

THE BEACON

November 2018

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So many great news to share with you since our last newsletter.

Our new sign is now installed on our building and we eagerly await for the power to be hooked up!

Through support from our District, Grade 3-6 students have the opportunity to attend Learning Bridge learning support sessions. These sessions will take place at Beacon Hill School on Saturday mornings from 9-11 am.

Students who like to play games or read books will be able to join our Games Club and Young Authors' Club - more information is contained in this newsletter.

The Leader in Me focus for this newsletter is volunteering in our school. Our Parents' Plus group will be looking for volunteers to assist with fundraising and assistance with special events.

Our school musical, The Sound of Music, is in full production and rehearsals. We look forward to our performance dates at the end of November. Look for more information in this newsletter.

As always, please contact our school if you have any questions or suggestions.

- Mrs. Nancy Ball, Principal



Leader in Me

Getting Involved at School by Dr. John and Jane Covey

- edited /revised by Mrs. Ball

Getting Involved at School Volunteering is a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education. Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community while showing their kids the importance of participating in the larger community. Even if you haven't been involved in the past, start now!

Four questions to consider:

1. What does the ideal volunteer experience look like to you?
2. What are your strengths and interests?
3. How many hours can you volunteer?
4. Is it better to actually be in the school or take things home to work on?

Consider some suggestions:

- Help in your child's classroom
- Have goal setting talks with child/teacher
- Mentor or tutor students
- Help organize, cater, or work at fundraising activities
- Help to plan and chaperone field trips
- Organize or assist with a specific club or interest group
- Have regular personalized communication with teacher/school
- Sew costumes or build sets for theatrical and musical productions
- Volunteer to speak in the classroom or at a career day
- Supervise or judge experiments at a science fair

- Assist in various areas of our school such as the library, office, or MakerSpace room.
- Invite school visits to your home
- Be involved in interactive homework, tips, and tools for home learning

Volunteering not only benefits your children; you also benefit by making the school a more positive place. Through your modeling, relationship building and support, you will be helping in ways that will reap benefits for everyone.

So you want to volunteer

Criminal Record Check

A criminal record check is required to volunteer in class, in the school and on fieldtrips. Please come to the school and ask the office for a Volunteer Registration form, which the principal will then sign. Then you can take that form to the RCMP office with you.

Thanks so much!

Games Club & Young Authors' Club

To assist our students with learning their math skills and reading/writing skills, Beacon Hill School is proud to establish Games Club and Young Authors' Club for all students.

Games Club will involve dice games and card games that will help students sharpen their mental math skills.

Young Author's Club will give students an opportunity to write poems and fiction/nonfiction stories.

Games Club will be held after school from 3 - 4 pm on Wednesday, Nov 7th and 14th.

Young Authors' Club will be held after school from 3 - 4pm on Thursday, Nov 8th and 15th.



These clubs will be drop in and no registration is required.

United Way Theme Days

Congratulations everyone! \$400 was raised by our school for the United Way! Well done!

Grade 5 /6 Volleyball Tournament

Our Grade 5/ 6 volleyball represented our school very well at the Royal Rumble tournament! A huge thank you to Mrs Jaycox for coaching our players and to Ms Legge for assisting with the team.



Upcoming Events

Nov 7 & 8 – Rocks & Rolls – curling comes to Beacon Hill School

Nov 8 – 11 am Remembrance Day Ceremony– parents are welcome to join us

Nov 9-12 No School

Nov. 13 – School Council at 6:30 pm

Nov 14 & 15 – School Book Fair for students

Nov 15 – picture retakes in the afternoon

Nov 16 – Holiday Market for students

Nov 17- Beacon Hill School Christmas Market

Nov 30 – No School for students

Nov 30 & Dec 1 – School Musical, The Sound of Music

School Musical – The Sound of Music

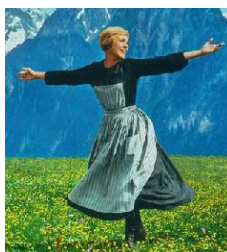
Rehearsals are in full swing! The Hill will soon be alive with The Sound of Music! Performance dates are set at Keyano College for November 30 and December 1.

The students are working diligently preparing their lines and songs. We cannot wait to present this exciting show!

We are currently working on the costumes. Two moms and a grandmother have offered to help; if you are interested in helping sew too - please contact Mrs. Parr at kimerica.parr@fmprsd.ab.ca. All help is greatly appreciated!

There is no charge for tickets. We will gratefully accept any donations at the door.

Tickets will be available in the main office. Each student involved in the production is entitled to 6 tickets to the show(s) of their choice. Students not involved in the production will be able to see it during the school day on November 29. If they wish to see it again, they may receive up to 3 tickets from the office.



