Welcome To Our New School Year!! This is your first monthly newsletter of the 2011-2012 school year. The Beeton Buzz will be published each month and it will be sent home with the oldest child. Be sure to take time to read it. It will contain a good deal of information about your school – its goals, special events, policies and curricula.

Our first bell rings at 9:03 am. If you are dropping off students in the morning, we have continued the ‘Kiss and Ride’ area that will be supervised by staff in front of the main entrance. Please ensure that your child(ren) use the main walkway at this location. If you are parking to bring your child into the school yard, we are dedicating the parking row closest to the road for this use. The circle near the portables is just for staff use. We are also asking that kindergarten parents say goodbye to their child outside the gate and do not enter the kindergarten yard at the beginning or end of the day.

We will be continuing our school wide initiative to improve reading comprehension skills for all of our students. To do this, every class will be having a hundred minute block of uninterrupted comprehensive literacy instruction. In numeracy we will be establishing uninterrupted math time to implement the 3 part model to solving mathematic problems. We will be attempting to minimize any disruptions during this time. We have a drop off table inside the front office for parents delivering lunches or forgotten school items for this purpose.

The annual Beeton Fair is part of that proud tradition. Please come out and join us Saturday, September 17th for the parade.

We have had a great start and look forward to a positive school year!

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**School Hours**

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*This is the time students, with written permission, may leave school property for lunch since there is a crossing guard on duty.

The Kindergarten schedule continues to be on an ‘A’ or ‘B’ day cycle while this year our Grade 1 – 8 classes are now on a 5 day rotary system and not a Monday to Friday Schedule. So the first day of school was a Day 1 and the following Monday is a Day 5 in the schedule until the cycle is changed due to a holiday or professional development day.
Welcome New Staff to Tec Beeton
We welcome the following new staff to Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School: Mrs. Clarke (VP), Ms. Mackenzie (gr. 4/5), Ms. Sisson (Kindergarten), Ms. Reiber (planning time & French), Ms. Ashmore (French), Ms. A. Friesen (planning time), Ms. Cadieux (planning time) and Ms. Snyder van der Zee (EA).

Meet the Teacher BBQ
Thursday, September 22, 2011
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Student Agendas
This year the SCDSB has provided every student from Kindergarten to Grade 8 with a student agenda. The cost of the agendas has been covered by our school budget so there will be no cost to families. The agenda comes with many valuable references concerning school and Board regulations and codes of behaviour. Please take a few minutes to read through the agenda with your child(ren). We have enclosed with this newsletter, a Permission and Acknowledgement Form as well as a lunch permission form for you to sign and return to your child’s teacher. Most of the information pertaining to these forms is included in the school agenda.

A REMINDER
Promptness is a virtue. It is very important that our students all arrive at school on time. The first bell rings at 9:03 for the students to line up. Unfortunately several students have been arriving late. This causes a disruption when they enter the classroom and increases the work of our office and safe arrival volunteers. Let’s correct this quickly. We would also like to remind parents that if students are ill, please keep them home to protect the health of their fellow students.

Please call our safe arrival line @905-729-2631 to report your child’s absence or email tbe.scdsb.on.ca

School Council
All schools in Ontario have an advisory board called the School Council that is mandated to meet at least four times a year to give guidance to the school administration and the board. All parents are encouraged to become active with council either as a voting member or as an observer. At Tec Beeton we have 15 voting members, including a staff representative and a community representative. The other 13 positions are open to any parent or guardian at this school. If you are interested in becoming a voting member you must fill out an application form, available at the office. If more people than the required number apply, the elected members are then chosen by the school’s parents. This election process will be held at the School Council Meeting on September 26 at 6:30 p.m. (following our second volunteer orientation). The deadline for applications is 3:30 pm on September 16, 2011. Your application must be in the office at this time.

Medication
A reminder to the legal custodians of any student required to take medication during school hours. A completed Request for Administration of Medication form is required to be filled in every school year. No medication whatsoever, including “over the counter” medication should be at school without prior permission and supervision. Please contact the school office if you require a new form.

Nut Allergies
We do have several staff and students within our school who are allergic to nuts. We would like to take every precaution possible to avoid risk to these individuals. Please help us by
avoiding foods in lunches that contain any nut or seed products. Also please do not send in home baking to be shared with the whole class.

