



Beechy School Newsletter

November 2021



Hello parents,

Welcome to winter! We have had a busy month with SHSAA Sport Week, Education Week and Library Week, as well as Halloween events and our literacy night, Term/Quarter One report cards, and tri-conferences for families. Time flies when you're having fun! Thank you to everyone who participated in our events, met teachers to discuss student learning, and supported your child(ren)'s learning this month!

Stay tuned for our winter writing plans, as well as photos and details of our Christmas plans. The SLT has some great ideas to spread Christmas cheer around the school, as you may have seen in the note that went home with students yesterday. Please remember to fill in your "family history", as per Brianne Denning's email, so to be included in our Beechy School history book! Please also remember to complete the parent "OurSchool" survey by the end of the month. Thank you.

Empathy is the ability to understand and connect to the feelings of another. This is an important character trait to foster, and as such, Beechy School has been discussing empathy with students this month as part of our relationships goal. Our "empathy education" will continue until Christmas break. We appreciate any conversations that you, as parents, could also have with your children about empathy and showing empathy to others in a difficult time. Below is a list of questions you could ask your child to start the conversation.

Yours in education,

Leia Hey

Empathy Questions:

How do you know what you are feeling? How can you tell how someone else is feeling?

When do you feel most excited? Most happy? Most sad?

How do you show empathy towards your friends when they are sad or upset?

What are things others might do when they're upset, worried, or frustrated? What might they say?

The Beechy SLT would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Little Caesar's Pizza and Christmas Wreath/Swag/Sign fundraisers. We appreciate your support!! We are excited about our "Twelve Days of Christmas" and will give a full report in the next newsletter!



Senior Girls Volleyball

The Sr. Girls finished their season at Conferences in Elrose on November 6th. We played some tough teams and demonstrated grit and determination. The girls showed great growth this season. I cannot wait for next season! Thanks for all your hard work girls!

Mrs. Hallie Ayers

Senior Boys' Volleyball

The Beechy/Lucky Lake Sr Boys have had a season to remember. The team came back, after a year away from competition, with fire in their bellies and a love for the game. The boys came together as a volleyball family - in true Bl'A'zer fashion. The team placed 1st in 3 out of the 4 tournaments they attended this year (Davidson, Beechy and Dinsmore) with a 4th place finish in the LCBI tournament. Conference play took the team down to Frontier to playoff against Cabri, Frontier, Fox Valley and Vanguard. The Bl'A'zers lost 2 early matches to Cabri and Vanguard, but rallied to beat Fox Valley and Frontier for a 2nd place finish and entry into the next round of Regional playoffs. Regional play downs were hosted in Fox Valley and included 6 teams (Kincaid, Mossbank, Fox Valley, Vanguard, and La Flèche). The top 4 teams from this tournament advanced to provincials in Fox Valley and our team beat out Mossbank to advance! It has been 13 years since the Sr boys team has made an appearance at provincials and we would like to congratulate this years team on reaching this milestone. Grade 12 athletes: Ryder Meyers, Jakob de Winter, Liam Peters, and Liam Baxter; Grade 11 athletes: Evan Baxter, Mackson Nelson, Levi Erickson; and Grade 10 athletes: Dennis de Winter, Carson Peters, Jackson Ames, and Hayden Connor. The team sure gave their crowd the price of admission in games, as most of their playoff matches went to 3 sets. Nail biting and edge of seat play was the theme of the year, and this fun loving group won over many hearts by leaving theirs on the court. We were known throughout the season for our size and net play. There weren't many teams that could stop our swings or get by our blocks when things were rocking and rolling, but it should be noted that the team was also

great at making that first pass and digging up some hard hits and broken plays. Congratulations to the Sr Boys on making the climb to provincials and for being such strong ambassadors for sportsmanship and demonstrating the importance of school sport in students' lives. Memories made that will last a lifetime! "Ca-Chow", "You are my....Lobster", "Chugga Chugga....Choo Choo", "Do the roar.....ROAR" and funky socks will top the list.

