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# In the Grove

The Newsletter of Beach Grove Elementary School

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## Events Calendar

### **October:**

- 10- Thanksgiving**
- 19/20- Parent /Teacher Interviews - student dismissal at 1:58 p.m.**
- 18- Bookaneer Day- dress as a pirate**
- 18, 19, 20- Book Fair**
- 21- Non-Instructional Day**
- 24- Non-Instructional Day**
- 25- Photo Retakes**
- 26- Fast Eddie Presentation 11a.m.**

### **November:**

- 10- Remembrance Day Assembly 11 am**

## Terry Fox Run

Thank you for your support of our Terry Fox Run at the school. It is always a great event that not only allowed us to remember and honor a great Canadian but also to admire the virtues that he espoused such as determination, heroism, selflessness, and caring just to name a few. We were fortunate to have great weather as we ran out onto the dyke chanting his name. Special thanks to our Division 1 students who made the run safe and fun for everyone. To date BG has raised \$775. Way to go Beach Grove !

## Delta Parks and Recreation Passes

All Delta students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 are eligible for a drop in admission pass. The pass allows you to attend unlimited drop in sessions at any Delta recreation facility. To receive a pass simply go to any Delta rec. facility and present proof of birth date and Delta residency along with a \$5 fee.

## Principal's Message

As we head into October, I find myself reflecting on the past 4 weeks. Our students have settled into their new classroom environments and our staff has become engaged in the job of teaching. For me, as the new administrator, it has been a busy month becoming familiar with a new school, getting to know your children, yourselves where possible and the staff. In my weeks here I have been warmly welcomed by students, staff and parents and am feeling very comfortable in my transition. My observations of the community of Beach Grove Elementary is one that is supportive, caring and respectful.

As we move forward and I continue to develop relationships within the community I would like you to know that a big part of my role is to support your children not only in their academic learning but also in their social /emotional development. I believe strongly that without the latter, the academic learning is more challenging. Myself along with your child's classroom teachers are here to help out in any way that we can in order to have students experience success.

Please do not hesitate to call my office if you have questions or concerns. My door is always open for a chat and I can often be found on the playground.

Looking forward to a year full of successes !

## Parent Teacher Conferences

**October 18/19**

**Hold the date !**

Parent / Teacher conferences are an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and share information regarding your child's strengths and areas needing support. It is also an opportunity for the teacher to answer questions regarding classroom procedures and dynamics. Working alongside the classroom teacher is another way of ensuring a successful year for your child.

Over the next two weeks we will be organizing the online registration process and will be sending that information home to you. Please watch for the details and plan to sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher.

We hope to see you all in attendance.

### **Important Reminder:**

- Grades K – 7 Early dismissal on October 18th and 19th at 2:00 p.m.

## Parents as Partners

### Read Read Read Read

Children improve their reading ability by reading a lot. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and outside. Independent reading increases both vocabulary and reading fluency. Unlike using workbooks and performing computer drills, reading books gives children practice in the “whole act” of reading, that is, both in discovering the meanings of individual words and in grasping the meaning of an entire story. Research shows that the amount of leisure time spent reading is directly related to children’s reading comprehension, the size of their vocabularies, and the gains in their reading ability. **Clearly reading at home can be a powerful supplement to classroom work.** Parents can encourage leisure reading by making books an important part of the home, by giving books or magazines as presents, and by encouraging visits to the local library.

### September Birthdays

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated a Birthday in September:

Easton B, Levi W, Conner L, Emie T, Tanner R, Brady R, Joseph K, Will J, Avery M, Elizabeth C, Callum C, Wilson T, Sophie R, Nicholas K, Daniel J, Rae-Lin B, Krivinie C, Thea O, Jesse B, Ella M, Tia S, Ava G, Landen N.

**Happy Birthday !**

### Code of Conduct

At Beach Grove students are expected to achieve their personal best and to participate in a respectful and safe manner in the classroom and in all school activities. We want our students to learn in a safe and supportive environment where expectations for behaviour are clearly set and the needs of all students are recognized through courtesy, kindness, and mutual respect. We believe that discipline should be a respectful learning experience for students that will ultimately enable them to make positive decisions that will respect everyone. We support our students in this learning process by:

- ★ Setting clear expectations for behaviour of students;
- ★ Communicating those expectations clearly to students;
- ★ Teaching students to make appropriate choices for behaviour and providing them with alternatives for the future;
- ★ Holding each child accountable for his/her choice of behaviour;
- ★ Applying consistent, fair and firm consequences for inappropriate behaviour;

## Stars of Reading

As part of our reading goal we are encouraging all Beach Grove students to take part in our Home Reading Program on a daily basis. We are asking parents to do their part and ensure that their children or child is carrying out this very important activity.

This year we are continuing with our **Stars of Reading** program . Stars will be displayed on the ceiling in the school’s main hall showing the successes of our students as they progress through milestones of 25, 50, 75, 100, and 150 nights of reading.

Remember the goal is reading ! It is our goal to have all students’ names on the display several times each before the end of the school year.

Below are appropriate reading guidelines to be followed:

- Kindergarten/Grade 1 should be spending a minimum of 15 minutes each night reading or being read to.
- Grade 2/3 should be spending a minimum of 20 minutes each night reading or being read to.
- Grades 4-7 should be spending a minimum of 30 minutes each night reading or being read to.

Teachers in each class are discussing with students how they will be keeping track of nights of reading. When they have reached a goal they will come down and attach their star to the display.

Sincerely,

**Rick Hall, Principal**

**And the staff at Beach Grove**