



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

This is our last newsletter for the 2016 calendar year. It is hard believe how fast the months are going by.

We look forward to this month's celebrations:

- *BAS Winter Feast on the 8th at 5:30 p.m.
 - * Kimberley Junior Concert (Gr. 4, 5, 6 and 3/4) on the 15th at 6:30 p.m.
 - * Kimberley Kinder Concert on the 20th at 5:45 p.m.
- Please note that the Primary Concert (Gr. 1, 2, 3) is scheduled for May.

These events are wonderful ways to welcome the Holiday Season. We will also have our traditional gift raffle and food drive this month.



Celebrate, relax and enjoy time with family and friends!

As we get ready to welcome a new calendar year, we wish you a wonderful holiday break. We also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the partnership between home and the school.

Getting Ready for Winter Weather



Each year, as winter approaches, we need to make sure our students are ready with the appropriate attire. All students need to have indoor shoes, (that remain in the school) while boots are appropriate for outside.

Please label all items of clothing, including boots, because many students wear similar clothing and mix-ups do occur. Lost and found clothing is placed on the rack at the bottom of the east stairs, and it is easier to retrieve items that are labeled.

Student Safety

We remind all parents that student supervision starts at 8:30 am on the pavement at the back of the school. Students must arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m., not before.

At the end of the school day, there is teacher supervision at the back of the school on the pavement under the canopy from 3:30 to 3:45 pm.



Important Kimberley Winter Concert Notice!

For a few weeks now the children have been getting ready for our winter concert. As usual, we've been trying out a variety of instrumental parts and getting those vocals down just right. Please note that this year there will be a significant change to the scheduling of our concerts.

Our school is growing in size and we've seen huge turn outs for our Grade 1 to 6 concerts, so much so that the gym cannot accommodate the numbers. In addition to wanting a more



comfortable environment for our audience members, we are in danger of contravening fire codes with the big crowds. Over the last couple of years we've tried a couple of solutions to ameliorate this problem, and this year, in consultation with parent council, we have settled on the following:

For our winter concert, at 6:30 on Thursday, December 15th, the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students will perform (including Ms. Macleod's Grade 3/4 class in room 206).

For the springtime concert in May (date to be determined) Grades 1, 2 and 3 will perform.

The choir will be performing at both the winter and spring concerts.

Thanks for your understanding and see you at the concert!

Mr. Kelly

Skates, Skates, Skates



We have a number of skates we can loan out to families for the winter season, but we are also looking for donations of skates. If you have skates to donate, please drop them off in the lobby on or before December 12th. After

school on December 12th, we will be handing out skates for students who would like to borrow them.

We just ask that families who borrow skates return them after March Break.



our students have been busy preparing programs of music and song to kick off the Holiday Season. As winter approaches, come celebrate and enjoy our students' musical achievements as we close out the first part of our school year with our annual Winter Concerts

Beaches Winterfeast

And Concert

Thursday, December 8th,

5:30 pm / concert 6:45 pm

Choir members meet in the library at 6:30



Kimberley Winter Concert

(Gr. 4,5,6)

Thursday, December 15th,

6:30 pm*

We hope you'll be able to attend!

***For Kimberley Concert parents and guardians: Please bring your children to the school at approximately 6:15 so they can get settled in their classroom prior to going on stage for their performance.**

Choir members meet in the library after checking in at your classroom.

Annual-Great-Games-and-Terrific-Toys Raffle!

It is almost time for our annual toy raffle to begin! The display case in the foyer will soon be bulging with all kinds of wonderful toys, games, art supplies, sports equipment and other fun stuff donated by teachers and staff members from both Kimberley and Beaches schools. The raffle will begin on Wednesday, December 7th, and will continue until Wednesday, December 21st. Every class will be given a schedule, so please be sure to check which day is your child's day to buy tickets! Tickets will be sold for 50 cents or 3 for \$1.00. The final draws will be made at the assembly Friday, December 23th, in the morning.

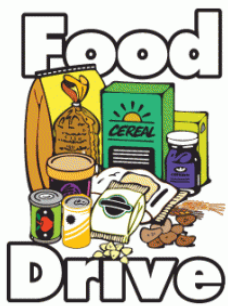
All proceeds from the Toy Raffle will be given to Centre 55's Hamper the Reindeer. The money is used to provide our neighbours with over a thousand holiday dinners, toys for hundreds of children, and even dog and cat treats for animals belonging to seniors who live on their own. In the past, Beaches and Kimberley students have given generously, and that is a tradition we want to continue!

See you at the Toy Raffle!

(Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Bourne and Mr. Glyn Williams)



Annual Holiday Food Drive



This year Room 203 will be organizing the collection of non-perishable food items (rice and pasta, canned fish, meats and beans, baby food) that will be donated to Centre 55. Centre 55 will then be donating their "Hampers" to families-in-need in our community. The

goal is to have the entire school donating to the food drive. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated! Collection boxes will be located in the main foyer and donations can be placed there at any time, from December 12th to the 20th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Real Food For Real Kids

Real Food for Real Kids serves hot lunches at Kimberley Jr and Beaches Alternative Schools every Tuesday and Thursday!

