DECEMBER: WE COMMIT TO EMPATHY
We strive to understand and appreciate the feelings and actions of others.

Storm Watch
SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS (We are in the SOUTH ZONE)

The Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium has a new website for notifying parents and students about bus cancellations. All information regarding cancelled buses in Simcoe County will be posted on the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium’s new website at www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca.

While this new site is linked through a bus icon on the home page of our public website at www.scdsb.on.ca, we will also include the direct link on our school website homepage as well, and the consortium’s information recommends parents bookmark the direct link to www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca into their website ‘favourites’ list. As always, the Transportation Consortium will also send out a notice directly to the media early on the mornings when school buses are cancelled. Typically, B101, 93.1, ROCK 95 and Star 107.5, or CTV Barrie will advertise this information. To reduce confusion and the volume of messages, this notice will not be sent as a news release from www.scdsb.on.ca. The message that schools are OPEN FOR LEARNING on bus cancellation days will continue to be emphasized.

Pick up your Poinsettias in the front foyer of the school on Tuesday, December 13 between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., or on Wednesday, December 14 between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Order forms are due Dec 2.

Dance-a-thon Update
We are pleased to announce that our annual Dance-a-thon raised an impressive $3,654.91 this year. We send a big thank you to everyone who supported our largest fundraiser of the year. We could not have done it without you.
**Kindergarten Concert**
The Kindergarten Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm.

**Primary Seasonal Concert**
The Little Bell that Could Not Ring

Students in grades 1, 2 and 3, Ms. Dawson’s grade 4’s and the talented primary choir present a delightful seasonal musical. Join us on December 21 at 9:30 as part of the Festive Assembly or in the evening at 6:30 p.m. Be there with bells on!

**Santa Claus Parade**
This year, the Beeton Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Food/Toy Drive**

**Christmas Baskets**
The Christmas Basket Program is run by many local clubs including the Beeton Fire Fighters, Lions Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Tottenham and Beeton Legions, Knights of Columbus and the Tottenham Food Bank. This program has supplied Christmas cheer for over 30 years to local families in need in our area. We will collect non-perishable food and new toys for this committee from Monday, December 5 until Friday, December 16. Baskets are being delivered to local families on Sunday, December 18.

Ms. Harrison’s class will organize the drive this season. They will decorate collection boxes and organize the items for pickup by the committee. If you have any large boxes that you could bring into the school for our collection, we would appreciate that.

**Lost and Found**
Please remember to continually check our Lost and Found for items your child may have lost or misplaced. Any unclaimed items will be packed up and distributed to a local charity. Also, remember to label your child(ren)’s clothing for easy identification.

**Allergy Awareness**
We would like to remind everyone at this time of year, when treats are plentiful, to remember we have a number of students with significant allergy concerns. If you are sending in treats for your child’s classroom, please send in products that are allergen free – especially peanut/nut allergens. We have provided a number of product suggestions in earlier newsletters and have a list posted in the school foyer. By ensuring that treats come from peanut/nut free facilities, helps us to keep our students safe.

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**Gr 8 Parent Information Night**
Wednesday, December 14, 2011
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in Library

The Guidance Department of Banting Memorial High School will hold a presentation for current grade 8 parents on grade 9 curriculum. This is an invaluable source that enables our grade 8 students to select their courses with confidence for the grade 9 year.
Be Scenttive to others
Please help to achieve a scent-reduced environment and avoid the use of scented products. We all share the same air!

THE WINTER MILK ORDER FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER.
PLEASE FILL IT OUT AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16. THIS SESSION OF THE MILK PROGRAM WILL RUN FROM JANUARY 9-MARCH 30.

DECEMBER—HEALTHY EATING TIP!
YMCA Healthy Active Schools initiative

Make a smoothie-surprise using fresh or frozen fruit such as bananas, strawberries or blueberries blended with low-fat frozen yogurt and a splash of 100% pure apple juice (look for 13 g of sugar or less per serving). Provide samples of store-bought, low-sodium vegetable juice. The kids will have fun guessing what fruits and vegetables they taste. Check it out: www.healthycanadians.org

SNACK IDEA for after school: Sliced berries with yogurt.

Strangulation Advisory
Parents and caregivers are advised to check all children’s outerwear for loose drawstrings and:
• Remove all drawstrings from the head and neck area of children’s outerwear.
• At the bottom of children’s outerwear, either remove the drawstrings completely or trim the exposed length to 3 cm, with the garment fully stretched.
• Make sure the end of the drawstring is free of knots, loops or toggles, as they can get caught.
• To keep it from slipping through its channel, make sure the drawstring is tacked to the garment.
• Ensure that new purchases of children’s clothing have alternative closures to drawstrings. These include elastics, buttons, velcro, or snaps.

FUNDRAISER NEWS!
Reminder....
Barrie Colts Tickets

for December 15

Barrie Colts Ticket Sales will end on Friday, 9 December. Tickets are on sale for $17 ($6 goes towards fundraising for the school). Ensure all ticket orders and payment (made payable to Tecumseth Beeton ES) is in the office to ensure your tickets are ordered. Thank you for supporting our school and the Barrie Colts!
### Tec-Beeton Calendar
#### December 2011

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**Christmas Break**

**Up & Coming:**
- Jan 9  -  First day of school in the New Year
- Jan 13  -  Sub Lunch
- Jan 23-26  -  Literacy Week
- Jan 27  -  P.A. Day
- Feb. 20  -  Family Day
It's Time to Order Milk!

It's time to order milk once again. The purpose of our school milk program is to make available fresh, cold milk to your child/children on a daily basis during our second nutritional break. Milk provides the kind of healthy nutrition that helps children concentrate, have more energy and get the most out of their school day.

The cost of our milk continues to be 75 cents for a 250ml carton, white OR chocolate.

Milk is available to students on a prepayment plan. This order form is for milk from January 9, 2012 to March 30, 2011. Milk will be ordered as a family using One form per family. The money raised from this program will go towards various school programs throughout the year.

Milk will be offered as:

- White OR Chocolate (no combinations)
- Everyday (including Hot Lunch Friday) OR Hot Lunch Fridays only.

If you would like your child/children participating in our MILK PROGRAM for the winter, please complete the order form on the back of this letter and return it, along with payment, to your child's teacher by: **Friday, Dec. 16th, 2011.**

**Winter Milk Program - Monday Jan. 9, 2012 to Friday, March 30, 2012**

Thank you for supporting our school and healthy lunches.

Sincerely,

B. Nap
Milk Co-ordinator
- Order White OR Chocolate Milk - no combinations
- Order Everyday OR Hot Lunch Friday only

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Options: Select 1 per child

- Everyday - Grades 1 to 8 - 53 days × $0.75 = $39.75
- Everyday - Kindergarten A - 27 days × $0.75 = $20.25
- Everyday - Kindergarten A - 26 days × $0.75 = $19.50

- Hot Lunch Fridays - Grade 1 to 8 - 10 days × $0.75 = $7.50
- Hot Lunch Fridays - Kindergarten A - 6 days × $0.75 = $4.50
- Hot Lunch Fridays - Kindergarten B - 4 days × $0.75 = $3.00

Please send payment to 1 teacher per family.
Cheques are appreciated, payable to Tecumseth Beeton E.S.

Thank you for supporting our school!