March 2012

MARCH: WE COMMIT TO Caring

We show kindness towards each other.

Principal's Message
I have just celebrated my second year as Principal at Tecumseth Beeton E.S. and they have been a great two years! The staff, students and parents make Tec. Beeton a very welcoming place and everyone’s energy and efforts have allowed us all to prosper in terms of academic, extra-curricular and overall community, culture and caring. In terms of academics we have been recognized as a Schools-Helping-Schools classification which is based on our steady level of improvement in school achievement over the last 3 years in EQAO and specifically in reading. The expectation is we are to assist other schools in sharing our best practices, when needed, with other schools to support them in improving their level of achievement in reading. As shared recently by EQAO data for the Board we are in the 83rd percentile of overall EQAO achievement! Way to go STINGERS! Of course, our teams and clubs continue to do well as demonstrated by our girls volleyball team winning the zones and will be proceeding to the Area finals this Saturday and our boys basketball went to the finals but were edged out in the end. Let’s not forget that hockey season is upon us and our school’s hockey team won the last 2 years so we look forward to another eventful season. Behavioural incidents are down for this time of year. So life is good! Thank you so much for your support over the past 2 years. It is an absolute pleasure to be at Tecumseth Beeton!

March Break
A reminder that our annual March Break will take place from March 12 to March 16, 2012. We hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break from the school routine and comes back to school eagerly anticipating the final term of our school year.

Kindergarten Registration
If you have a child born in 2008 and have not yet registered them for Kindergarten for next Fall, please call the school office to make an appointment. (905-729-2631)

Parking Lot reminder
Please keep traffic moving; stop and drop students off at the walkway across from the front door. Please park if you are going to be exiting your vehicle. Please use walkway in front of the school to travel between the parking lot and the school.

Public Speaking
The judges found it very difficult to select winners from a very strong field of junior and intermediate public speakers. Everyone is to be commended for the preparation involved in delivering a speech of such excellent quality. Way to go public speaking Stingers!

In the junior division, this year’s speeches were both informative and entertaining. It was very difficult to choose just one winner! But in the end, it had to be done, and Cal Marenguer and his speech about Life Lessons was our first place winner, Ainsleigh Stewart and her speech about Superstitions came in second, and Emma Jackson’s speech about Bethany Hamilton finished in third place.

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The intermediate speeches covered a wide range of topics this year. From 2012 and the Mayans to the question “why”, the audience was well informed and entertained. Though it wasn’t a walk in the park, the judges deliberated and, Hannah Coons and her speech about Idioms was selected as our first place winner, followed by Caitlin Goodman who spoke about Star Trek Gizmos in second place, and Leah Chiddenton and her speech about Wacky City Names finished in third place. Congratulations to all of our junior and intermediate public speakers.

On Sunday, February 5, Cal, Ainsleigh, Hannah and Leah represented our school at the Beeton Legion Public Speaking Competition. In the junior division, Ainsleigh finished in first place and Cal finished in second place. In the intermediate division, Hannah finished in first place and Leah finished in fifth place.
Hannah and Ainsleigh then moved on to the next level of competition in Shelburne on Feb. 19. Way to go!

Spring Photos
We are pleased to announce that Lifetouch Photography Studio will be here at Tecumseth Beeton for Spring Portraits and Kindergarten and Grade 8 Graduation photos on March 26 and 27. Flyers will be sent home in March.

March 26 - Grade 8 Grad Photos
March 26 - JA Kindergrad Photos
March 27 - JB Kindergrad Photos

Goodbye and Welcome:
We bid a fond farewell to Mme. Ashmore who has left on maternity leave. We wish you all the best!

Welcome to Mme. Woolfries as our new French teacher. We look forward to your time with us at Tecumseth Beeton.

Allergy Awareness
Please remember to check for allergen-free products when sending in items for classroom sharing. We continue to be supportive of students and staff that have allergy concerns. We remind everyone that we cannot accept baked goods for classroom use. There are several baked products available that carry the allergen-free symbol.

FROM THE LIBRARY
Thank you to all who purchased items at The Scholastic Book Fair. It was a huge success. Many new novels, picture books and graphic novels have been purchased and placed on the shelves already. Come check out the new books!

If your child received one or more A’s on his/her report card, he/she is able to receive one FREE comic book for each A at:

Big B Comics, 241 Essa Road
Barrie, Ontario, 705-739-1513
Check out their link at:

What a great incentive for our academics!

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM CROWNED ZONE CHAMPIONS!!!
Our ladies were fired up for the big tournament day.
A vision in sight, we were ready to play.

We started off great, Ernest Cumberland we beat.
Tosorontio was the next team, we were going to defeat.

We came out strong, our serves they were great.
Chasing every ball down, we didn’t hesitate.

