ACORN CARDS FUNDRAISER
We will be holding the Acorn Card Fundraiser again this year. Some of our students have been working in class creating some unique pieces of art which can be made into greeting cards, postcards, 12 month calendars or placemats (see the details on the order form). Up to 40% of money raised will come back to Tec Beeton. We did not have a World's Famous Chocolate campaign this year and we hope that Acorn Cards will be a great revenue generator for our school. Please send CHEQUES (payable to Tec Beeton E.S.) Order forms will be sent home soon and must be returned to school by April 29.

If you are interested in creating more than 1 card, order forms are available in the office. You can make multiple orders to create your own gift sets and invite other family members to participate. Students are welcome to add details with markers, crayons and pencils to the art that comes home from school (borders, words etc). The final product will be an exact reproduction of what you see on the entire sheet of paper. If you are not 100% pleased with the art created in class you can also place a line through the art on the existing form and paperclip a new submission on a 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of white paper. Please do the art horizontally and use bold colours in markers, crayon, pencil or paint. Digital Photography is also an option. See the Acorn order form for more details.

Thank you for supporting Tec Beeton!

Math/Fitness/EQAO Night will be held on May 5 this year. We will be sending home more information soon.

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 Tecumseth 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

Gr. 6 Math
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
Question #21. Which is equivalent to 1 m² (squared)?
A  10 cm² 
B  100 cm² 
C  1000 cm² 
D  10 000 cm²

Question #31. Amir’s class has 24 students. There are 15 boys in the class. Which of the following represents the ratio of girls to boys?
A  24:9 
B  9:24 
C  5:3 
D  3:5

Spring Photos at Tec Beeton
Lifetouch Portrait Studio will be at our school on April 4 (KA Grads & Gr. 1-4) and April 5 (KB Grads & Gr. 5-8). Grade Eight Grad Photos will be taken on April 4. To book sibling portraits, please call Lifetouch at 866-299-7774 ext. 27, and check off the sibling box on the flyer that was sent home last week.

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.

Saturday Morning Numeracy Program
There will be a Saturday Morning Numeracy Program offered to students in grades 5 & 6 for students who have a level 2 or below in math. Teachers will send registration forms home with eligible students. Registration forms must be returned by April 5, 2011.

Kindergarten Blog
Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Muirhead’s kindergartens blog is now online. Check the blog for monthly news and more. Visit us at http://tbeskdgn.edublogs.org/. The kindergarten blog can also be found on the Tec. Beeton homepage.

Celebrate and Thank you!
We have recently purchased Nelson Literacy Resources for Grades 2, 4, 5 & 6. These resources support our curriculum programming, cross-curricular expectations and differentiated instruction. We now have these resources from grade 2-8. Our next step is to purchase similar resources for kindergarten and grade one. Thank you for supporting our fundraising projects!

Food and Beverage Policy
The school food and beverage policy contributes to improved educations and health outcomes for all students. Research shows that “health and education success are intertwined; schools cannot achieve their primary mission of education if students are not healthy” and that “healthy eating patterns in childhood and adolescence promote optimal childhood health, growth, and intellectual development”.

The school environment profoundly influences students’ attitudes, preferences, and behaviours. Research also shows that when nutritionally inadequate food and beverages are available and promoted at school every day, even along with healthier food and beverages, it becomes increasingly difficult for students to have a healthy diet.

The implementation of the school food and beverage policy in Ontario’s publically funded schools will contribute to reducing students’ risk of developing serious, chronic diseases, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain types of cancer.

The school food and beverage policy constitutes a comprehensive approach to the sale of food and beverages in school province-wide. The implementation of this policy is another important step in creating healthier schools in Ontario. It also reinforces the knowledge, skills, and attitudes regarding healthy eating that are developed through the various subjects and disciplines in the Ontario curriculum.

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.

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 2010–2011**

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 Ms. Baldry. The deadline for submitting this information to the office is Monday, May 16, 2011.

**Homework Club**

The Homework Club meets Monday through Thursday in the Library from 3:30 to 4:00.

**Girls On The Run & Girls On Track**

The Girls On The Run & Girls On Track programs will begin Tuesday, April 5 from 3:35-5:00. The girls will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays each week until the June finale on Saturday, June 18. Please remember your running shoes and full water bottle!

**Poop’n’Scoop**

On the weekends if you walk your pooch on the school grounds please be sure to scoop as required. We have had a few students make unpleasant discoveries while on the play ground at recess. We would appreciate the community support to alleviate this problem. We would also like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the property during school hours.

**The Campbell’s Label program** is a great way to earn products for our school. At this time V8, V8 Splash, V8 V-Fusion and V8 soups are worth double points.

Whole labels don’t need to be completely intact-- as long as the front of the label with product name + UPC (on soups) are legible and the UPC codes on products like goldfish are intact.

