



# At The Beech

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a remarkable year!

This year at Beechgrove our motto is "learn something new everyday and be kind". This is certainly the case at this wonderful school filled with eager students and amazing staff. We feel very fortunate to be part of the Beechgrove community and thank everyone who has made us feel welcome already.

We are looking forward to a year full of learning and kindness. In order to ensure the safety of all, please remember to sign in at the office when you arrive, and use one of our Beechgrove lan-yards during your visit!

Just a reminder that Beechgrove is a peanut and nut free school. Please check labels to make sure lunches and snacks are free from peanut and nut products.

We welcome volunteers - please remember that parents wanting to volunteer at Beechgrove require a current police check. Parents that have a police check on file need to come in to the

office to sign an updated offence declaration.

Beechgrove uses Twitter and Facebook to send reminders and updates about special things happening at Beechgrove. Just connect to: <http://twitter.com/@Muskbeechgrove> or like us on Facebook. We will also be using School Messenger to send out important messages and reminders to parents.

**Supervision starts at 8:20 a.m.**

**Entry: 8:45 a.m.**

**O Canada & Announcements: 8:55 a.m.**

**Nutrition Break 1: 10:30—11:10 a.m.**

**Nutrition Break 2 : 1:10 —1:50 p.m.**

**Dismissal: 3:10 p.m.**

Again this year the newsletter will be paper-less and it will be emailed directly to families' homes. Please make sure the office has your email address which will not be shared and will remain confidential.

Please don't hesitate to drop by the office and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

1st Day Back to School

September 4th

MBS Family BBQ

September 19th

Grades 7&8 Soccerfest

September 26th

Orange Shirt Day

September 28th

MBS Terry Fox Walk

October 5th

## VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am so thrilled to be part of the Muskoka Beechgrove Community as your new Vice Principal. Everyone (including Cody and Emily pictured here) have been ever so welcoming! I am truly looking forward to a wonderful year as I get to know all of our students and their families. Please know that my door is always open!



Ms. Terry Brunner :) 



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## SAFE ARRIVAL

The **Safe Arrival Program** is designed for the safety of your children. This means that if we are not notified that your child will be away and they are not at school for morning attendance, we will call home to ensure that they are safe. **Please call** Safe Arrival and let us know if your child is going to be late or absent. **The Safe Arrival number is 705-687-7802.**

## MORNING ARRIVAL & STUDENT PICKUP

Teacher supervision of the yard and bus arrival area begins at 8:20 am. Students are not to be on school property before 8:20 am. All students are expected to stay outside where there is supervision until the bell rings at 8:45 am.

If students are late for school they need to come to the office for a late slip before going to class.

If you are dropping your child off in the morning or picking your child up at the end of the day, please do not block other vehicles and stay out of the bus pick up lane.

If you are waiting for your child at the end of the day please wait outside the front doors or inside the front entrance.

Please note that classes are in session until 3:10 and your cooperation in leaving the hallways clear and "voice-free" is appreciated.

## PARKING LOT SAFETY

It is a new school year and we have many new students and parents who have joined us this year. As a safety precaution, concerning the parking lot, we would like to inform everyone on how the parking lot operates.

Parents/Guardians of students will only be permitted to enter the school's parking lot, if they are using the **DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE**. **It is a ONE WAY traffic lane and cars are NOT to be left unoccupied.** This stopping (but not parking) system will ensure a faster flow of student pick up and drop off without unnecessary congestion, which can create a danger to our children. Should you need to walk your child(ren) into and out of the school (i.e.: kindergarten students), please park in a parking spot. Parking spaces in the parking lot are for school staff and school visitor use only.

Thank you for your cooperation. Let's continue to keep our children safe!

## CHARACTER EDUCATION THEME FOR SEPTEMBER

### GOAL-SETTING

Goal-setting is knowing precisely what you want to achieve and where you have to concentrate your efforts.

## PIZZA & SUBS

We will again be offering Pizza (Thursdays) and Subs (Tuesdays) as part of our lunch program commencing in October. Order Forms and due dates will be sent home with your child. School Cash Online will **NOT** be available for lunch orders for the month of October. Parents will be notified when School Cash Online is back up and running for the lunch program.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast program continues here at Muskoka Beechgrove beginning Sept. 5th. Students who need a little extra food to get them going in the morning may drop in at 8:20 a.m. for breakfast. Studies have shown that students who eat a good breakfast are much more focused and ready for learning. Parent volunteers are necessary for this program, please consider donating your time. The Breakfast program will begin later this month.

## FAMILY BBQ @ MBS

On September 19th @ 5:00 p.m. parents and students are welcome to come out and meet the teacher and staff at Muskoka Beechgrove! Enjoy our family BBQ while you mingle and get to know the other parents and children as well. We look forward to seeing you all!

