Welcome Mr. Stevenato
We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Stevenato will be joining the staff of Tecumseth Beeton on Monday, November 7, 2011 as our new Vice Principal. Welcome, Mr. Stevenato! We all look forward to meeting you.

At this time, we would also like to thank Mrs. Clarke, our acting Vice Principal, for all her hard work and assistance. We will miss you!

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We are trying to cut down on our amount of paper usage. If you would like to assist us in our environmental initiative, please email Mr. Jacobs at gjacobs@scdsb.on.ca with the following information:

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It is recommended that students receive between 8 & 10 hours of sleep per night for a healthy body and mind. Please ensure that your child(ren) are getting the recommended amount.

Allergy Awareness
Celebrations are always important for everyone. However, we must be alert to the needs and safety of everyone in our school, including those with life threatening allergies to food items. As a result, treats being sent to school for celebrations, like birthdays, need to be allergen free. It is difficult to monitor home-made items like cupcakes and squares and we ask that homemade treats not be brought into the school.

There are many commercial products now available with the Nut-free symbol, including cupcakes, mini cakes, cookies and bars. Some suggestions include:

- President’s Choice – Cereal Bars, Granola Bars & Lunch Box Packs
- Treasure Mills – School Safe Brownie Bars
- Celebration Cupcakes
- Sha Sha Co – Cocoa Snaps
- Nestle – 50 Favourite Snack Size Treats
NEW MATH HOMEWORK CLUB

Commencing immediately, all Mathematics students in Grades 7 to 10 can access live interactive online math help to support achievement in Mathematics.

Homework Help is a free online tool for students to access real-time Mathematics tutoring and is available Sunday to Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The project is funded by the Ministry of Education, delivered by qualified Ontario Mathematics teachers and is without cost.

Students can register for the program by completing the online registration form at the Homework Help website (http://homeworkhelp.ilc.org). Please note that students require their Ontario Education Number (OEN) to register located on all report cards.

First Term Progress Reports
Students will be bringing their progress reports home on Friday, November 11.

Volunteering in Schools
Just a reminder that when a parent wants to volunteer in another school and remain on our schools approved volunteer list, Transfer Form 2011-2012:34 Form 3 must be completed. Indicate on the form that you want to stay on both school lists. An Offence Declaration form must be completed each year for each school. If the Offence Declaration is not completed by Dec. 31, 2011 as of Jan. 1st your name will be deleted from our approved volunteer list.

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. 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.

Remembrance Day Assembly

We are planning a time of remembrance for Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School on Friday, November 11th at 10:35. All are welcome to attend.

Our local Royal Canadian Legion invites our school community to be part of their Remembrance Day ceremony on Sunday, November 6, 2011. You are asked to gather at the Legion for 9:00 a.m. and from there march to St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church for a 9:45 service. Following the Church service, the parade will regroup and march to the Cenotaph for 11:00 a.m.
**Food and Beverage Policy**

Schools across Ontario implemented the Ministry of Education’s School Food and Beverage Policy (PPM 150) on September 1, 2011. This policy applies to all food and beverages **sold** on school property, including cafeterias and vending machines, through all programs, including catered lunches (lunch programs), and at all school-sanctioned events, on school property, including bake sales and sporting events. SCDSB has worked with community food providers across Simcoe County to create a Vendors of Record list to support schools and school councils with determining which food(s) and beverages comply with the new Ministry of Education Policy. Vendors on this list meet all food and beverage guidelines, and foods and beverages on this list can be ordered from these Vendors of Record for school lunch programs and other school-related events. When schools and school councils order products from the Vendors of Record list, they must also take into consideration any possible food allergies that exist within their school communities. In selecting food and beverages from the Vendors of Record list, principals will need to work with school councils to consider specific allergens identified in their school community and order products accordingly. This may involve contacting the Vendor of Record to see if that allergen is an ingredient in the products they wish to offer for sale. **If a potential food allergen is not an ingredient of any particular food or beverage product, it is reasonable to expect that the product does not contain the allergen in the list of ingredients, it is safe to provide to students.** This process does not include tracing allergens to their point of origin.

**Remember to keep checking your child’s head for lice!**

If you find your child has head lice, please contact the school office. Let’s work together to reduce the spread of this nuisance.

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**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

A very special thank you goes out to all the families who generously sent in food donations for our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We had an overwhelming amount to give to our local food bank, which serves many families.

