



# At The Beech



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The students have been enjoying the warm fall weather and we have loads of great activities happening on the yard at recess. Students have been having a great time with soccer intramurals and our grade 7/8 soccer team had a great day at their tournament at Gostick park in Bracebridge. Thank you to Mr. Winger for organizing the junior soccer intramurals, Ms. Forrest, Ms. Durocher and Mr. Kamachi for coaching our Cross Country running team and Ms. Cutting and Ms. Gardiner for coaching the soccer team.

This month we are saying good bye to Mr. Young who decided it was time for him to retire. We wish him all the best for a long healthy retirement. Blake Ross has been hired to replace Mr. Young and he will be starting on October 24th.

Our Terry Fox walk and Fundraiser was again a great success over \$4000 was raised to support cancer research. The students

really enjoyed the visit from the Terry Fox spokesperson Tessa Smith who shared her experience battling cancer and challenged our students to do their best to raise money to support this cause.

Please make sure you are labelling clothing so that it can be returned if lost. Our lost and found bin is already filling up You might want to stop by and check it out if you are missing any items at home.

Just a reminder that our morning yard supervision does not start until 8:20. Students should not be dropped off or be arriving at school before 8:20.

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

Paul Goldring



## PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting was well attended. A group has been established to work on the organization of our Healthy Lunch Program and \$400 was allocated to support busing for our students to attend three Cross Country meets.

Our next meeting is Wednesday October 26th at 3:30 pm All parents are welcome and free babysitting is provided for parents who require it.

### Dates to Remember:

October 5th  
Picture Day

October 6th  
Evan Luker Run

October 7th  
PA Day

October 10th  
Thanksgiving

October 14th  
Muskoka Mud Run (Gr. 4-8)

October 31st  
Halloween

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## CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR OCTOBER

### Perseverance

Perseverance is being committed to your goals and overcoming obstacles. When you persevere you don't give up.

## CELL PHONES

Students are reminded that cell phones are not permitted for calls, photos, music or text messaging during the school day. Parents are encouraged to call the main office if they need to get in contact with their children during school hours. Any electronic devices that are brought to school are done so at the students' own risk.

We will not be responsible for any lost or stolen devices.

## JUNIOR GRYPHONS BAND FREE MUSIC LESSONS FOR GRADE 6,7 and 8 STUDENTS!

Help your child:

- in the transition to high school
- Make new friends
- Build team work skills
- Develop a life-long love of music



One hour band practice includes a rented instrument, free lessons, and community performance opportunities!

**First rehearsal:** Tuesday Oct 6th

Gravenhurst High School Music room  
For more information contact Leanne Edwards  
(705) 644-4458

## TERRY FOX WALK

On Thursday October 1st we held our annual Terry Fox walk. The walk took place at 1:50 and students in grade 1 to 8 met in front of the school for a picture before we started the walk.

## PICTURE DAY

Our school Picture Day is Wednesday, October 5th. All students will be getting their picture taken that day. Notices are being sent home that give details about the photo program being offered.

## HEAD LICE ALERT

It's the time of year to be extra vigilant with respect to head lice. "Head Checks" are conducted on a regular basis at the school by trained parent volunteers. Volunteers are needed, ideally we would like to have one parent volunteer per classroom. Helpful tips:

- Provide your child with his/her own brush.
- Ask your child to keep outdoor clothing on their own hooks.
- Put hats/mitts/scarves in their coat sleeves when hanging them up at school.
- "Inspect" your child's hair at home on a regular basis.

"Treatment", select one of the many products used in the treatment of head lice (consult your pharmacist or physician if in doubt). Follow the directions carefully.

Only after treatment and REMOVAL OF ALL NITS MAY THE STUDENT RETURN TO SCHOOL!!!

Please call the school to be sure there is someone available to re-check your child before they return to the classroom.

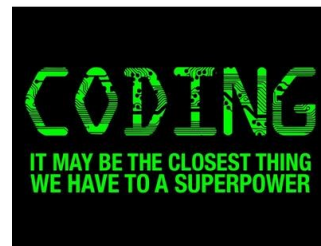
Dr. Moshe Ipp, from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, recommends the following treatment rather than one of the many products on the market :

- equal parts of mineral oil and vinegar massage into the hair.
- cover for 1 hour with a shower cap. Shampoo out with your regular family shampoo (not pediculosis shampoo)

This treatment can be repeated as often as needed; it suffocates live lice and makes for easy and smooth combing out of detached nits and dead lice.

