JANUARY: WE COMMIT TO OPTIMISM
We strive to maintain a positive attitude and have hope for the future.

From Madame Stringer

I would like to thank everyone who came to my retirement party at the school. The gifts and cards were so wonderful; I'll never forget the kindness and caring from the residents of Beeton. I have been so lucky to have wonderful students and their families with me during my career. May 2011 bring everyone health, happiness and good luck!!!

Love Madame

Intermediate Fundraiser
The intermediate students and staff would like to extend a sincere thanks to the parents who provided an incredible assortment of gifts for our Christmas Fundraiser. We would also like to thank all our school community who purchased tickets. The money will be used for our trips in June.

A Special Thank You!
We would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who brought in items for our Christmas gift and food drive. Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated.

Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten Registration will be held at Tecumseth Beeton School for the school year 2011-2012 on Friday, February 4, 2011 and Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Children born in 2007 (will be four years of age by December 31, 2011) are entitled to enrol. We require proof of your child's birth date and address, and request his/her record of immunization. Please call the school office (905-729-2631) to book an appointment.

Public Speaking Competitions
Everyone from grade one to eight is working on improving his or her public speaking skills. Formal speeches will be presented in the junior and intermediate classes this month. Just some reminders to help parents who are assisting their child. Speeches are to be three to five minutes in length and can be on any topic. It should not be a fantasy or creative writing exercise. Research can be in the form of a personal experience, books, magazines, computers, interviews etc. The speech should consist of an introduction, a main body or a sequence of events and a conclusion. “Thank-yous” should not be used at the end of the speech. Although humour is not mandatory it is an asset to maintain audience attention. The object of giving a speech is to entertain and educate your audience. In order to do this the material has to be interesting and the student has to deliver it clearly, audibly and with enough expression that the listeners can understand and follow along. The speeches need to be memorized. Microphones are not allowed so the student should practice projecting his or her voice. The teachers will discuss the format and ideas at school, but parent direction is certainly encouraged at home. The classroom speeches will be presented in our gym and our winners will be proceeding to the Legion competition in February. (The dates are not yet determined.)

Izzy Dolls
We are pleased to announce that we will be starting the Izzy Doll Knitting Club again this month. We will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at second break staring next Tuesday (January 11). Please join us!
Packing Lot Procedures
. Use the Kiss’n Ride lanes only
. Drop students off at the walk-way—not through parked cars
. Keep traffic moving forward
. If you need to stop/stay for any length of time, park in the visitor parking
. Students go to their designated playground areas from the closest walk-way. Please avoid the front sidewalk, as we would like to keep the front area clear for buses and vans.

Inclement Weather
It is Canada and it is winter. We do have to prepare for the colder temperatures. Parents are reminded to be sure your children are appropriately dressed for outside activities during our fitness breaks. Packing extra socks and mitts is a good idea in case the ones they are wearing get wet. We will shorten outside breaks if the wind chill factor is reported as – 28 C or lower. If your child is too ill to go out at breaks, please keep them at home. We are trying to keep the spread of cold and flu germs to a minimum. We also do not have sufficient staff to safely supervise students both inside and outside.

Bus operators (in our case Stock Transportation & please note that we are the “South” Zone) will decide in conjunction with the Board’s Manager of Transportation whether or not it is safe to cover their routes. The transit operations have the responsibility to provide details of any route cancellation to the radio stations. Radio stations B101 (101.1 FM – Barrie), Rock 95 (95.7 FM-Barrie) Energy Radio (93.1 FM, Barrie) and Christian Radio (100.3 FM) will carry our announcements.

If a bus route is cancelled, parents are reminded that if they bring their child(ren) to school, they will have to pick them up at the end of the day. Although the building remains open, staff members may be delayed in getting to school. Also if adverse weather conditions prevail, the school can be declared closed and emergency arrangements will have to be made for your child to return home. The safety of our students is always paramount. It is up to parents of students who walk to school to decide if it is safe for them to travel to school.

On days when our buses are cancelled, the safe arrival program will not run. Please do not call in on these days to report your child’s absence. As we have learned from the past, occasionally buses are cancelled in the middle of the day. Please make sure your child knows what to do in this situation. Having a reliable, trusted friend that lives within walking distance of the school is invaluable.

Family Literacy Day Friday, January 28
Our annual Family Literacy Day event will be held on Friday, January 28. This is a day when parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends can drop in anytime during the day and read with students in the school library. Siblings who do not have an adult to read with will have time to read in the gym. It is a fun filled day that everyone enjoys. Hope to see you there.

From the Library
January 24-28 is Literacy Week.

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JANUARY – ACTIVE FUN TIPS!

• Throw on a fun upbeat CD or turn on the radio and dance to the music for at least 10-15 minutes
• Take advantage of local community recreation and sport facilities
• Get up half an hour earlier in the morning and go for a walk together with your family
• Visit an outdoor centre and borrow some snowshoes
• Go bowling

Check it out: www.healthycanadians.ca

MENU IDEA for breakfast: whole wheat tortilla wrap with peanut butter and banana – milk (2% MF or less)

Peanut-Free Snack Ideas

Here are some snack ideas using foods from Canada’s Food Guide to Healthy Eating. Remember those notes you used to check the labels of any pre-packaged or prepared foods and any ingredients that you use in homemade foods.

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- Cheese
- Millipede (dip)
- Chips
- Pretzels
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Sandwich
- Raw vegetables
- Milk
- Juice
- Cereal
- Rice
- Bread
- Crackers
- Pasta
- Popcorn
- Hot dogs
- Sausages
- Cheese
- Cold cuts
- Pickles
- Relish
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- Chocolate
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905-729-0816

Or email: TecumsethBeeton@scdsb.on.ca

**Upcoming:**

- Feb 2&3: Winter Activity Days
- Feb 4&8: Kindergarten Registration
- Feb 7: School Council 6:30 pm
- Feb 21: Family Day
- Mar 14-18: March Break

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**Blogging at Tec Beeton:** [http://tbes.edublogs.org/](http://tbes.edublogs.org/)

On the front page of the blog is a link to the new hot lunch order form. **Hard copies will still be sent home.** However if one is lost, families can print an extra copy from home. This is in hopes of moving to having all order forms online but still providing hard copies to those without access to the internet. It is our intention to send all correspondence home this way in the upcoming new school year (2011-2012).