INDOOR FOOTWEAR
For health reasons, and to maintain cleanliness in our classrooms, students are requested to have indoor shoes to wear while they are inside their classrooms. This helps keep the classroom and gym floors in safe condition and the school clean. It also acts as a safety feature so that students have footwear on their feet in case of emergency exit routines.

Head Lice
We will continue with head lice checks this year which will be conducted by the Lice Squad. Please send in $3.00 again this year to help cover the cost. Our first checks will be on October 12 & 13. Working together will keep head lice in check. All families please continue to do regular head checks and treat their child if lice are found. There is a Head Lice Treatment Instruction sheet available at the school office or at www.simcoethealth.org, click on Health Topics then Parenting, then Facts of Lice. Or call the Health Connection Line at 1-877-721-7520. Please let the school office know if you find your child(ren) have lice.

Thank you!
Have you noticed the superb artwork on the sidewalk as you come through our front door? It is amazing! Thank you to the artist, one of our parents, Amy Roberts. You did an excellent job, Mrs. Roberts!

Also a big thank you to Don Bcnakowski who so graciously donated a handmade bench he made to our outdoor classroom. It will be enjoyed by many students for a long time!

Volunteer Orientation
September 22 AT 9:30 a.m.
OR
September 26 at 6:00 p.m.

One of things that make Tec Beeton such an educationally wonderful environment is the concerned community. Volunteers are a crucial part of this partnership. If you are interested, please request a form from your child’s teacher. We can always use extra people to read with students or extra hands to help with other parts of our program. Please remember that not all of the jobs that volunteers do occur through the school day. Teachers frequently could use assistance with things that you could do at home (such as art projects or paperwork). Also volunteers are needed for any class trips. Now our volunteers must have a police check—including a vulnerable sector check. If you have completed this in the past and are on our approved volunteer list, you only need to complete a declaration form (available in the school office). Please come by to sign your declaration before September 30. As always, we are mandated to have a volunteers’ orientation session. We are holding two sessions this year; Thursday, September 22 at 9:30 a.m. and the other on Monday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. (You need only attend one). Attendance at the orientation is required prior to beginning volunteering in the school.

Student Information Sheets will go home for updating. Please return these forms to us immediately. It is imperative that we have up to date information for your child.
HOT LUNCH
Stay tuned for information coming home soon about our hot lunch program.

Beeton Fall Fair
September 16, 17 & 18
Beeton Fall Fair Parade
Please join us in the parade on Saturday, September 17. Students will meet in front of the school at 10:15. We will walk over to the Simcoe County Garage buildings, across from the Foodland Plaza. All students who wish to join the parade must have a parent accompanying them. All participants in the parade will get free entry into the fair grounds. Hope to see you there!

School grounds smoke-free 24/7
An important reminder to our school community that under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act it is against the law for any person to hold lit tobacco or smoke anywhere on school property at any time. We ask that this law be respected when visiting the property for school performances, graduations, sports events and while waiting to pick students up. Your positive role modeling encourages students to obey the law and supports the work we are doing to help youth make healthy lifestyle choices.

YMCA Healthy ACTIVE Schools initiative
SEPTEMBER – SAFE SCHOOLS!
The school, parents, and community must work together to support students make positive choices. Together we need to stop the bullying that is already happening and prevent students who bully or those who are targets, from starting down that road. Your children will have questions about bullying. Talk to your school about resources.

Check it out:
www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/safeschools.html

Stand Up – Reach Out – Tell Someone

HPV/HEP B
The Simcoe County District Health unit will be at our school on Wednesday, September 21 to administer Hep B vaccinations to our grade seven students and HPV vaccinations to our grade eight girls. Permission forms and information sheets will come home shortly. Information about these vaccines can be found on the Simcoe County District Health Unit’s website at simcoemuskokahealth.org.

Thanksgiving Food Drive
We will be holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive from September 26-October 6 to assist local families in need. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Bank on Friday, October 7, 2011. Please send in your donation prior to Friday. Thank you for your continued support.

School Photos
Life Touch Studios will be at our school on Wednesday, October 5 (KA-Gr.5) and Thursday October 6 (KB & Gr.6-8). Flyers will go home prior to these dates.