## GLASSWARES

Just a reminder that your child should refrain from bringing glass containers. Glassware is breakable and we do not want to see any of our students injured as a result. We thank you for your cooperation!

## STUDENT PICK UP

We try to keep students focused on learning to the end of the day. We also work to teach students independence so they can unpack in the morning and pack up at the end of the day unassisted. When picking students up please wait in the front foyer until the bell rings at 3:10 before going down to your child's class to pick them up. Even better set a meeting spot for them to meet you outside at the end of the day.

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## STAFF 2018 / 2019

<i>JK/SK</i>	<i>Mrs. Owens &amp; Mrs. Antonini</i> <i>Ms. Coutts, Ms. MacDonald</i>
<i>SK/1</i>	<i>Mr. Kamachi</i>
<i>GR 1/2</i>	<i>Ms. Young</i>
<i>GR 2</i>	<i>Mrs. Richter</i>
<i>GR 2</i>	<i>Ms. Watson</i>
<i>GR 3</i>	<i>Ms. Cutting</i>
<i>GR 3</i>	<i>Mrs. Clubb</i>
<i>GR 4</i>	<i>Mr. Winger</i>
<i>GR 4/5</i>	<i>Ms. Johnston</i>
<i>GR 5/6</i>	<i>Ms. Dmytrow</i>
<i>GR 6</i>	<i>Ms. Durocher</i>
<i>GR 7/8</i>	<i>Mr. Gregory</i>
<i>GR 7/8</i>	<i>Ms. Terry</i>

### Principal/Vice Principal

Ms. Dursley & Ms. Brunner

### French

Mme. Barrett

### Phys. Ed.

Mrs. Albisser

### Resource Staff

Mrs. Gammon

### Educational Assistants

Mrs. Armstrong, Ms. Gillan, Ms. Henry,  
Ms. Nicholson, Mr. Verbrugge

### Librarian/Teacher

Mrs. Muntz

### Music

Mrs. Breukerr

### Head Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Ms. Gliddon & Mrs. Madill

### Custodians

Mr. Ross, Mrs. Barnes & Mrs. Sontag

## TRANSPORTATION

Information on eligibility for a bus, eligibility to attend a school and recent changes to transportation can be accessed at the following website:  
[www.mybustoschool.ca](http://www.mybustoschool.ca)

## ANAPHYLAXIS

Parents should be aware that there are several children and staff in our school with severe life-threatening food allergies, called anaphylaxis (ana-fill-axis). Although peanuts and peanut products are the most common foods to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, cheese, sesame seeds, tree nuts, soy or any other foods can cause this dangerous condition. In recent years, anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, please send foods to school with your child that are free from peanuts and products containing nuts.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested, contact the school office for further information. **If your child has health problems of any kind, please inform your child's teacher or office staff immediately so that the necessary health protection steps may be taken.**

## TERRY FOX

On October 5th at 11:10 am the Grade 1 - 8 students will walk the town loop as usual and the JK/SK students will walk around the school! Supporting the Terry Fox Run has always been a tradition here at Beechgrove and we have raised a substantial amount of money over the years. Sponsor forms will be sent home with the students in advance of the walk! We thank everyone for their continued support!

## SOCCER

September is the perfect time for kids to enjoy the sunshine and get outside to play soccer. Mr. Winger is starting up In-tramural Soccer during recess times for students in grades 5 and 6. Mrs. Cutting and Ms. Terry are coaching co-ed soccer for students in grades 7 and 8 after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Good luck Broncos at the upcoming Soccer-fest, held at Gostick Park in Bracebridge!!!

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES @ MBS

We are so fortunate for the students in our school. They give back to their school community by volunteering their time and their talents. Students from grade 7 and 8 have volunteered to work at the milk fridge, help supervise primary classes during nutrition breaks, walk students home after school or act as a bus buddy, help support our Sub and Pizza Days, collect the recycling from the different classrooms, and so much more! More students are filling in their nomination forms for Student Government and the votes will take place later this week. Our Student Government will be responsible to manage school announcements and assemblies, and run the dances and spirit days throughout the year. A heartfelt thank-you to these amazing young people.

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Character Education Theme

GOAL-SETTING

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Holiday No School	5 1st Day Back to School	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Student Gov. Speeches & Vote	14	15	16
17	18 Evan Luker Run @ MAC	19 MBS Family BBQ @ 5 PM	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Grade 7/8 Soccerfest @ Gostick Park	27	28 Orange Shirt Day @ MBS	29	30



Milk & juice is sold  
daily for  
\$1.00



Delivery days  
Subway



Delivery days  
Pizza Station



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