hill*  
*GR 7 Mrs. Cook*  
*GR 8 Ms. Durocher*

### Music and French

*Ms. Sickinger & Mme Barrett*

### Phys. Ed.

*Ms. Albisser*

### Resource Staff

*Mrs. Gammon*

### Educational Assistants

*Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Gillan, Ms. Emsley, Ms. Nicholson,  
 Ms. Bartusivicious & Mr. Verbrugge*

### Librarian / Library Clerk

*Ms. Foll & Ms. Rumford*

### Head Secretary / Assistant Secretary

*Ms. Gliddon & Ms. Rumford*

### Custodians

*Mr. Young, Ms. Barnes & Mrs. Sontag*

## TRANSPORTATION



Information on eligibility for a bus, eligibility to attend a school and recent changes to transportation can be accessed at the following website: [www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca)

## ANAPHYLAXIS

Parents should be aware that there are several children and staff in our school with a severe life-threatening food allergy called anaphylaxis (ana-fill -axis). This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods or other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although peanuts and peanut products are the most common foods to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, cheese, sesame seeds, tree nuts, soy or any other foods can cause this dangerous condition. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.



Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods to school with your child that are free from peanuts and products containing nuts.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested, contact the school office for further information. Additional information is also available through the Anaphylaxis Network of Canada, (416) 785-5666, [www.anaphylaxis.org](http://www.anaphylaxis.org).

**If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken.**

## COMMUNITY FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

Community Living South Muskoka is hosting the Community Fall Harvest Festival at Morrison Meadows, 1177 Fraserburg Rd., Bracebridge. This event will run September 24-27, 2015 from 10 am to 4 pm.

## TAKE ME OUTSIDE...TO LEARN!

**When is it?** Saturday, October 3, 2015

**Who's Invited?** Families with children from 0 to age 8

**Where is it?** Ken Reid Conservation Area  
 277 Kenrei (Park) Road, Lindsay, ON K9V 4R2

**What time?** 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

**How much?** This event is free!

Trillium Lakelands District School Board invites you to come and explore the possibilities of learning outside. Take your child on a learning journey through the forest! Each family will embark on a self-guided walk through nature, visiting learning stations along the way. A boxed lunch and transportation will be included. Please note that this will be a rain or shine event.

Bussing will be provided for families, if requested, at the following time and location:

Bracebridge: 8:45 a.m. at the TLDSB Muskoka Education Centre

If you require transportation, you must e-mail [lisa.dow@tldsbo.on.ca](mailto:lisa.dow@tldsbo.on.ca) with your name, and number of people attending.

To register, please visit: <http://bit.do/bjw4N>

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## Character Education Theme GOAL-SETTING

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27	28	29	30			



Picture Day October 14



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