Please make sure you return the following forms to the homeroom teacher by Friday, September 9:

➢ Permissions and Acknowledgements
➢ Lunch Time Procedure
➢ Acknowledgement of Student Insurance Form
# Tec-Beeton Calendar

## September 2011

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**Upcoming:**
- Beeton Fall Fair: September 16, 17, 18
- Fire Trailer Pres: October 3 & 4
- School Photos: October 5 & 6 (Retake Nov. 8 @9:00)
- Thanksgiving: October 10
- P.A. Day: October 24th
Tecumseth Beeton Elementary School  2011-2012  PERMISSIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

STUDENT’S NAME:  (Last Name) ______________________ (First Name) ______________________

Please indicate your understanding of/permission for each of the following:

YES/NO  I checked the information on the Student Verification Sheet and updated it and returned it to the school.

Init

YES/NO  We have discussed the school’s GOALS, CODE OF BELIEFS AND EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS’ CODE OF CONDUCT and are aware of the expectations for behaviour. (Note: Failure to discuss/sign does not absolve your child from his/her initial need to comply.)

Init

YES/NO  We have discussed and are aware of the ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES for information technology (use of internet/computer) followed at Tecumseth Beeton E.S.

Init

YES/NO  My child’s name, work and/or photo may be displayed in the school newsletter, yearbook, classrooms, hallways, graduation/concert programs. If there is media coverage (newspaper, radio, TV) of a school-based activity, my child’s name and/or photo may appear.

Init

YES/NO  I give permission for my child to walk to the Beeton Manor with their teacher on the selected class visit days. Notice of this would be given prior to the event.

Init

YES/NO  I give permission for my child to participate in a head-lice screening program conducted by trained personnel from Lice Squad. I have sent in my $3.00 per child to cover this cost.

Init

YES/NO  I understand that Tecumseth Beeton E.S. strives to ‘Reduce the Risk’ of allergic reactions by not bringing peanut and tree nut products to our facility. I agree not to knowingly send any food to school containing these products and will not send in any home baking to the school.

Init

YES/NO  I understand arrival/dismissal routines. The schoolyard is supervised by staff beginning 8:50 a.m. Students should not arrive or be dropped off prior to this time. Dismissal time is 3:25 p.m. Supervision of students not taking the bus home is not provided after 3:45 p.m. All playground equipment is out of bounds both before and after school hours.

Init

YES/NO  I give permission for my child to be included in the Safe Arrival Program. I am responsible for calling in my child’s absence by 9:05 a.m. Parent volunteers will have access to home/work/emergency numbers should it be necessary to investigate the unexpected absence of my child. I understand the Safe Arrival Program does NOT operate on inclement weather days.

Init

YES/NO  I have completed and returned the Waiver of Students Insurance Form that states that I have either purchased Student Accident Insurance through Reliable Life Ins. Co. for this student OR I have Extended Health and Dental benefits through another carrier or workplace OR I decline to insure the above-named student. I fully understand that the SCDSB does not provide accident insurance for student injuries that occur on school premises during school activities, including but not limited to ambulance fees, crustches, casts, splints, rehabilitation, dental surgery or other. I understand that participation in extra-curricular athletics presents a higher risk of injury to the above-named student.

Init

Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________ Student Signature ___________________________

Email address: ___________________________ Date signed: ___________________________

*PLEASE RETURN TO THE HOMEROOM TEACHER NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011. THANK YOU.
September 2011

LUNCH TIME PROCEDURE

Dear Parents:

In order to promote the safety of our students we are asking that you complete the form below letting us know whether or not your child is going to remain at school during the lunch break (1:05 – 1:45 PM) for this school year.

Student’s Name ____________________________________________________________

Teacher’s Name __________________________________________________________

Please check off one of the following options:

☐ My child will remain at school for lunch breaks every day Monday-Friday unless I send a signed note allowing them to leave on a particular day

☐ My child has my permission to leave school property for lunch breaks (1:05 – 1:45 PM), from Monday-Friday inclusive.

Please be advised that whenever students leave school with parental permission, parents are fully responsible for their child.

Kindly have your child return this form signed by September 9th.

________________________________________
(Parent’s Signature)

Should you have any questions or concerns related to this form, please contact me at 905-729-2631.

Sincerely,

Greg Jacobs
Principal

PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 9 TO THE HOMEROOM TEACHER

Simcoe County District School Board