School Safety
Please ask the School Secretary for assistance if you wish to see a teacher, a student, or to visit our Lost and Found. Only students and staff with identification should be in our school’s hallways and classrooms. Thank you for helping keep our school safe.

EQAO TESTING
For students in Grades 3 & 6
May 28, 29, 30, 31, June 1 & 4
9:10-10:45

Academic Gold
One of the ways we get feedback as to how we are achieving on an individual, school by school, board by board or on a provincial basis are through our EQAO Assessments of the Ontario Provincial Curriculum. I want us to take pride as we demonstrate our strong work habits and cognitive abilities on these assessments as we take time to prepare not only for these assessments but preparing for secondary, post-secondary and eventual work related pursuits. If there were a gold medal for academic achievement on the EQAO Assessments then that is what I am sure staff, students and parents would also want for their children. So Go For Gold Tec Beeton and not just for the EQAO Assessments but for the daily work that you accomplish at Tec Beeton.

Our grade 3 and 6 teachers have been gearing up with preparing our students for the EQAO test at the end of May and beginning of June. We are really stressing the importance of trying hard not only for the test but at anything students do at Tecumseh Beeton Elementary School. Although EQAO is not the only reflection of how our students are learning at school it does allow us to show how our students are doing comparatively at a given point in time on a Provincial level at meeting the expectations of the Ontario Curriculum. We collectively want what’s best for our students everyday.

Here are some sample questions from the 2009-2010 EQAO Assessment that were challenging for students in Ontario:

Gr. 3 Math
Question #5. Which number completes the following number sentence? 24 - □ = 17 + 3
A 3
B 4
C 6
D 7

Question #10. Which list shows the lengths from shortest to longest?
A 1 m 50 cm; 140 cm; 1 m
B 1 m; 1 m 50 cm; 140 cm
C 140 cm; 1 m 50 cm; 1 m
D 1 m; 140 cm; 1 m 50 cm

Gr. 6 Math
Question #21. Which is equivalent to 1 m² (squared)?
Quality Physical Education (QPE) is a well planned physical education program that offers a variety of learning opportunities and is taught by qualified and enthusiastic teachers on a regular basis throughout the school year. A QPE program includes curricular instruction for a minimum of 30 minutes at least three out of five days per week, as well as interscholastic school sport programs, school wide events, and intramural activities.

A special thank you is extended to the Grade 8 students in Miss Garratt’s class who lead 20 minutes of DPA activities three times a week in combination with our physical education program. Your enthusiasm is contagious and you are wonderful role models to the other students in our school community.

Alternate Bus Arrangements
Parents and students are reminded that due to insurance liability, alternate bussing arrangements can only be provided for emergency care giving reasons only. If alternate bussing is required, students are to bring their notes to the office early in the day.

Improv Club
The Tec. Beeton improv Club would like to thank the students from Baniting High School who helped out with implementing the program here at our school. A special thank you goes out to JD Kieser, a Tecumseth Beeton alumni, who has dedicated his time every Tuesday night for five months. Thank you JD for bringing the love of the arts back to Beeton! We look forward to running the program again next year!

Photography Club
Mrs. Morrison, one of our kindergarten teachers, is an experienced, professional photographer and is offering a photography club for
students in grades 5-8. Students will learn basic photography skills using automatic and manual settings. As well, Mrs. Marenguer will assist with helping students to learn how to make digital slideshows and videos. Check the webpage in the near future for samples of our student work!

NEW Vista Gift Card Fundraiser

Our Grade 8 students are going to Quebec City in May for their year-end trip! We would appreciate your help in raising funds to lower the cost of the trip for our students. We are selling gift cards on a weekly basis - great presents for everyone! Please help support our students. Gift cards are sold at face value, so you are not paying any “extra”. So, if you normally spend $200 per month at Sobey’s or No Frills, that’s what you would give us and we will give you a gift card for that amount! Don’t forget about gas, restaurants and Tim Hortons too!

Order forms will be due on Thursday each week – NO EXCEPTIONS! Gift cards will be handed out on the following Thursday so you will have them in time for the weekend. They can either be sent home with your child, with another student as indicated on the order form, or be picked up in the Hive (room across from the office) between 3:30 and 4:30 pm. The process starts again and new order forms will be handed out on Monday. Orders must be prepaid and cheques must be made out to Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School. Extra order forms will also be available on our school website for you to download.

Thank you for supporting our Grade 8’s!

Sincerely,

The Grade 8 Staff & Students

PITCH-IN CANADA Week -
OPERATION: Clean Sweep
April 23-30, 2012

Our school PITCH-IN Day is April 25/12 from 11:45 to 12:30. Students will be provided with a glove and garbage bags that are provided by “PITCH-IN CANADA”.

We will be getting SYNREVOICE SCHOOL CONNECTS in the next month or two which will allow us to communicate en masse via email and/or phone to our school community about things such as announcements of upcoming special events (e.g. Meet the teacher BBQ, Math/Pys.Ed/EQAQO night), distribution of school newsletters, reminders of outstanding library book, etc.

Weather Reminder

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the variety of weather conditions that we see daily. Although the students are kept inside if there is any thunder or lightning, in light drizzle they may be outside. Although we always try to keep students out of puddles and mud, an extra pair of socks at school is always helpful.

When submitting payment for Hot Lunch and Milk orders, parents are asked to please send in two separate cheques. Our accounting system does not allow the payment to be split. Also, please submit one order form for each child. Additional forms are available on the school website (tbes.edublogs.org).
Parking Lot Reminder
Please keep traffic moving; stop and drop students off at the walk-way across from the front door.

