NOVEMBER: WE COMMIT TO INCLUSIVENESS
We include everyone in what we do and value their unique contributions.

EQAO ASSESSMENT
The results of the EQAO Assessment for the 2009-2010 school year are listed below. As well as the overall results, the school receives a great deal of detailed information which helps us to focus our next steps in teaching in the development of our school improvement plan. At Tecumseth Beeton, we will continue to focus on literacy, particularly the Ontario Language Curriculum Specific Expectations 1.4 Demonstrating Understanding and 1.6 Extending Understanding. Look for Stars (Strengths) and Arrows (Next Steps) that you may see coming home on student work. This will show what your child is doing well and what they should work on to improve their learning. We continue to look at closing the gender gap in learning as we look for ways to improve boy’s literacy skills. Continued reading and writing with your child at home will also help strengthen skills and we appreciate parents as partners for learning.

PERCENTAGE OF ALL STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE THE PROVINCIAL STANDARD (LEVELS 3 AND 4), 2009-2010

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This year’s EQAO results show an increase in all areas over that of last year.

In Grade 3:  
- Reading we ↑ 12%
- Writing we ↑ 10%
- Mathematics ↑ 13%

In Grade 6:  
- Reading we ↑ 4%
- Writing we ↑ 24%
- Mathematics ↑ 11%

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

First Term Progress Reports
Students will be bringing their progress reports home on Friday, November 12.
**Remembrance Day Assembly**

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

**NEW WEATHER ZONES FOR SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATIONS**

(We are in the SOUTH ZONE)

Winter driving conditions can be challenging in Simcoe County and severe inclement weather sometimes requires the cancellation of school bus runs. Weather conditions are not always predictable and do not always follow a specific pattern. Decisions to cancel school bus runs are based on information from a number of sources before 6:00 a.m. that morning. To limit bus cancellations if weather conditions warrant, the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium (SCSTC) has developed ‘Inclement Weather Zones’. These four new zone areas have been determined with consideration to weather patterns, school catchment areas, routes that cross over catchment areas and special needs transportation. The implementation of four weather zones - North, South, Central and West - will allow for partial cancellations. For example, when the weather in the Collingwood area is such that it is not safe for the buses to travel the roads, then buses in the West Weather Zone would be cancelled, while the buses in remaining three zones would continue to run. No school belongs in more than one zone. Zone designations will be reviewed yearly to ensure that schools have been categorized appropriately. Notification of bus cancellations will continue to be made via your school board’s website and media announcements.

**Bus cancellations messages will be relayed in the following ways:**

If weather is severe in only part of the County, then the weather zones will come into effect. The media will announce: “All School Buses have been cancelled in SOUTH Weather Zone.” If weather is severe throughout the entire County of Simcoe, then the media will announce: “All School Buses in Simcoe County are cancelled.” Please note: **Schools are open for learning** when buses are cancelled, unless stated otherwise. This information will also be posted on our school board’s website: www.scdsb.on.ca

**Equity and Inclusive Education Policy and Procedures**

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is committed to an equitable education system that upholds and reflects the principles of fair and inclusive education. You may view the SCDSB’s Equity and Inclusive Education policies and procedures at www.scdsb.on.ca (under the “Board Highlights” menu tab). These procedures include a Religious Accommodation Guideline which outlines individuals’ rights and responsibilities and emphasizes the board’s commitment to providing an environment that is inclusive and free of barriers based on creed or religion. Please contact your principal if you do not have access to the Internet and wish to obtain copies of this policy and procedures.

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

We have not had many cases of head lice in our school. Keep up the good work! If you find your child has head lice, please contact the school office. Let’s work together to reduce the spread of this nuisance.

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

A very special thank you 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 over 70 families. The Food Bank has said that this was their best food drive to date. Way to go Tec. Beeton!

**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.

**School Blog/Website News**

Check out our school website at http://tbes.edublogs.org/ or you can use our former address at http://tbe.scdsb.on.ca and be redirected to our new site.
We are trying to update our new blog daily with the morning announcements and any news from classroom teachers and/or divisions. A team of students from the Intermediate and Junior divisions are faithfully working together to update the site as much as they can each day.

Upcoming news is listed on the front page for your convenience. Specific details for your child’s division and/or classroom will be listed under Primary, Junior or Intermediate at the top of the blog. Info regarding sports teams may be found under the appropriate division heading. Click on the Announcements link to see what was said in today’s morning announcements. The school address, phone number and Safe Arrival number, as well as the names of our staff, can be located under the Staff Contacts link, also found at the top of the blog.

We are hoping this new webpage will become a helpful tool in communicating information to students, parents and staff.

Santa Claus Parade

Our school will be participating in the Santa Claus Parade again this year. It will be on November 27th at 11:00 am. Students are asked to join the parade and represent our school. Please contact Mrs. Marengeur in the library for more details.

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 3 at 9:00 a.m. Parents with students on the Kindergarten B schedule can bring their children in if they wish a retake.

Homework Club

Tec. Beeton has a Homework Club!
What: A quite place to get your work done or get help with homework
Who: Students in grades three to eight
How: Teachers are there to help
When: Regularly, from Monday to Thursday, from 3:30 to 4:00

Ontario Early Years Centre - Alliston

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 9th and Wednesday November 17th
- DA Jones Library, Beeton – 10:30am – Friday November 5th and Tuesday November 16th

Triple P Parenting Workshops are being offered this month in Alliston. There are three seminars in the series:
1. The Power of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children
Wednesdays November 3rd, 10th, 24th from 7 to 9pm at Ernest Cumberland Elementary School in Alliston
These seminars are free. Please call OEYC Alliston, 705 435 4308, to sign up or for more details.

Where: The school library
There’s no sign up or attendance. Students can just drop in whenever they are in need.

Student Immunization

All students in Ontario are required by law to be immunized against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria and polio or have a valid exemption on file at their health unit. Students in our school are being assessed at present and those students that are not up-to-date will have suspension orders mailed home. It is important that the requested information be given to the health unit or these students can be suspended from school until the information is received. If you have any questions please contact the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit at (705) 721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 ext. 8807. Further information is available at www.simcoemuskokahealth.org
# Tec Beeton P.S.
## November 2010

Don’t forget to call the **safe arrival line** to report your child’s absence.

905-729-0816 or email: TecumsethBeeton@scdsb.on.ca

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Up and coming:

- Christmas Arts Night : Dec 9 – 5:00-7:30
- Kindergarten Concert: Dec 16 – 6:30
- Christmas Break : Dec 18-Jan 2
- Family Day: February 21