



At The Beech

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our groundhog's prediction was a little off this year and winter has seemed to hang on for a very long time! It is nice to see the sun and the grass is slowly starting to emerge.

May and June are very busy months for us and we have lots and lots of great activities going on for students. Please make sure you check out the attached calendar so you don't miss out on anything. Just a reminder that parents are required to have a police check if they want to go on field trips as a parent volunteer.

Our track and field meet is scheduled for May 9th (Rain Date 10th) and students are already practicing as part of their gym classes. Plan to come out and watch. We are in need of volunteers to help with the event.

We are very excited to again be holding our Grandparents Day on Friday, May 11th. The day

will run from 9:00 to 11:10. Grandparents will be treated to a short assembly with some student performances and then have the opportunity to do some work in their grandchild's classroom. If they get their work done they will get to go out for recess with their grandchild. The Book Fair will also be open for Grandparents to visit.

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

Paul Goldring



PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you everyone who came to the last meeting. We know it isn't always easy to find the time.

At the last meeting we discussed the impact of funds that are raised throughout the year and put towards class trips. These trips are valuable experiences for the students and so it is important, as parents ourselves, that we support and make it possible for everyone to participate. Everything that is collected and raised is carefully distributed where it can be most beneficial. On April 6th some of the classes requested some money for buses to the Rene M Caisse Centre.

Funds have been provided to the school library, to create an inviting reading environment, by adding some furniture to the library treehouse and also to purchase new learning equipment (a light table), for the kindergarten classes. The school band will be travelling to Canada's Wonderland and money for bus transportation has been given for that. Approximately \$600 has been set aside to purchase new Beechgrove Broncos jerseys for the girl's sport teams. The next Parent Council meeting will be on May 7th at 3:30pm.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Skipping Competition
May 3rd
- Swap and Play
May 5th
- Scholastic Book Fair
May 8th-11th
- Gr. 4-8 Track & Field
May 9th
- Grand Friends Day
May 11th
- EQAO
May 22nd - June 4th

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TRACK AND FIELD

Track and field season is upon us, students have been practicing and looking forward to a day outside. Our school track and field event will be held on **Wednesday, May 9th**. Parents are welcome to come out to cheer us on.



Students are reminded that a change of gym clothing and proper fitting running shoes are required for safe, full participation in our school's physical education program.

Please note that flip flops are not safe on the yard or playground equipment. All students should be wearing proper footwear while at school.

SKIPPING COMPETITION



Our 1st Board wide Skipping Competition will be held at IE Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay on **Thursday May 3rd**. For those students that are taking part in this competition, they will need to arrive at school early as our **bus will depart at 7:30 a.m.**, with an after hours **return time of 4:30 p.m.** Please make arrangements to have **your child dropped off AND picked up at school on this date**. We wish all of our students good luck! A special thank you to both Ms. Muntz and Ms. Durocher for volunteering their time to prepare our students and assist in this competition.

OUR CHARACTER TRAIT FOR THE MONTH IS

Respect

Respect is treating others with dignity and honouring the rules of our family, school and nation.

3-PITCH SOFTBALL

The Grades 6's, 7's & 8's 3-Pitch Softball House League will be underway later this month.

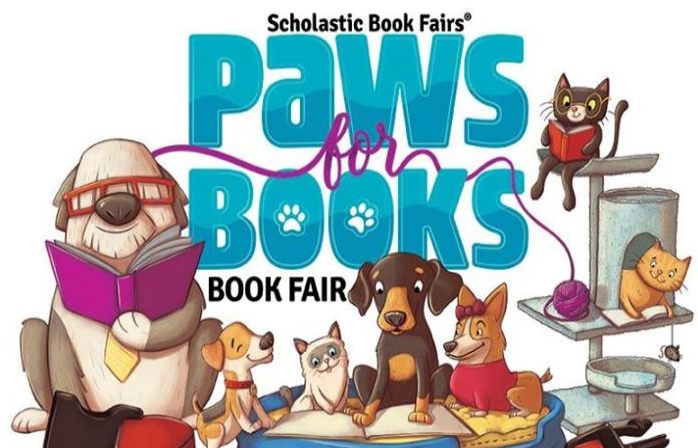
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school May 8th - May 11th. What better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event.

We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Your support of this important event is a key part of helping us obtain new books and resources for our library and classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you during our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you, in advance, for supporting this great literary event. Thank you for believing in books and the impact of reading on your child's future.

Student viewing will be on Tuesday, May 8th during regular school hours. The library will be open during regular school hours. Thursday May 10th we will remain open until 7:00 p.m. for parents to make purchases.



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GRAND FRIENDS' DAY

Grand Friends will be invited to join their grandchildren at school on **Friday, May 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.** There will be an assembly starting at 9:00 AM then the Grand Friends will have the opportunity to visit the student's classroom and go out for recess. Refreshments will be served from 10:30-11:10.



PLANNING FOR SEPTEMBER

As we start to think about the upcoming school year, 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.

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.

EQAO

Our Grade 3 and 6 EQAO assessment dates are **May 22nd through June 4th.**

Please help us ensure your child is able to do his/her best by having a good night sleep and a nutritious breakfast.

A FREE FUN MORNING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR KIDS WHILE PARENTS SHOP AND SWAP BABY, KID AND MATERNITY GEAR!

SWAP AND PLAY 2018

**SATURDAY MAY 5 9AM TO 1PM
GRAVENHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL**

PARENTS: Do you have gear you want to sell? Keep the profits from what you sell! There are still spots left for vendors - register today!

KIDS: Looking for a morning full of adventure and fun? The Swap and Play has something for everyone, and best of all... it's FREE!

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SWAPANDPLAY

PLAY SESSIONS

- Cupcake Decorating**
hosted by Once Upon a Cake
- Petting Zoo**
hosted by Deerhurst Stables
- Science Fun**
with the Muskoka Discovery Centre
- Horse Carriage Rides**
hosted by Twin Maple Farms
- Face Painting**
with Dress Me Up Face Painting
- Storytime (9:30am)**
with Carla (Gravenhurst Library)
- Kids Pottery Class**
with Goodie's Creations
- Popcorn, Cotton Candy and Bouncy Castle**
hosted by Kids Party Gear

*Most sessions are free, some have a small fee to participate

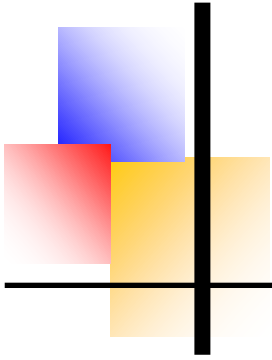
Barbeque

Hungry after a morning full of fun? Grab a hot dog and drink right outside the GPS Gym to keep your energy going! (11am to 1pm only)

Entrance to the Swap and Play is

FREE!

Proceeds from the Swap and Play 2018 will be donated in support of Gravenhurst Public School programs and events.



MAY 2018

Character Education Theme

RESPECT



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Skipping Team to IE Weldon	4	5
6	7	8 Book Fair Student Viewing	9 Track & Field Book Fair 9-5	10 Book Fair 9-5	11 Grand Friends Day Book Fair 9-8	12
13	14	15 Mass Band	16	17 Band to Wonderland Grade 2&3's to Hurononia Museum	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day No School	22 EQAO Starts	23 Grade 4&5's to Scenic Caves	24	25 Hep B & HPV Shots	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Delivery days
Subway



Delivery days
Pizza Station



Milk & juice is sold daily for
\$1.00



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