DECEMBER: WE COMMIT TO CARING

We would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the students, staff and parents for the money raised in the “Coins for Cole” day. The money raised will be put towards the wheelchair accessible van, and making our home wheelchair accessible for Cole. The event and your generosity are overwhelming for us, since Cole has only been a student at the school since September, yet you have all opened your hearts and made him feel so welcome. We are truly grateful to live in such a wonderful community. Thanks again for your support.

Jason, Michelle & Cole Woodward

Storm Watch

- Listen to B101, 93.1, ROCK 95 or Star 107.5, or watch the A channel for information on bus cancellations, school closures, road closures, cancellations and other important information. Our bus provider is Stock Transportation and we are in the “South Zone”. Our board’s website (www.scdsb.on.ca) also lists all school/bus closures and cancellations.

Pick up your Poinsettias in the front foyer of the school on Thursday, December 9 between 3:30 and 7:30 and Friday, December 10 in the morning.

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.

Seasonal Celebrations

- The Kindergarten Concert will be held on Thursday, December 16 at 6:30 pm.

We will be collecting for the local Food Bank at the concert!
Milk orders for the winter term (Mon. Jan 4 to Fri. Apr 1) are due into the office by Monday, December 6, 2010.

Madame Stringer is retiring!
Please join the staff of Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School “pour le café et le gâteau” on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 from 4-6 p.m. in our school Library to wish Mme. Stringer a wonderful retirement.

Please check out the school’s blog (tbe.edublogs.org) for information on achievement charts (how student’s work is being assessed). This will be available the week of December 6.

HOMEWORK CLUB
WHAT? Work on your homework and other assignments
WHEN? Monday to Thursday 3:30-4:00
WHERE? In the Library (usually)
WHO? Any student from grades 3 to 8
HOW? Teachers will be there to help.

Gr. 6 & 7 Drummers - Thank You!
The grade six and seven drummers from Tec Beeton represented our school with stinger pride at the church service of Trinity United Church in Beeton. They represented a community of students who showed respect, pride, enthusiasm and various drumming skills to the community of Beeton. Thanks to all who came out; Allison, Leah, Jenna, Daniel, Conor, Mark, Hailey, Alyssa, Hannah C., Adriaan, Brittnie, Hannah S., Jessalyn and Brittney W.. A special thanks to Adriaan who helped me out at the church. Thank you to the parents who supported their child and "getting them to the church on time" and the staff who came and supported us. From my family to yours, All the Best during this Holiday Season!
Submitted by Ms. Gillham

Santa Claus Parade Update
A big thank you goes out to all of the students and parents who represented our school in this year’s Santa Claus Parade. It was on Saturday, November 27. Fun was had by all who decorated the bus, rode the bus and walked along passing out pencils and jelly beans. We really appreciate Mrs. Jennifer Jackson for donating her time to drive the bus for our school. Also, thank you goes out to all the elves that helped with the preparation of the decorations, pencils and candy bags. Santa has put all of these people on his “Good List”.

Scholastic Book Fair
When: December 8 during school hours and December 9th 5-7 pm at our Arts/Literacy Night
Where: In the Library
Why: To raise money for our school library.
See you there!

Please bring a non-perishable food bank item to help our local food bank.
**Food Drive Challenge**

We are taking part in a school board challenge to support local food banks. Please support our school food drive during the next 2 weeks. We will be charting the contributions and then sending them to the food bank just before the Christmas Break. We will also collect donations at our Christmas Concerts.

**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. Ensuring that treats come from peanut/nut free facilities, helps us to keep our students safe.

**Be Scentisitive to others**

Please help to achieve a scent-reduced environment and avoid the use of scented products. We all share the same air!

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS**

Tecumseth Beeton's Intermediate Boys Volleyball squad has experienced a tremendous amount of success this season. We got off to an early start in October and have competed in several exhibition games and two tournaments where we dominated the court in several respects. Thanks to our sportsmanship, intensity and skill, our boys are looking hot as we prepare for our Area Tournament on December 1st at Baxter. Wish them the best of luck as we thirst for a banner! Stay tuned for the results in the next newsletter. Team members include Riley N., Jason S., Colton B., Ryan M., Nicholas M., Derrick L., Marshall H., Ryan F., Ayrton D., Riley M., Brayden K., Kyle C. and Mitchell R.

Here is a poem capturing our finest moments at the Nantyr Shores tournament which took place on November 19. We were crowned Finalists. Congratulations boys!!!

**ODE TO THE INTERMEDIATE BOYS’ VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

On Friday, the intermediate boys’ volleyball team went to Nantyr Shores to compete in a tournament. The boys were fired up and ready to play, hoping to win, the championships that day!

We had practiced hard, our attitudes were great, For the very first whistle, we could hardly wait! We stepped onto the court, our goal in mind, And the rest was history, we left behind.

Our play was amazing, the best we’ve ever seen, We were a group of fine-tuned, volleyball machine. Our volleying, bumping and tips to the side, Constantly kept the other teams in stride.

After round robin play, we were ranked in first,
quite a feat out of 11 teams with a thirst.
In the Semis, we met Cumberland on the floor,
We blew past our opponents thirsting for more.
Algonquin was next in our championship play,
We beat them two times earlier that day.
Algonquin wanted revenge and they came out hot,
The battle on the court was extremely hard fought.
Game 2 we fought back and dominated the play,
For our Stingers it was an amazing day!
The final game was filled with bumps, serves and sets. Unfortunately, we were narrowly edged out by a 3 point deficit.
Congratulations boys, look how far we have come.
Let’s practise hard until Areas and bring a banner home!

Written by Miss Garratt

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 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:

Tottenham Community Centre, Lions Club Room – 10 am – Tuesday December 7th and Wednesday December 15th

SCDSB Helps Parents & Educators Plan Transitions for Students with Special Education Needs
The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is hosting an event to help students, parents and educators plan transitions for students with special education needs. This event will be offered on Wed., January 12, 2011, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Barrie North Collegiate and on Tues., January 18th, 2011 from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at Twin Lakes Secondary School. Community agencies will highlight services available for planning these transitions. Information sessions will be presented and participants will receive the SCDSB’s “Planning Transitions for Students with Special Education Needs: A Handbook for Parents”. The handbook provides guiding questions, calendars of events and tips for supporting students. Event information is also available at www.scdsb.on.ca

Free Speech and Language Screening
Concerned about your child’s communication skills? Are you unsure if there is a problem or unclear where to go for help? Early assessment and treatment of communication disorders is essential. The Speech Clinic is pleased to offer brief speech and language screenings. All screening tests are FREE! CALL TODAY @ (705)725-1500 www.speechclinic.ca

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Learning Disabilities Association
INFORMATION SESSIONS 2011 DATES
Location: Zehrs - 472 Bayfield Street, Barrie
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Cost: Members – Free Non-Members - $5
Mondays, February 7, April 11, June 13, September 12, and November 7

If you have suggestions for our meetings or wish to have particular topics covered, we welcome your feedback. Please feel free to send us an e-mail or call the office.

Email: info@LDASC.com
Phone: 726-5553

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On behalf of the YMCA School Age staff we would like to wish all the Tec. Beeton Staff, Parents and Children a very safe and happy Holiday Season. The YMCA School Age program accepts children ages 4-12, before and after school. If interested please contact Dianne Sceviour at 905-936-6866.
DECEMBER – HEALTHY EATING TIP!
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 8 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.

We wish you a very Merry Holiday and a Happy New Year! See you January 3, 2011.