Thank you to Mrs. Bobbi-Jo Connor for her dedication to the team. Her knowledge of the game is invaluable. Also thank you to Mrs. Paige Marsh for joining our team this year - another Bl'A'zer alumni giving back to this sport!

Mrs. Becky Dubasov

Junior Boys' Volleyball

At the beginning of this season the junior boys' volleyball team sat down and established clear goals. These goals included improving their skills, become competitive, and ultimately end the season as champions. Throughout the season they made it evident that goal number one had been achieved every step of the way. We displayed our competitive pedigree by making it to the final of every tournament we entered. In the final of sectionals, the boys hit their peak performance level, unfortunately a little bit too late into the final game. They did not earn the title they wanted, however, the sense of pride displayed in their performance individually and as a team proved them to be competitors with class and dignity. Best of luck to the athletes advancing to senior volleyball. To the juniors who are returning next year, remember that your hard work and dedication to volleyball will pay off!

Coach Aaron Bourrassa

Junior Girls' Volleyball

The Jr. Girls had an awesome season this year! The team consisted of Dahlia Hermanson, Mackenzie Bodin, Jayla Weiss, Charlee Kapeller, Taylor Schury, Julia Wiens, Justine Horn, Nevaeh Lawson, and Mackenzie Walsh. We competed in tournaments in Lucky Lake, Loreburn, and Beechy. The girls advanced to play-offs in each tournament. They then went to Lucky Lake for sections, where they won the final against Dinsmore. Since we won sectionals, we were lucky enough to host Districts. Districts includes each team who won their Section in all of Sun West School Division. The girls played some of their best volleyball and never gave up. Every game they played went to three sets. In the end the girls came out on top and are this year's District Champs!! Great job girls!!

Coaches: Brianne Denning and Karen Baxter

Junior Junior Volleyball (Grade 5-6)

We had a great season of Jr. Jr. volleyball with our grade 5-6 crew. We had the following athletes join us this year: Jaden Baxter, Sabrina Fleuter, Jade Horn, Hunter Lang, Brooklyn Mactavish, Emilie Moebis, Olsen Odermatt, Chelsea Vineham, Truitt Hey, Allee Kapeller, Rhett Moebis, Ryder Ringrose, Rhys Schury, and Ben Wiens. We focused on basic passing skills and serving skills, and basic rotation for game play. These students have worked hard this year to improve their skills and knowledge of the game. For our wrap up, our team played the staff and had a few great rallies and showed off their serving skills! We are excited to have such an enthusiastic and skilled group of young players! See you on the court next volleyball season.

Coaches Leia Hey and Sarah Wiens



Book Fair

A huge thank you to all those who came in and took part in our bi-annual Scholastic Book Fair this year which we held on Tuesday, November 9th and Wednesday, November 10th during Parent Teacher Interviews. We raised \$2704.73 which gives us \$1200 in rewards to spend in our own library. It was great to see everyone who came out to support our first on-site Book Fair since 2019.

Junior Student Leadership Team (SLT)

This year's Jr. SLT consists of Sabrina, Ryder, Hunter, Chelsea, Carter, Jade, Rhys, Jaden, Brooklyn, Truitt, Olsen, Emilie, Rhett, and Ben. Wow! Thanks for all the participation! So far this year we have organized some Halloween activities including Decorating the School day, a school-wide colouring contest, and Guess the Creatures game. Congratulations to our winners of the colouring contest: Ivory Ayles, Isla Braun, Rose Ringrose, Truitt Hey, Taylor Schury, and Mrs. Baxter! Congratulations to our Guess the Creatures winner: Jack Haugen! This year's SLT advisors are Mr. Siemens and Mrs. Buhr. We look forward to planning Christmas, Valentines, and Spring activities!

Yearbook

Yearbooks are available for the 2020-21 school year. The cost is \$43.00 per book. Thanks.

