



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We beat the arrival of spring and we were able to get all four of our Winter Electives in. The students enjoyed a great variety of activities and learned many new skills. The students really enjoyed the new gymnastics elective this year. Many thanks to all the parents who came out and volunteered to help at our Elective activities.

Our first full report cards went home on February 16th. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report card.

This month we have set up our online payment system that will allow parents to pay for school activities, trips and items using a secure online program. The first item parents may purchase using this system is our school yearbook. To sign up go to tidsb.schoolcashonline.com to set up your account.

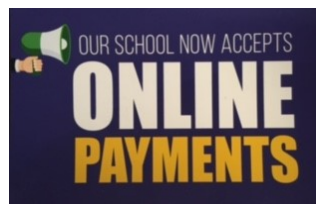
PARENT COUNCIL

You may have noticed that Boston Pizza lunch options are not included this month. Hopefully we will be able to continue in the coming months. We will be sure to keep you posted! It is important to keep the cost of the lunches affordable, especially for families who have more than one child at the school. A discount is being offered to those who qualify. Please take note of this on the bottom portion of the Healthy Lunch Forms, in case this applies to you.

We have a tremendous number of activities going on in the school right now. Our school band is headed to the Collingwood music festival this week. Our Volleyball teams have their final tournament on March 5th and 6th and our Battle of the Books contests continue as the final teams are being selected to move on to the District finals. Please make sure you check out our calendar to see when all these activities are taking place. Parents, you are always welcome to come and watch all the great activities your children are involved with.

Enjoy a great March Break with your families!

Paul Goldring



School Council is there to give parents an opportunity to assist in developing a healthy learning environment. Part of that involves fundraising to help offset school activity costs. It is also an opportunity to create events and programs that allow the whole family to get involved. Thank you all for coming out to BINGO Night. At the last meeting we were discussing some different ideas for some activities in the Spring.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Collingwood Music Festival
March 1st
- Cross Country Ski - ~~Cancelled~~
March 2nd
- Junior/Primary Skating
March 8th
- March Break
March 9th - March 16th
- Wear Green Day
March 23rd
- Graduation Photos
March 29th
- Good Friday
March 30th

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EQAO TESTING DATES

The EQAO assessment dates for grade 3 - 6 students are scheduled to be **May 22 - June 4**. Please refrain from making any appointments for your child(ren) during this time.

GRADE 8 GRAD INFO!

Graduation is fast approaching for our Grade 8's. Please mark **Thursday, June 21st** on your calendar for our Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony!



Get your smile on...Graduates!

Graduation photo's will be held on Thursday, March 29th.

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!

Now that it is starting to get warm out, please remind your child(ren) to bring boots, splash pants and warm jackets to school. It is always a good idea to have a spare set of clothes as well. Our drainage in the back of the school is very slow which results in "Lake Beechgrove". Please remind your child to stay out of the "lake" and puddles.

NEW SKIPPING CLUB

Starting at the beginning of March. Open to students from Grades 3-6. Listen to the announcements for sign up and our first meeting.

2017/2018 YEARBOOK

The 2017/2018 Muskoka Beechgrove Yearbook is now available for purchase. Place your order (either paper copy or online) by March 9th to obtain the early bird discount. Orders placed after March 9th will be at regular cost. We are offering a full colour Yearbook with the option to upgrade to a Hardcover for an additional \$5.00. All orders must be received on or before April 30th. Late orders will not be accepted.

OUR CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH IS

Fairness

Fairness is solving problems so that everyone wins and that you don't prejudge.

COLLINGWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Muskoka Beechgrove Public School's grade 7/8 concert band is very excited to travel to Collingwood to perform at Collingwood Music Festival on March 1st. Thank you Parent Council for paying for the bus for our trip!

LIBRARY MAKERSPACE

Our library Makerspace is coming soon! What is a Makerspace?

Simply put, a Makerspace is an area that allows for creativity and innovation to occur. It is an area that allows students the freedom to design, engineer, fabricate, create, build and collaborate. We need your help to get our very own Primary Makerspace started!

How can you help? We are looking for donations of the following items, amongst others, to start stocking our Makerspace: lego, toothpicks, Q-tips, paper plates, popsicle/craft sticks, clothespins, coffee stir sticks, pipe cleaners, rubber bands, paper clips, scotch tape, beads and gems, wire, felt & fabric, pom poms, googly eyes, duct tape, twist ties, film canisters, nuts and bolts etc... and anything else you think might be useful.

Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated. Donations can be brought to Mrs. Muntz in the library. Thanks for helping us get started on this exciting new learning journey!

Makerspace
at your library

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March Break

At the Gravenhurst Public Library

Monday March 12

10:30 - 11:30 Art Workshop #1: 3D Sculptures (ages 5-12) Registration Required

2:00 - 3:00 Lego (ages 5-12) Registration Required



Tuesday March 13

10:15 Story Time (all ages welcome)

2:00 - 3:00 Art Workshop #2: Mixed Media (ages 5-12) Registration Required

Wednesday March 14

10:30 - 11:30 Card Making Workshop (ages 10-14) Registration Required

2:00 - 3:00 Lego (ages 5-12) Registration Required

Thursday March 15

11:00 Team T & J at the Opera House (all ages welcome)

1:30 - 2:30 Board Games: Drop In (ages 5-12)

3:00 - 4:00 Minecraft (ages 6-12) Registration Required
Devices are limited so please bring your own!



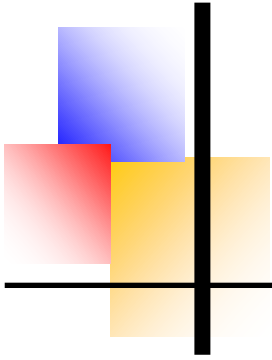
Friday March 16

10:30 - 11:30 Art Workshop #3: Paper, Glue and Scissors! (ages 5-12)
Registration Required

2:00 - 3:00 Lego (ages 5-12) Registration Required

*All programs will be held at the Library with the exception of Team T & J on Thursday morning at 11:00 at the Gravenhurst Opera House

*All Library sponsored programs are free! Starting February 20 Call or stop in to register.



MARCH 2018

Character Education Theme

FAIRNESS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				 1 Collingwood Music Festival	2 Cross Country Ski Canceled	3
4	5 Boys Volleyball Tournament @ Monck	 6 Girls Volleyball Tournament @ GHS	7	 8 Junior & Primary Skating	9 March Break No School	10
11	12 March Break No School	13 March Break No School	14 March Break No School	15 March Break No School	16 March Break No School	17
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Milk is sold daily for \$1.00



Delivery days
Subway



Delivery days
Pizza Station



Better Together

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