



# Bishop Belleau Beacon

(Home of the Bishop Belleau Eagles)

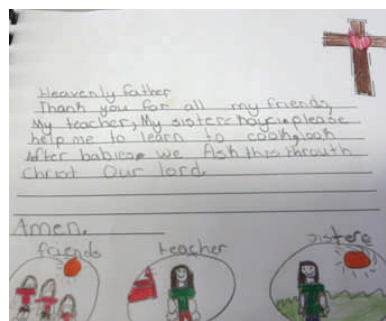
## From the Principal's Desk



"I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me" - Philip-  
pians 4:13

Welcome to the new 2015-2016 school year! I am extremely happy to be back as principal of BBS and I know we are going to have a wonderful school year.

In September and October, BBS celebrates the virtue of Faith. September month is learning about our faith and what it means to be faithful to Christ. October month is where we put our faith into practice. Living our life the way Jesus wanted us to live by following his teachings and actions is a truly wonderful way to live:)



Here at Bishop Belleau School, we are all continually learning to live our faith and our actions define who we are as followers of Christ. Take this moment to reflect on your faith and attempt to put Jesus' words and actions into your own daily practice.

**God Bless you all and I hope to see you on Wednesday at our meet and greet the staff evening from 4:00 pm -5:30 pm.**

W. Zelau, Principal

**FAITH**  
is not believing that God can  
it is knowing that He will.



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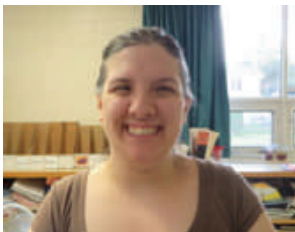
- Meet and Greet the BBS Staff: Wednesday, September 30th from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm.
- Thanksgiving Holiday—October 12th (no school for staff and students).
- Hunt Break—
- Tuesday, October 20th—school resumes for staff and students.

## Meet The Staff of BBS!



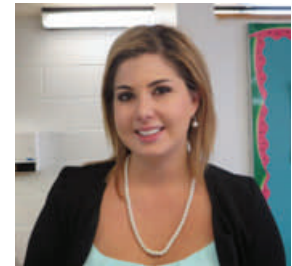
This is the first face you see when you visit BBS! This is our most efficient secretary, Mrs. Lorraine Nakogee. She is fluent in both English and Cree. She has been at BBS since 1999 and she continues to brighten our days with her sense of humor:)

This is Ms. Paula Gaudreau, our JK/SK teacher. She joined BBS in 2010 and has taught Grade 2/3 before teaching Kindergarten. Ms. Gaudreau loves teaching the little ones as they certainly make her day...every day:)



This is Ms. Alana Stewart, our Grade 1/2/3 teacher. She became a part of the BBS family in 2005. She has taught primary and junior grades plus special education. When Ms. Stewart is not at school, she is mom to a beautiful two year old daughter named Olyvia:)

This is Mrs. Candace Tozer, our Grade 4/5 teacher. Mrs. Tozer joined our family on September 14th. She is originally from Moose Factory and now resides here in Moosonee. She is a recent graduate of Lakehead University and we are delighted that she chose BBS to showcase her passion for teaching:)

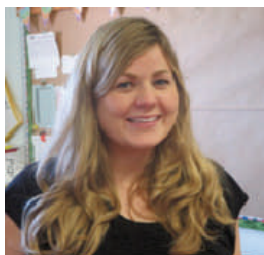


This is Ms. Brenda Mueller, our Grade 6/7/8 teacher. Ms. Mueller joined our BBS family in 2009. She has taught junior and intermediate grades during her time at BBS. When Ms. Mueller is not teaching, she is dedicating her time and energy to helping dogs find homes through her rescue "Finding Them Homes—James Bay Pawsitive Rescue." You can see her walking her two dogs, Brie and Peppy around town:)

This is Mr. Harold Solomon, our Cree Language teacher. This is his first year at BBS. He previously worked at Aboriginal Head Start before joining our team. All the students of BBS enjoy their Cree class because their teacher, Mr. Solomon is "helpful and funny."

