

THE BEACON

September/October 2018

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Welcome to another exciting school year! This edition of The Beacon will highlight events which occurred during the month of September as well as upcoming activities for October.

We look forward to our partnership in your child's education.

Our enrollment has grown to 129 students; an increase of 22 students from last year!

- Mrs. Nancy Ball, Principal

We look forward to our journey in the Leader in Me program - additional information can be found in this newsletter.



Leader in Me

Organizational Skills by Dr. John and Jane Covey

Imagine a school morning where everyone knows what to do and is ready on time. Sound too good to be true? Well, it's possible! Organization is a skill learned over time. By teaching organization at home, your child will learn this very important skill. Use the first three habits as a learning tool for you and your child:

Habit 1: Be Proactive Habit 1 is about initiative and responsibility. Help your child determine what he or she will need for the next day. To start, writing a list may be helpful. Next, have your child gather the non-perishable items and put them in his or her school bag.

Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind Habit 2 is about visualizing how you would like something to turn out before it happens. If a smooth morning is the goal, brainstorm with your child how that will look and feel like. Your child may actually have time to do something extra in the morning if he or she is organized and you will all have a happy start to the day.

Habit 3: Put First Things First Habit 3 means focusing on the task when there's something else you would rather be doing — the hardest part of all! Help your child learn how to avoid distractions by reminding him or her that, if they stick to it, all the fun things can come right after—with no guilt or nagging!

Once children know these habits, and how to apply them, they can start tackling more difficult tasks independently. They will begin to feel self-confident and proud when they're able to complete homework, chores, and other tasks by themselves. They're also sure to be pleased when they find they have some extra free time to do what they'd like to do. Remember, it may take time to teach your child these skills. Sometimes, it will seem simpler just to do it for them. But remember, your child won't learn how to be independent and successful if you always do it for them. Using Habits 1-3 is a life skill that will benefit them their entire lives.

Introducing our Staff

ECDP/Music/Grade ¾ - Ms K. Parr

Kindergarten & KEEP - Ms N. Petruk

Grade 1/ 2 - Mrs. K. Saunders

Grade 3/ 4 - Ms U. Jeelani/Ms K. Parr

Grade 4/ 5- Ms L. MacKinnon

Grade 6 - Ms K. Legge

School Counsellor - Ms C. Blondin

LAC & Literacy Support - Ms D. Abraham

Educational Assistants - Mrs. Fatima, Mrs Wood, Ms Alberta, Mrs Solea

Secretary - Ms J. Saxton

Custodians - Mrs. Saballas & Ms Elassal

Principal - Mrs. N. Ball

Vice Principal - Ms U. Jeelani



Apple Donation from Canadian Superstore

We wish to thank the Real Canadian SuperStore for donating a box of apples every week for our students! Students are enjoying these healthy snacks!

Edmonton Eskimos Flag Football Camp

On Thursday, September 13th, the Grade 5 and 6 students got to play football with 4 players from the Edmonton Eskimos football team. Gabriel says, “I was surprised when we got there, there were so many kids and we all got to play flag football.”

There were 3 schools participating in the sessions at Shell Place. Molly says, “It was a really great experience because we got to be with other students we didn’t know from other schools.”

We divided into 4 groups and each football player took a group of us to do fun football drills and activities. “It was a fun experience meeting the Eskimos and getting to talk to them” says Charlotte.

At the end of the 2 hour session, we got to ask them some questions about playing football and their experiences. Braiden says, “I was excited we got their signatures before we went back to school!”

Overall, we had a great time and learned lots of new football skills! Go Eskimos Go!

The grade six class had an awesome time learning how to play flag football with the Edmonton Eskimos! Four team members taught us how to throw and catch a football, as well as how to run drills. “I enjoyed doing all of the drills” (Dylan). “My favorite part was doing the obstacle courses, and when Christophe Normand threw the football at us and we had to catch it” (Eve). “My favorite part was getting their autographs” (Kayrah). “I really liked playing the sharks and minnows flag football” (Addison). Everyone had a really nice time participating in the events, and we all did a fabulous job representing the Beacon Hill Bears.





Extra Curricular Activities & School Leaders

In order for our archery club to continue we need to have an instructor trained in teaching archery. If you are interested in becoming an archery instructor, please contact Ms Jeelani as we can coordinate a training session.

Our Grade 5/ 6 volleyball team has been practising their skills with Mrs Jaycox as coach and Ms Legge as teacher assistant. We wish them good luck in their tournament.

Many of our students have taken up leadership positions at our school- office leaders in answering phone calls at lunch time, kindergarten and ECDP helpers, library leaders, and our newest leadership group - recycling leaders.

Many students are learning their lines for our upcoming school musical, The Sound of Music. Performance dates will be held the first week of December. More details to follow!

Beacon Hill School Council Parents Plus Advisory Association

School Council meeting dates for the school year are October 9th, November 13th, January 8th, Feb 12, March 12, April 9th, May 14th, and June 11th.

Executive for 2018-2019

Chair - Wendy MacMillan

Vice Chair - Christie Bryska

Secretary - Stacy McNally

Network Representatives - Jenny Ridley and Shauna Clarke

Parents' Plus meeting dates for the school year are October 18th, November 29th, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, April (to be determined), May 16th.

Chair - Shauna Clarke

Vice Chair - Lana Hill

Secretary - Jina Clarke

Treasurer - Jenny Ridley

Hot Lunch Coordinators - Suzy Gerendi & Melissa Nicol

Communications/Volunteer Coordinators- Nola Nippard & Solange Maher

As always, if there are ever any questions or concerns please get in touch with us at beaconhillparentsplus@gmail.com.

Follow our school on Facebook and Twitter - @BeaconhillFMPSD

United Way Theme Days

October marks the start of our annual United Way Campaign. To help spread awareness and provide financial assistance, we will be holding theme days for students and staff. These theme days are for all students, regardless of donation, as our main goal is to spread awareness of the work the United Way does within our community. If you choose to donate, we suggest a \$1 donation for each theme day, however, this is completely optional.

The theme days are included in the monthly calendar below and are marked with a *.

Calendar of Events

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Orange Shirt Day	2 *Hat Day	3 Volleyball Practice	4 Picture Day	5 *Crazy Hair Day
8 Thanksgiving **No School	9 *Dress as your favourite super hero! School Council 6:30 pm	10 Volleyball Practice	11 *Pajama Day	12
15	16 *Dress as your favourite book character	17	18 *Jersey Day Parents' Plus meeting at 6:30 pm	19 No school for students.
22	23 *Crazy Socks	24	25 *Pajama Day because we love our jammies!	26 No school for students.
29	30	31 Halloween - school wide theme		

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