Beacon Hill is thrilled to present a school musical this year!

- Mrs Parr

Beacon Hill School Council

Beacon Hill School Council is a group of parents and school administrators that meet once a month to discuss school issues and act as a liaison for information to other parents.

All parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. This is a great way to find out what is happening at the school and how best to support your child.

At our October meeting Mr. Nichols, Mr. Kallal and Ms. Noble from district office were guests.

They discussed the current budget, the grade $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$ classes as well as the P A T's.

The Learning Bridge has been put into place at Beacon Hill School for the students to utilize for extra help.

The next School Council meeting is Tuesday November 13 at 6:30pm in the community room.

Christmas Market & Holiday Gift Shop

Once again this year, Parents Plus is pleased to announce that we will have the annual Holiday Gift Shop and Christmas Market on November 16 and 17.

Friday, November 16 will be the Holiday Gift Shop in the same format as last year – students will be able to shop for gifts for loved ones (yes, including the family dog & cat!) from local artisans, crafters and home based businesses. The market will be held from 9am-2:30pm, with each class coming into the gym to shop for gifts and have them wrapped. Information will be going home to parents on November 12, along with an envelope which parents are asked to fill out to give 'Santa's Helpers' an idea of who your student is shopping for. Please specify the dollar amount on the envelope, along with the name of the loved ones, and include the cash in the envelope. Students will be asked to bring this envelope with them when their class comes into the gym to shop. We also request that you send a reusable bag with your child to bring home the wrapped gifts in.

Saturday, November 17 will be our annual Christmas Market. This is an open market to the community from 10am – 3pm, and all parents are encouraged to attend and get some Christmas shopping done!! In addition to the vendors, we will have several other events taking place: The Scholastic Book Fair is being held on Saturday in our community room – all books purchased assist with the purchasing of books for our school. Parents Plus will be organizing photos with Santa and a bake table. All money raised from these go directly back to Parents Plus to help support school activities. We will be requesting donated items for the bake table – please watch for additional information regarding when you can drop home-baked items off.

We are currently looking for vendors for our market – if yourself or a family member would like to participate, please have them contact Wendy MacMillan at 780-750-2231, or wendy@hsventures.ca to confirm a table.

We also require numerous volunteers for two day event!! Please visit our sign up genius to confirm when you can help- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baea72ea1f49-beacon> We have volunteer opportunities available on Thursday evening for set up and decorating, Friday to help run the Holiday Gift Shop, and Saturday to help with the bake table and clean up. Any time that you can give us is greatly appreciated!!

We look forward to the school community supporting these two amazing events!!

Parents Plus Advisory Association

Our next meeting is November 22nd. Everyone is welcome. We love seeing new faces and hearing feedback and fresh ideas!

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to assist with Picture Day! It was greatly appreciated!

Our annual Holiday Gift Shop and Christmas market are rapidly approaching. Holiday Gift Shop is November 16th and the Christmas Market is on the 17th. We will need volunteers to help set up the gym on Thursday, and to help the students hop, and wrap gifts on Friday. On Saturday we need people to help out at our bake sale table, the book fair, and for clean up. There is a sign-up genius set up for these tasks. We also need baked goods donated for our bake sale, Please contact Nola (nippardn@nsac.ca) if you have anything to donate, or if you don't want to use the sign-up genius to volunteer.

Our apple fundraiser brought in approximately \$900. Thank you to everyone who took part. Also, a special shout out to Hangingstone Ventures who transported the apples to us at no cost!

The Dielman's fundraiser was a success, bringing in roughly \$1300! Thanks again to everyone who participated.

December Hot Lunch orders are due November 30th. Volunteers are always welcome, and you can sign up on the hot lunch website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at shauleight@yahoo.ca

Happy November!

Shauna Clarke

Chairperson, Beacon Hill Parents Plus

Calendar of Events

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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5	6 YouthBeat	7 Games Club	8 Remembrance Day Ceremony at 11 am Young Authors Club	9 No School
12 No School	13 YouthBeat School Council Meeting	14 Book Fair for students Games Club	15 Book Fair Picture Retake Day- pm only Young Authors' Club	16 Holiday Market ----- 17- Christmas Market
19	20	21 Games Club** to be confirmed	22 Young Authors' Club** to be confirmed	23
26	27 YouthBeat	28 Games Club	29 Report cards go home. Young Authors' Club	30 No School for students The Sound of Music ----- Dec 1 Sound of Music

Halloween 2018- Sesame Street came to Beacon Hill School!



Halloween STEAM centers!



Members of our Gr 5 /6 volleyball team watched Keyano Huskies Season Opener!



Our special guests at our WITS Assembly!



Rhys did a great job hosting our WITS Assembly!



Orange Shirt Day