We defeated Tos and Baxter, finishing first in our pool.
Implementing all of our strategies and volleyball tools.

To the playoffs we went, against A.U.P.S.
To determine who would be, the best of the best.

We won two games straight, to the Championship we would go.
To give our Stinger fans, an amazing volleyball show.

We wanted the win, we gave it our all.
Our amazing three hit play, we dove for every ball.

Congratulations ladies, you were the Champions of the day.
With your exemplary skill and volleyball play.

Good luck at Areas, let’s continue our winning streak.
Bringing home the banner, we so anxiously seek.

Way to go ladies!! We accomplished our goal of Zone Champions. Your coaches and Stinger community are very proud of you. Let’s keep up our momentum and win the banner at Areas. This is the team that will do it!!!
Congratulations Salynn S.T, Erin B., Adrienne D., Hope M., Natalie W., Caitlin G., Kassie A.K., Ashley W., Maggie M., Hannah C., and Haley S.T.

Coaches J. Garratt and S. Twine

Hot Lunches
You will have received April & May’s hot lunch order form on Monday Feb. 27th.
Please ensure they are completed and returned to your child’s homeroom teacher by March 9th. Late orders cannot be accepted. We look forward to serving you!

**Communication**

Communication is the key to success in anything we do. Most conflict arises from a miscommunication or lack thereof. We are constantly looking for ways to improve upon our level of communication. As forms of communication we have the school newsletter, school blog, phones, fax, e-mail, we will have our Screenscape soon as a method of communication in our front lobby and we will be getting SYREVOICE SCHOOLCONNECTS in the next month or two which will allow us to communicate en masse via e-mail and / or phone to our school community about things such as announcements of upcoming special events (e.g. meet the teacher BBQ, Math-Phys.Ed. & EQAO night), distribution of school newsletters, reminders of outstanding library books, etc.

I would like to provide an example of how communication with the school helped prevent an altercation from becoming serious. A concerned adult in our community contacted me when they heard of a pending altercation after school and off of school property with some of our students. With the information I was able to get over to the park where this was to occur to prevent the altercation and talk to the students involved. This community member is to be commended for informing us as quickly as they did to prevent this situation. I would like to ask that everyone in our school community put the school’s phone number and / or e-mail address (905-729-2631 and / or TecumsethBeeton@scdsb.on.ca); e-mail reaches more people in the school in a timely fashion, into their cell phones so that we may be contacted as soon as possible when something of significance has a direct and immediate impact on anyone in our school community. If it is of a serious nature please also do not hesitate to contact Emergency Services at 911 to get assistance, if required.

Another form of communication ‘ESSENTIAL’ to our success is please take the time to talk to your child(ren) about school. Research shows that parent involvement in student learning makes huge gains in student learning and achievement as parents are students’ first teachers. (Fullan & Sharratt 2010) Reading 20 minutes per day with your child or having them read independently, if possible, will have huge impacts on their reading levels. James Patterson, author of “We Can Get Our Kids Reading”, says the trick is finding the books to get your kids reading and to make sure they read them. The following websites are great links to seek out books that will get kids reading www.ReadKiddoRead.com, www.GuysRead.com, http://www.oprah.com/packages/kid-reading-list.html or www.DropEverythingandRead.com. When your child is reading, use a “Pause, Prompt, Praise” approach:

a. **Pause**: If your child stops at a difficult word, then pause briefly. Wait for a few moments (count to five, silently and slowly) to give your child the opportunity to figure out the word.

b. **Prompt**: If your child cannot read the word or does not read it correctly, ask him or her to “Try again” or ask “What word would make sense?” or say “Look at the picture”. If your child still cannot read the word correctly after two different prompts, say the word and ask him or her to repeat it. Continue with the reading.

c. **Praise**: When your child reads the difficult word correctly, praise him or her for reading the word without help.

For students in Grades 3 and 6 we will be sending home prep booklets to utilize at home as we prepare and train for EQAO. We want to harness the energy our students expend on other extra-curricular pursuits to excel at academic excellence and achieve ‘Academic Gold’ once again.

Sincerely,

Greg Jacobs
Principal, Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School
905-729-2631 x 27403

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**NOTICE TO STUDENTS AND LEGAL CUSTODIANS OF STUDENTS REGARDING OUT OF AREA REQUESTS**

Under the Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school.

**Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as space is available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the attendance areas.**

Even with this permission, however, the responsibility for transportation to and from school is borne by the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.
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**March Break**

**Upcoming:**
- April 2 – School Council 6:30 pm
- April 6 – Good Friday
- April 9 – Easter Monday
- May 21 – Victoria Day
- June 8 – PA Day
- June 27 – Graduation

- **Safe Arrival**
  905-729-2631

- **School Office**
  905-729-2631

**Please don’t forget**

**We’re a Nut Free School**
June 28 – Last Day of School