September 2010
Newsletter # 1

Welcome To Our New School Year!! This is your first monthly newsletter of the 2010-2011 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 now 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 now 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. 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 18th for the parade.

We have had a great start and look forward to a positive school year! The new wing is still having some finishing touches completed, our library is getting back into shape (if anyone is able to support us by volunteering time in our library it would be greatly appreciated) and the students new to us from Tecumseth North are well on their way to making Tecumseth Beeton their new home. So once again thank you to all the efforts of staff, students, parents and volunteers for getting us off to such a great start.

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### School Hours

**We are on a Balanced School Day.**

**Our hours are:**

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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. Enclosed is a school...
Meet the Teacher BBQ
Thursday, September 23, 2010
6:30 – 8:30 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 for you to sign and return to school. Most of the information on this form 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.

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 (come in or have your child request one). 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 27 at 6:30 p.m. (following our second volunteer orientation). The deadline for applications is 3:30 pm on September 17, 2010. 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 children. 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.

Please call our safe arrival line @905-729-0816 to report your child’s absence.

For Parenting Workshops, visit
www.thelearningcentres.com
parenting@thelearningcentres.com
We will be featuring monthly information about allergies and safe practices to address allergies in public places. This month we have included a full page of information describing anaphylaxis. We also have a display in our front hall with information and safe school snacks. Have a look the next time you are in.

**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 be holding two head lice checks this year on October 13 & 14 which will be conducted by the Lice Squad. 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.simcoehealth.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) to have lice.

**Volunteer Orientation**
September 24 AT 9:30 a.m.  
OR  
September 27 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 orientations this year; one on Friday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m. and the other on Monday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. (You need only to attend one). Attendance at the orientation is required prior to beginning volunteering in the school.

**LIBRARY – UPDATE**
Our library is being put back together from the water damage over the summer. It is almost fully functional.

*We would like to thank all of the assistants we have had in the library thus far. We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Darlene Manley, Mr. Doug Kowalinski, Ms. Linda Spurr-Davies, Mrs. Irene Graham, Ms. Christine Barrett, Frederick Jessop and Mr. Tim Marengeur for assisting with*
putting the library back together. More assistance will be needed to catalogue books throughout the year. Please contact our librarian, Mrs. Marenguer, if you could spare some time to help out with the rest of the work.

HOT FOOD LUNCH COORDINATOR
We would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Jayne Vanplew for her many years of dedicated service in this program which enables our students to receive hot foods throughout the school year.

Mrs. Olendy has graciously offered to take over the organizing and delivery of food for this program to enable Mrs. Vamplew to redirect her time to other activities.

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2010-2011
Mandarin ~ German ~ Greek ~ Japanese ~ Korean ~ Russian ~ Spanish ~ Vietnamese
Class Location: Barrie Learning Centre
When: Saturday mornings
Time: 9:00am to 11:30am
Students: All students in Grade 1 to Grade 8
Cost: Free
How to Register:
- In person, Saturday, October 2, 2010, with proof of age
- 9:00am to 11:30am
- Barrie Learning Centre, Bayfield Mall, (Bayfield Street & Hwy 400)
- 320 Bayfield Street, Barrie
- Most classes fill quickly and are established on a first come first served basis.

Beeton Fall Fair
September 17, 18 & 19
Beeton Fall Fair Parade
Please join us in the parade on Saturday, September 18. 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. Permission forms will be available next week from Mrs. Marenguer. Returned forms can be dropped off to Mrs. Marenguer, the librarian. The parade is scheduled to start at 10:30. 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.

SEPTEMBER – BULLYING PREVENTION
Bullying is not a new problem. However, there is a strong commitment to do something about bullying. 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 who are targets, from starting down that road.
Check it out: www.prevnet.ca

Kerry's Place Workshop
Title: Asperger's in the Teen Years - this too shall pass
Presenter: Margot Nelles, President /CEO and Consultant with aspergeretal
Time: 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Date: Wednesday Sept. 15, 2010
Location: New Tecumseth Recreation Centre - RR 4 7300 Industrial Parkway, Alliston
*Light refreshments will be provided.
Workshop Description: This workshop will focus on some of the main issues that will arise in the teen years and will touch on various topics such as depression, anxiety, sexuality, school avoidance, peer interaction and effective strategies for parents. This is an interactive workshop and participants are encouraged to ask questions and share experiences. Registration: online at <http://www.kerrysplace.org/respitetraining>

FREE training workshops covering a variety of topics designed specifically for Respite Workers, parents, family & friends and agency staff.