



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The January thaws have made our yard extremely icy and we have kept the students off the field for the last few days. Hopefully we will get some more snow to help out with this. We have an incredible number of exciting things happening at the school. Our boys and girls volleyball teams have been working hard getting ready for their upcoming seasons. We have a cross-country ski team that has been practicing at recess and is planning on attending the ski races up at Arrowhead in February and March. Work is steadily progressing on our yearbook. Order forms will be coming home shortly!

Our Winter Electives program is underway. Our first day of Electives went very smoothly. We have made some slight adjustments to the departure times for swimming and gymnastics so that students get more time in the pool and in the gym. We are also trying to get skiers/boarders on the way by 8:45. Please drop off skis and boards at the school by 8:30. Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered their time to help out at elective activities.

We are saying good bye to several EA's this month. We would like to thank Ms. Bunker, Ms. Woolings, Ms. Baker and Ms. Kelly for all their hard work with the Beechgrove students. We wish them all the best with their new positions. We are also welcoming Ms. Chilvers and Ms. McTaggart who have transferred to Beechgrove to fill these positions.

The Beechgrove parking lot continues to be an extremely busy and frustrating place during morning drop off and especially after school when it is filled with parents waiting to pick up their children. Buses need to be able to get into the bus lane so please make sure that you are not blocking this entrance. Please do not leave your car unattended if you are waiting in the center two lanes of the parking lot. If you need to go into the school please park in one of the designated parking spots.

Please make sure you are calling our safe arrival line (705-687-7802) if your child will not be in attendance at school. This saves our office many phone calls home to ensure your child is safe.

Please don't hesitate to stop by the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Paul Goldring
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Cross Country Arrowhead
February 6th
- Lollipop Sales
February 5th, 6th & 8th
- Dental Screening
February 15th & 16th
- Report Cards Sent Home
February 16th
- Grade 5 - 8 Dance
February 16th
- Red/White & Pink Day
February 16
- Family Day
February 19th
- Winter Electives
February 7th, 14th & 21st

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Beechgrove has many kids looking forward to some outside school events this month. Parent Council is happy to be able to put money aside for bus transportation. The cross-country ski team is looking forward to heading to Huntsville to participate in the Arrowhead Nordic Ski Club Elementary School Races. The school band will be going to Collingwood's Band Festival on March 1st.

As you are all aware, the lunch program offers a Boston Pizza meal every 2nd Tuesday. So far it has been well received and we are looking for

volunteers to help with distribution on these days. It would be for about half an hour and would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please let the office know and we can be in touch.

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Feb 5th at 3:30pm.

We hope to see you there!

Free child care is provided.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our database is only as good as the information you provide. Please ensure that you have provided the school with up to date contact information, including alternate contacts. In an emergency, we must be able to reach either yourself, or designated contact person.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration is now open. Please visit the Trillium Lakelands District School Board website at www.tldsb.ca to obtain information on how to register your child(ren), determine what school your child(ren) will attend and to see if bussing is available.

You can either register your child online at the board website or attend the school in person. If you attend in person, you will be required to have the following documents with you:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Health Card (Optional)

Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2018.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

Good luck to all of our cross country skiers heading to their first race at Arrowhead Provincial Park on Tuesday February 6th. We are happy to see the snow continuing to fall so that we can continue to practice throughout the month of February.



RED, WHITE & PINK DAY

Have your child dress in their favourite Red, White & Pink clothing on February 16th.

CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR FEBRUARY

Honesty

Honesty is when you are sincere and truthful in your words and actions.

REPORT CARDS WILL BE SENT HOME FEBRUARY 16TH

What do you look at first... the marks?

Research by neuroscientists and educational psychologists have shown that it is your child's learning skills that have the greatest impact of students' ability to succeed, not just in school, but in life. These are also skills that parents can help build at home. Students whose parents have high expectations and who focus on building strong work habits and positive attitude are more likely to be successful in school. The information about your child's learning skills can help you support them in the areas that need improvement. Report cards are also a great tool parents can use to initiate conversations about school. Go over the report card with your child, talk about where they do well and where they may be struggling.

Whether your child is struggling or doing very well, please take some time and connect with your child's classroom teacher. This is a great opportunity to learn more about ways you, your child and your child's teacher can co-operate on strategies to help in subjects where your child is having difficulty. If there are comments or parts of the report card that you don't understand, please take some time to ask the teacher about them.

FRIENDSHIP LOLLIPOPS



Lollipops will be sold for 25 cents on Monday, Feb. 5th, Tuesday, Feb. 6th and Thursday February 8th during both nutrition breaks. Lollipops will be delivered to the Valentine recipients on Feb 16th.

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GRAVENHURST WINTER

CARNIVAL

This longstanding Gravenhurst tradition celebrates all that our community has to offer, and features super-fun events including Puddle Jumps, Kids Events, Skokie's Pizza and Birthday Parties, Polar Bear Dip, Donut Eating on a String, Demolition Derby, Live Entertainment and so much more!



The 2018 Winter Carnival runs from Thursday February 15th to Monday, February 19th. Entry is \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children aged 6 to 12 and Children 5 and under are FREE.

Don't miss out on the fun!!

Pease visit: www.gravenhurstwintercarnival.com for more details.

BINGO NIGHT

On Thursday, February 15th, 2018 Beechgrove will be hosting a Bingo Night as part of the Gravenhurst Winter Carnival. Families are invited to come to the school gym from 5:30–8:00 p.m. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for sale, as well as bingo cards and daubers. There will be a silent auction and book sale too! This is a family event so come out and have some fun with numbers! Proceeds raised go to supporting the grade 7 and 8 trip to Ottawa.



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FOOD DAYS & SNOW DAYS

A reminder if a snow day occurs on a food order day it will be forwarded to the following school day. For subs, if a snow day is on Tuesday, subs will be forwarded to the Wednesday. For pizza, if a snow day is on Thursday pizza will be forwarded to the Friday. If you are sending your child to school on a snow day, please be sure to send a packed lunch.



DENTAL SCREENING

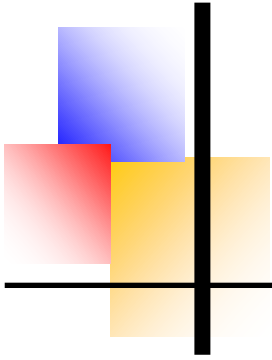
Oral Health Staff will be visiting our school on February 15th & February 16th to provide fee dental health screenings to the following students:

- All students in grades JK, SK, 2 & 8;
- Children who had dental sealants placed by the Health Unit the previous year;
- Children who were identified last year with urgent needs whose treatment has not yet been confirmed as complete; and
- Children in other grades whose parent(s) requests that their child be screened.

Dental screening programs are part of the Ontario Public Health Standards and the *Health Promotions and Protection Act*.

If your child is not in one of the above grades and you would like them to be included in the screening, please contact the Oral Health Team immediately at 7-877-721-7520 ext 8805 (press 1).





FEBRUARY 2018

Character Education Theme

HONESTY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				 1	2 PA DAY No School	3
4	5 Lollipop Sales	 6 Lollipop Sales Cross County @ Arrowhead	7 Winter Electives	 8 Lollipop Sales	9	10
11	12 Battle of the Books - School Level Battles Begin	 13	 14 Valentine's Day Winter Electives	 15 Dental Screening Bingo Night	16 Report Cards Dance Grade 5-8 Dental Screening	17
18	19 family Day! 	 20	21 Winter Electives	 22	23	24
25	26	 27	28	Delivery days Boston Pizza  Delivery days Subway  Delivery days Pizza Station 		



Milk is sold daily for \$1.00



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