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**A Friendly Reminder**

Our office is always a very busy place, especially at the end of the day! **Please make special “going home” arrangements with your child, and advise your child’s teacher in a note using the agenda.** Recently we have been receiving numerous calls “at the last minute” regarding alternate home arrangements for students. We cannot guarantee that messages regarding alternate arrangements will be relayed accurately or on time at the end of the day. We would also recommend that you keep your child’s routines simple to avoid mix-ups in meeting places with babysitters and older siblings. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Also we want to remind you that students need written permission from a parent to go **HOME** for lunch during the 2nd break.

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**Picture Retake Day**

Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

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**Usborne Book Fair – November 17**

We will be having an Usborne Book Fair in the library on November 17th. Students will preview some books and have the chance to order books during the day and as well during the Student Led Conferences that night. It should take only about a week or so for the delivery to arrive at the school. The more books we sell, the more books we get for the school library. Hope to see you there! (P.S… We will be having a Scholastic Book fair in the New Year!)
**Ontario Early Years**

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 November 8th and Wednesday November 16th
- DA Jones Library, Beeton – 10:30am – Friday November 11th and Tuesday November 15th

**Parenting Workshop in Beeton**

*Parenting – the hardest job you will ever have!* Get some new tools for your parenting journey by attending Triple P Positive Parenting Program seminars. These seminars cover basic parenting concerns such as: discipline, encouraging cooperation, self-esteem, emotional resilience, and much more!

- Week One – The Power of Positive Parenting
- Week Two – Raising Confident, Competent Children

**Week Three – Raising Resilient Children**

**Two choices to attend!**
- Wednesdays November 16th, 23rd and 30th 7 to 9pm at Holy Family School in Alliston
- Thursdays November 17th, 24th and December 1st 7 to 9pm at Monsignor Ronan School in Beeton.

Please choose either date or location and register by calling OEYC Alliston 705-435-4308.

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**Volleyball**

**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS MY FRIENDS...**

Yes, that's right Tecumseth Beeton, On Friday October 21, our Junior Boys' Volleyball squad traveled to Bradford to compete in the Falconfest tournament. The boys were pumped and came out strong, winning our first six games. Competition heightened and despite our shortened bench, our Stinglers gained momentum as they advanced to the playoffs. The first game was against Fieldcrest and we blew the Falcons away quickly putting us in the finals against Fred. C. Cook, a team who beat us earlier on in round robin play. With a thirst for the win, we executed our best volleyball skills, but it was our enthusiasm that led us to the big victory. Congratulations boys for being named tournament CHAMPIONS!!! Enjoy your medals and wear them proud.

Our season finale took place on Wednesday October 26, when our champion squad competed in the Zone Finals in Alliston. Although we got off to
Protect You and Your Family From the Flu

Influenza is a potentially serious illness, which is different from the common cold or the stomach flu. The virus spreads easily from person to person – especially children. People who get influenza usually feel quite unwell, and may have a fever, chills, cough, runny eyes, stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness and fatigue. Children can also have earaches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. The best way to prevent the flu and protect you and your family is by getting your annual flu shot. New this year, the Health Unit’s community flu clinics will be by appointment. For more information about this year’s flu shot and to book your appointment, visit the health unit’s website at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org and click on “Book Your Flu Shot Online” hot button.

YMCA Healthy Schools Initiative

NOVEMBER – HEALTHY HABITS!

The new Food Guide recommends limiting:
- foods and beverages high in calories, fat, sugar or salt
- saturated fats from fatty meats, butter, lard, shortening and hard margarines
- trans fats in such foods as doughnuts, cookies and other baked goods
- salt (sodium)
- sugar in such items as soft drinks and desserts

Check it out: www.healthycanadians.ca

SNACK IDEA for after school: whole grain low fat fruit muffin

We will be continuing to collect Campbell Soup labels again this year to acquire free items for the classrooms and playground. Labels can be sent into the school office. Stay tuned; we will let you know in next month’s Beeton Buzz what items we are hoping to get.

MOVEMBER

A number of male staff are growing facial hair in awareness of Men’s Health and specifically, prostate cancer. If you wish to make a donation to this cause, please send monies into your child(ren)’s classrooms.
Tec Beeton E.S.
November 2011

Don’t forget to call the safe arrival line to report your child’s absence.
905-729-2631 or email: TecumsethBeeton@scdsb.on.ca

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We commit to Courage

Up and coming:
Kindergarten Concert: Dec 15–6:30
Dec. 26 - Jan.6: Christmas Break
Family Day: February 20