Allergy Awareness

Information may be located on the following sites:

- Anaphylaxis Canada – www.anaphylaxis.org
- Allergy Asthma Information Association – www.aaia.ca
- Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network – www.foodallergy.org
- Youth at Risk – www.whyriskit.ca

These sites provide lots of information about signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, food information, managing anaphylaxis at home and school and safe food products.

Have a look...there is lots of information available. Please remember that we are a nut free school, and all snacks etc. brought into the school must be labeled that they have been made in a nut free facility.

Class Placements for 2012-2013

Soon we will begin to co-ordinate the placement of students on class lists for the next school year. Please understand that teachers put a great deal of time and effort into the task of making up class lists. A great number of factors are considered to determine the best placement for each child. We encourage parents not to request that their child have a particular teacher. Please rely on the experience and wisdom of the teachers to make the best appropriate choice. However, if there are educationally sound circumstances that you feel the office needs to be aware of, please put your information in writing to Mr. Stevenato. The deadline for submitting this information to the office is Monday, May 14, 2012.

Girls On The Run

The Girls On The Run program will begin Tuesday, April 3 for 10 weeks from 3:30-5:00. The girls will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays each week for 10 weeks. The Grand Finale will be on Saturday, June 16. Please remember your running shoes and full water bottle!

Parents As Partners
PARENTING PROGRAMS

FREE to parents of children in school

Positive Parenting Series

Triple P: Coping with Stress - What is it and what causes it? Discuss how to recognize it, how stress affects parenting and how to reduce stress and manage daily stress.

Understanding and Handling Anger - Discuss how anger develops. Learn how to recognize anger buttons, stay calm, understand your child better and create positive problem solving routines.

Discipline that Works - A fun and practical workshop to help parents encourage positive behaviours in young children.

Raising Kids: Building Respect - Learn about factors that contribute to disrespect and steps to building respect through modeling, teaching kids the meaning of respect and to disagree respectfully and the importance of good manners.

Raising Kids: Teaching Responsibility - Looks at parental responses that encourage irresponsibility and a responsibility makeover that includes clear expectations, responsible choices, consequences and positive focus.

Raising Kids: Optimism - Looks at how choosing to focus on the positive can be physically and mentally energizing for both parents and children and specific ways to shift our focus to be more positive.

Visit: www.thelearningcentres.com
parenting@thelearningcentres.com
Ontario Early Years Centre
Are you home with little people and looking for something fun to do? Drop by the Ontario Early Years Centre in Alliston! The OYEY is a free service for all adults with children 0 to 6 years of age. Adults and children participate in activities together. Children have the opportunity to play with other children and participate in many different types of programs and activities, which promote early learning and school readiness, and they are FUN for children and adults alike. Call 705 435-4308 for hours, directions and more information. OYEC offers parent education programs that help you with everyday parenting issues, which can be useful since children don’t come with an instruction manual!

OYEY also offers outreach programs in communities outside of Alliston. These programs include a variety of activities, circle time (story and songs) and crafts.

APRIL – BULLYING PREVENTION
When students accept each other, they are less likely to engage in bullying behaviour and are more likely to defend targets of bullying. Be a positive role model at home:
• Accept others
• Talk about how people are similar
• Visit new communities and share in their culture

Check it out: www.cyberbullying.org
Stand Up – Reach Out – Tell Someone

APRIL – HEALTHY EATING TIP!
Kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils, navy beans and other varieties of dried legumes are always in season, plus they are full of important nutrients such as fibre and protein. You can add them most soups and stews, making a tasty meatless meal that will help you reduce the amount of red meat that you consume.

Check it out at: www.ontariobeans.on.ca
SNACK IDEA for after school: oatmeal, unflavoured, topped with fresh fruit, or raisins/almonds

APRIL – ACTIVITY FUN TIPS!
Each year the average Canadian makes 2,000 car trips that are less than three kilometers in length. Walk, cycle, skateboard or roller blade these short distances instead of driving – you and your families’ health will benefit. In a walkable community the environment in which people live, work, learn and play supports walking as a form of everyday transportation.

Circle of Learning: Linking Parents to Student Success

When: Saturday, April 21, 2012
from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Where: SCDSB Education Centre
1170 Hwy 26, Michurist, ON

This FREE conference for all parents is being organized by the SCDSB Parent Involvement Committee (PIC). It is funded through the Ministry of Education’s grants for Parent Engagement.

Workshops
• Reading & Writing in the 21st Century
• Math Homework – Help!
• Healthy Schools+Healthy Families=Healthy Kids
• Technology & Character Development in the 21st Century

Special Features
~ FREE Childcare ~ Lunch ~
Refreshments ~
(Childcare up to age 12, limited space, pre-registration required)
For more information please call 705-321-8519

• Registration Deadline is April 10 (forms available online at www.scdsb.on.ca or circloflearning@rogers.com, or in the school office).

Inclusion Services Recreation Program Flyers are available in the office. More information is available at www.barrie.ca
### Tec-Beeton Calendar

#### April 2012

**We commit to Honesty**

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#### Pitch in Week

- **Pitch In:** 11:45-12:30
- **Pizza**
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**Extra Notes:**

- May 1-7: Education Week
- May 7: Music Monday
- May 8: Gr 7’s to Scanlon
- May 10: Math/Fitness/EQAO Night.
- May 17: Welcome to Kindergarten 5-6:30
- May 21: Victoria Day
- May 28-June 4: EQAO (May 28, 29, 30, 31, June 1 & 4)
- June 8: PA Day
- June 11: Area Track & Field
- June 28: Last Day of School

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**We're a Nut Free School**

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**Please don't forget**