## \*\*\*NEW! CODING CLUB

Coding fosters crucial 21st century skills like critical thinking and problem-solving. Part of the appeal of coding is the challenge and reward of seeing their code come to life after a good debugging session. Getting started with programming can be easy and fun! We will be exploring programs like scratch and code.org  
Grades 4-8 are welcome to come to Ms. Cook's classroom 1st nutrition break on Day 5's to learn more!



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## EVAN LUKER RUN

It is that time again to run our school's Evan Luker Run! The run will take place on Monday October 3rd and the regional will be **T h u r s d a y , O c t o b e r 6 t h .**

For almost 30 years, the annual Evan Luker Fun Run continues to draw more and more students each year as a memorial run with an emphasis on participation. Evan Luker was a student who attended both Macaulay and Muskoka Falls public schools. Tragically, he was killed in a car accident in 1985 when he was only nine years old. The run was started in memory of Evan, a good athlete who loved to run, no matter how well he placed.

## MUSKOKA MUD RUN

Good luck to our runners from grades 4-8 who will be traveling to the Muskoka Mud Run held at Morrison Meadows on October 14th. Should be a great day!

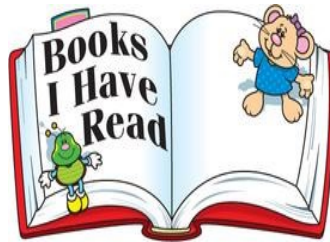


## SUMMER READING CELEBRATION

On Thursday, October 27th, students that met their summer reading goals will get to celebrate with pizza and a special treat in the library. Way to go readers!

## LIBRARY DAYS

- Day 1 Mrs. Cutting, Mr. Gregory  
Mrs. Hay
- Day 2 Mrs. Ovell, Mrs. Clubb  
Mrs. Owens, Ms. Cook
- Day 3 Mrs. Forrest, Ms. Durocher
- Day 4 Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Richter  
Mr. Kamachi, Mr. Winger



## SOCCER TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to our Soccer Team who did a great job representing Beechgrove at our Soccer Tournament on September 28th held at Gostick Park in Bracebridge. The team had a fantastic time and played really well winning four games out of five, three of which were shut-outs, and the losing game was only by one goal! Way to go team!



## SCHOOL DAY

Playground Supervision 8:20—8:45

**Morning Bell 8:45**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
|                     | P1 8:50—9:40       |
|                     | P2 9:40—10:30      |
| 1st Recess          | 10:31—10:50        |
| 1st Nutrition Break | <b>10:50—11:09</b> |
| P3                  | 11:10—11:40        |
| P4                  | 11:40—12:10        |
| P5                  | 12:10—12:40        |
| P6                  | 12:40—1:09         |
| 2nd Recess          | 1:10—1:30          |
| 2nd Nutrition Break | <b>1:30—1:50</b>   |
| P5                  | 1:50—2:30          |
| P6                  | 2:30—3:10          |

**Dismissal 3:10**



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## Character Education Theme PERSEVERANCE

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|   |  |   |   |  |                                     |  | 1  |
| 2   | 3  | 4<br>Grades 3 &<br>3/4 to Wye<br>Marsh<br> | 5<br>Picture Day!<br>Forms need to<br>be returned | 6<br>Evan Luker<br>Run<br> | 7<br>P.A. DAY                       |  | 8  |
| 9   | 10<br>HAPPY<br><br>THANKSGIVING | 11<br>                                     | 12  | 13<br>                     | 14<br>Muskoka<br>Mud Run<br>Gr. 4-8 |  | 15 |
| 16  | 17   | 18<br>                                     | 19  | 20<br>                     | 21                                  |  | 22 |
| 23  | 24   | 25<br>                                     | 26  | 27<br>                     | 28                                  |  | 29 |
| 30<br> | 31<br>Halloween<br>Assembly  |   |   |  |                                     |  |    |

Picture Day October 5