Sincere thanks to all of you who have continued to submit labels! Keep them coming! Look for updates on the program in future newsletters.

**2010-2011 School Climate Survey**

One of the goals in the Simcoe County District School Board improvement plan is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment that supports all students in being successful. From late March to the end of April, all students in grades 4 to 12 will be asked to complete an anonymous on-line survey at school about how they feel about their school. This survey provides students with the opportunity to say what is great about their school, as well as express their concerns. The survey results will provide valuable feedback to staff and will help schools to develop their Safe Schools Plans. Students will not be asked to provide their names and all student responses will be combined to ensure confidentiality. Your child’s teacher will supervise the class during the survey and can answer any questions or concerns your child may have. Similar to the 2007 and 2009 surveys, the questions cover a range of topics including:

- the overall tone of the school, often referred to as school climate;
- perceptions of peers in terms of the Board’s 10 Character traits;
- involvement in extracurricular activities and academic achievement; and
- experiences of school safety and bullying.

In addition to these topics, the 2011 survey will include 3 questions to assist the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit in their Healthy Schools Initiative. These questions will ask students to identify the best thing about their school and the top issues in their school. A summary of the results on these 3 questions will be shared with the Health Unit to assist them in planning the programs they provide in SCDSB schools.

Please call the school if you have questions about how this survey will be implemented in your child’s class. You should have received or will be shortly receiving a more detailed letter about the survey. Thank you for your support.

Ontario Early Years Centre
All parents and guardians in Simcoe County are invited to the Eastview Cafetorium on Thursday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. to hear Dr. Ian Brown speak about the topic “Boys Adrift”. Dr. Brown will be discussing the five factors driving the growing epidemic of unmotivated boys and underachieving young men as identified in Leonard Sax’s book Boys Adrift. This event is a must-attend for any parent/guardian of boys. Come and hear an explanation for why some boys are failing at school and disengaged at home. Dr. Brown will present ideas and strategies for parents about how to help boys achieve their full potential. Please register your intent to attend this event by leaving a message at 705-728-1321 x40895.

New Orleans Fundraiser
From 4 pm until close on May 2, 3, 4, New Orleans Pizza will donate half (50%) of every purchase that is accompanied by a Donation Form to our school. We will send the donation forms home closer to May 2. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

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 – ACTIVE 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.

Check it out: www.smdhu.org
SNACK IDEA for after school: oatmeal, unflavoured, topped with fresh fruit, or raisins/ almonds

Are you home with little people and looking for something fun to do? Drop by the Ontario EarlyYears Centre in Alliston! The OEYC 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. OEYC offers parent education programs that help you with everyday parenting issues, which can be useful since children don’t come with an instruction manual!

OEYC also offers outreach programs in communities outside of Alliston. These programs include a variety of activities, circle time (story and songs) and crafts. You might like to visit the following locations and join in the programs there:
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PARENTS AS PARTNERS
PARENTING PROGRAMS Spring 2011

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 maker 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.

Barrie: Community Room
90 Little Street, Barrie
Monday, March 28 – May 9, 2011
9:30 – 12:00 noon
Contact 728-3601 – Allandale Heights School based worker
Or 325-9279, ext. 231 or 725-8360, Ext. 333
www.theteachingcentres.com
parenting@theteachingcentres.com

You’re Invited!
When: Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Where: SCDSB Education Centre
1170 Hwy 26, Midhurst, ON

For registration information click [here](#).

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.

**Keynote Presentation**

- Tom Hierck - Accommodating Learning Differences

**Workshops**

- Equity and Inclusiveness
- Understanding Provincial Testing: EQAO
- Child, Youth and Family Services Coalition of Simcoe County

**Special Features**

~ FREE Childcare ~ Lunch ~
Refreshments ~
(Childcare up to age 12, limited space, pre-registration required)

For more information please call 705-734-6363, ext. 11310

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**TOONIES FOR JAPAN FUNDRAISER**

Help support the recent disaster in Japan by contributing a Toonie. If each student were to bring a toonie, we would raise $1064.00. We will collect April 4-8th.
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May 1-7 Mental Health Week  
May 2-6 Education Week  
May 2 School Council Mtg.  
May 5 Math/Fitness/EQAO Night  
May 18 Wizard of Oz  
May 11-13 Gr 8's to Montreal  
May 19 Gr 7's to Scanlon  
May 19 Kindergarten Welcome 5-6:30  
May 19 Rugby Tournament  
May 23 Victoria Day  
May 26 Track & Field (May 27 Rain Date)  
May 30-June 1 Gr. 7's to Brock  
May 31, June  
1, 2, 7, 8, 9 EQAO (Gr. 3 & 6)  
June 3 PA Day  
June 15 Area Track & Field  
June 21 3 Pitch Tournament  
June 23 Bugz Choir 6:30-7:30  
June 27 Grad  

We commit to Honesty