



## Beechy School Newsletter November-December 2023



Hello Blazer families,

Fall has breezed by us, and we are now on the downward slide to Christmas! We are looking forward to a great four weeks of continued learning and holiday fun!

As our fall sports have now wrapped up, we would like to take the opportunity to say a huge **thank you** to our volleyball coaches, managers, student volunteers, and all parents who drove students, worked in the booth, made soups and goodies, and supported fall sport in all ways. I would also like to say thank you to Ms. Denning, Mrs. Moebis, Mrs. Baxter, as well as the grade 9-10 class and all our singers, for a beautiful Remembrance Day ceremony on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

It's the end of November, so even though we've had an extended fall, I guess that means it is time for another quick note about winter safety and riding the bus. Here are a few quick reminders to share:

- As the temperature fluctuates, please ensure that your child is wearing proper outerwear, as we have noticed some students still coming to school unprepared. This includes grade 7-9 going to Lucky Lake on Day 6. If anyone is cleaning out closets and finds winter gear too small for their own children, we *would* take donations to create a bin of "extras" to be used if someone forgets.
- Buses do not run below the -40 mark (including wind chill), but the school will remain open for learning should you feel it safe to bring your children to school.

We had a great turnout at our Tri-Conferences and Book Fair. Thank you to the SCC for the gift of (up to) \$10 towards a book for our entire student body. The SCC sold wreaths and door prize tickets as well; the **wreath fundraiser has closed**, and delivery should be in the **first few weeks of December** - we'll keep you updated. The **Air Fryer door prize tickets** are still available for **\$1.00 each** - draw will be made at the Christmas concert. The Air Fryer was a gift from U-Line, the company from which the school and SCC purchased our new bleachers for the stage, so they have decided to raffle it off. **Get your tickets at the school if you're interested!**

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming December fun - the SLT will be working hard to spread cheer, and we have the following plans in place:

- **December 6-22** - SLT "12 Days of Christmas" - notes will be sent home next week
- **Wednesday, December 20** - SLT "hot lunch" Christmas Feast - Clark's Café chicken meals - the SLT will be subsidizing this meal to keep it affordable. Permission click form to come in early December

- **Thursday, December 21** - High School Curling bonspiel (p.m.); **Christmas Extravaganza** at 7:00 p.m. (including drama play by grade 9-12 drama class, grade 5-6 Reader's Theatre productions (written by grade 7-8s), and K-4 contributions)
- **Friday, December 22** - (CWEX for grade 11-12); Elementary skating/curling at the rink

Remember that there is no school for students on December 8 due to staff professional development.

Yours in education,  
Leia Hey

## Library News!

We wrapped up our book fair at the end of last week. Thank you to everyone who popped by to visit and purchase books. We raised \$3,295 and earned \$1,300 in Scholastic rewards to spend on books for our school. A huge thank you to the SCC for their generous donation of \$10 per child to help everyone purchase a book.

Mrs. Moebis

## Volleyball Updates

### Senior Girls

The Sr. Girls Volleyball had a great season. They went to five tournaments and were extremely successful. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Loreburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Biggar, and won their home tournament as well as Dinsmore and Eatonia. They finished the regular season with 35 wins and 5 losses. Conferences were held in Eston, and they faced some tough competition. They won against Dinsmore and Eston which put them first in their pool. In the semi-final, they faced Kenaston/Loreburn. It was a great match with many great plays. Ultimately, the girls lost an extremely close match 17-15 in the third set. It was a great season of volleyball and the girls should be extremely proud of their accomplishments.

Coaches: Brianne Denning and Amber Dashney; Manager: Karen Baxter

### Junior Girls

The Beechy junior girls had a great season. We had four returning players and seven new girls that joined our team. As coaches we were really impressed with the girl's eagerness to learn the sport of volleyball. It was fun watching them learn and grow throughout the season. We focused on playing as a team and working hard at practices. It was great to see the hard work pay off at all our games. We attended 3 tournaments. Kindersley, Dinsmore and Beechy. We ended up in the finals each tournament! The season ended as we placed second at sectionals hosted here in Beechy. The girls had a great season, and we look forward to next year and seeing the up-and-coming talent!! Thank you to all the players, parents, and staff for making this possible and helping grow our youth. Volleyball is an amazing sport and teaches many skills and we are grateful to be part of it! Thanks!

Chelsea Christman, Justine Connor, and Michelle Walsh

## Junior Boys

The Junior Boys finished the season with a strong showing at the South sectional playoffs in Elrose. Teams at sectionals included: Dinsmore, Kyle, and Elrose.

The team played Dinsmore in their first match and squeaked out a win in 3 sets against a team that they hadn't beaten all season. The team then played the hometown favourites, Elrose in a nail-biting 3 sets, but couldn't pull off the win. The team handled the Kyle team and was able to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the round robin, which meant they needed to play Dinsmore again to meet Elrose in the final. A hard fought 3 sets would have the Beechy/Lucky Lake team advance to the final, but the legs ran out of energy. The boys dug deep and played their best volleyball of the season, so should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to the Elrose Eagles who won the South sectional and then went on to win the district gold.

This team set out at the start of the year to become the best teammates they could be, while improving their skills to play this game to the best of their abilities. They succeeded in reaching both goals and almost snuck out a sectional win in the process.

Unique team cheers, funky socks, squeaky shoes, working hard at practice, and getting to watch this team mature over the season, are memories that the coaching staff will hold dear.

Thank you to all parents, volunteers, officials, and players that made this season possible and successful. Special thank you's to Sarah Wiens for organizing the canteen and hosting duties in Beechy and to Ryan Theissen and Leanne Heath with the Lucky Lake Travel Club/Canteen Club for all the booth and hosting help in Lucky Lake. Thank you, Paige, for always being the calm-steady, and thank you to Shanna for bringing the energy to keep the gentlemen in check!

What a fun season!

Coaches: Becky Dubasov, Paige Marsh, and Shanna Wandler

## Take Our Kids to Work Day November 1, 2023

**All grade 9s** were able to shadow their parent or an adult at their place at work for **Take Our Kids to Work day (TOKTW)**. Many thanks to the parents and businesses who facilitated the grade 9 students experience- it really was successful with your help!

Natalie and Pat Erickson

Melanie and Darcy Odermatt

Krista and Adam Lawson

Michelle and Chris Walsh

Thanks again to all participants.

Ms. Char Dansereau- Career Development Teacher