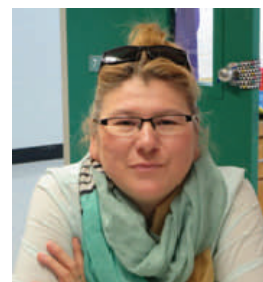


## Meet The Staff of BBS Continued...



This is Mrs. Mundle, our Resource Teacher (RT). She has been a part of our BBS family since 2011. Mrs. Mundle has taught all primary grades and now special education. Mrs. Mundle has a deep passion for teaching and learning and she loves interacting with all the students at BBS. She is BBS' golden angel:)

This is Ms. Koostachin, our Educational Assistant. She has been a part of our BBS family since 1999. Ms. Noella, as she is affectionately known by students, loves working in small groups or one-on-one with the students to help them achieve their goals. Ms. Noella is in charge of the breakfast program which runs every morning for students with Ms. Wesley.



This is Ms. Wesley, our Educational Assistant. She has been a part of BBS since 1998. Ms. Wesley works in the classrooms, alongside the teachers, helping our students achieve success. She has witnessed many students graduate from BBS. Ms. Wesley, along with Ms. Noella, run the breakfast program every morning for our students.

This is Mr. Wynne, our custodian. He has been a part of our BBS family since 2004. One thing Mr. Wynne takes pride in is making our school sparkle and shine. Whoever visits the school always comments on how clean it is. That's all down to our efficient custodian, Mr. Wynne!



This is Mr. Wheesk, our maintenance man:) He has been with our BBS family since 2010. He keeps our school running smoothly and does the upkeep for our board housing.. Mr Wheesk ensures everyday that our staff and students are safe...thank you, Mr. Wheesk!

## BBS is a Nut-Free School



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again we would like to bring to your attention that some children in our school have severe allergies to certain products such as peanuts, nuts, peanut oil or flour, peanut butter, eggs, latex and shellfish, which could trigger life threatening reactions also known as “**Anaphylactic**” reactions. The most common allergens are often hidden in food where you would least expect it. Food manufacturers sometimes use these products as fillers or substitute for taste.

Prevention, of course, is the best approach when dealing with ANAPHYLACTIC reactions to food. We ask for your cooperation in this effort by ensuring your child/children **do not bring food containing any allergens mentioned above at school.**

Please speak with your child/children about the seriousness of this condition as well as the dangers of sharing food with other students.

If your pupil has a health problem of any kind, please inform the school staff immediately so the necessary precautions may be taken.

Let's continue to strive towards a contaminant free school by participating in this effort. Your commitment is very important to us.

### Foods that Can Cause Allergic Reactions

Any food can cause a reaction in someone.

But certain foods do cause problems more frequently than others:

- Milk
- Nuts
- Fish
- Wheat
- Eggs
- Berries
- Students have already been identified as having these allergies: Amoxicillin, Kiwi, Mango, Penicillin, Septra, Pecan Nuts, Wasp, Dust, Pollen, Mould, Cats, Dogs, Peanuts, Peanut Butter, Eggs, Shrimps, Crabs, Lactose Intolerant, Sensitivity to perfumes or air fresheners.

Help us keep our students safe...please do not send any of these items to school in your child(ren)'s lunches.





## Communication Protocol



**Whom to Contact** - Knowing whom to contact at Bishop Belleau School (or the Board Office) is important in order to deal effectively with a concern.

- **First** - Contact your child's teacher. Most situations are resolved at this level. Throughout the school year, take advantage of opportunities to talk with your child's teacher(s).
- **Next** - Contact the principal if a solution is not reached with the teacher or if you have questions or concerns of a more general nature related to school operations, then contact the Superintendent of Education, Daphne Brumwell, if the situation is still not resolved. Leave a message with the Superintendent's secretary, Judy Piche, at 1-877-422-9322 ext. 3210 (toll free) and the Superintendent will get back to you as quickly as possible.
- **Finally** - If it is a serious issue that cannot be resolved by talking to the above people, please put your concerns in writing to the Superintendent of Education at the Board Office so the matter can be investigated in the appropriate way.

The address of the school board is:

*Northeastern Catholic District School Board*

*101 Spruce St. N.*

*Timmins, ON*

*P4N 6M9*

*We are on the web: <http://www.ncdsb.on.ca>*

## Attendance Matters at BBS!



Students are expected to be at school every day. Absenteeism can gravely affect a child's learning experience. When students miss school for reasons other than illness, they lose a day of learning. Teachers have to re-teach fundamental concepts and skills and other students lose out on new lessons. Please ensure your child comes to school daily and contact the school when your child is absent; this will help us know where our students are at all times.