It is not too late to enrol your child for the hot lunch program; for more information about the program, please visit



<http://www.rfrk.com/schools/> and if you still have questions, please contact RFRK directly at lunchclubs@rfrk.com or 416.410.KIDS (5437) x2

Volunteer Yard Clean Up

On October 30th, 11 incredible volunteers braved the rain to come and clean up our school gardens. A huge thank you goes out to Jenn Tinker, Erin Green, Kris Sodzawiczny, Jean Feng and her husband along with Ryan and Emma Spaulding as well as Michelle Carlyle. Our gardens look better than ever thanks to these dedicated volunteers. They pulled weeds, clipped hedges, and cleaned out the vegetable gardens. Thank you so much for volunteering your time!



Run Club

Following this year's cross country season, some dedicated students continued to run in the mornings.

Run Club will continue in December, and then will pick up again in the Spring. One way to find out about all the happenings in the gym is to follow Miss Mummery on Twitter (KBPE_tdsb).

Run dates:

December 1, 5, 6,
9,12,13,16 8:20 -
8:45 in the gym



Kimberley School Council

www.kimberleysc.com for school and event updates.

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Don't forget to sign up to receive regular email notification and announcements.

Our next meeting is **Monday, January 16, 2017;** 6:30PM in the school library. If you have any suggestions for featured topics or special guests you'd be interested in for the meetings please email kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com.

BAKE SALE

Kimberley School Council is hosting a bake sale before and after the Grade 4-6 December 15 Holiday concert.

- **Volunteers Needed** for set up, tear down and to man the tables
- **Bakers Needed** to provide goodies and treats (nut free). These can be dropped off in the school lobby near the kitchen anytime during the day of the concert

If you can volunteer or have any questions please contact kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com.

Kimberley QSP Fundraiser

Room 203 celebrated their hard work selling the most QSP magazines with an ice cream party on November 25th!

Room 203 would like to thank Sabrina Silverstone and the rest of Parent Council for their continued support of initiatives and motivation to better our school. We also want to thank Michelle from QSP! We look forward to



many more ways to help our school! Thanks again!

Grade 4-6 Girls' Houseleague Basketball

Girls' Basketball has started. Don Butler, Sophie's dad, has volunteered to work with the junior girls and boys to develop their skills. The boys will have their chance in the new year. The girls will meet Wednesdays and Thursdays after school. Thank you Don!



Pioneer Villave

On Nov. 14th my class went to Pioneer Village. We learned about pioneer life and some struggles the early settlers would have faced. We found



out how the pioneers met their basic needs to survive. We Learned how they met their needs for water, food, clothing and shelter. It was a fun and educational trip.

By Riley

Hour of Code

During the week of December 5th-9th we will be exploring coding as part of the 'Hour of Code' focus in schools. Coding is the digital language, or medium, that is used to create programs accessed on computers, for software and online tools. The Hour of Code is a global movement involving students in many, many countries. We are organizing an Hour of Code event in our school with the support of student ambassadors who will visit in each of the classrooms to share websites, iPad apps, activities and 'how-to's.

For more information visit the website at code.org or speak to your child(ren) about the coding courses that we have been working on in our Media Literacy classes.



Ms. C. van Wonderen (Room 202)

World Record Cup Stacking



We are still awaiting results, as some schools/organizations have yet to verify their numbers, but we can report that we were part of at least 600,000 stackers who took part in this world record challenge. The challenge was to have the "most people sport stacking at multiple locations in one day". This is the fourth year we have taken part, and it was a tremendous success; even our Superintendent, John Chasty stopped by to take part, along with Miss Hanson.



john.chasty @ChastyJohn · 6d
Kimberley/Beaches JPS prepare for Guinness stacking competition record, over 600K students competing worldwide today
@KBPE_tdsb @tdsb

Earth Rangers Visit

The Earth Rangers came to our school last Monday. Earth Rangers help animals, and they told us how to help animals too. We saw an owl fly to the back of the gym. It went over our heads and it was cool. We also saw a monitor lizard and learned that it smells through its tongue. There were two hawks, one was big and one was tiny. The tiny one can punch big birds out of the sky. That's crazy! It's good to help animals and we have to help endangered animals now.

The Earth Rangers are awesome.

By Room 208



Dates To Remember

P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 2
BAS WinterFeast	Thursday December 8
Kimberley Gr. 4-6 Concert	Thursday December 15
Kimberley Kinder Concert	Tuesday, December 20
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 26 - Friday, January 6
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 17
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 20
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 13 – Friday March 17
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 17
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 22
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 9
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 29

Character Development Attributes **December: Kindness and Caring**



Our website is up and running! You are able to read our monthly newsletter online, or print your own copies. We invite you to visit it at:

Beaches Alternative P.S.: <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/beachesalternative>

Kimberley Jr. P.S.:

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/kimberley>

It is our hope to have most of our parents elect to read it online instead of receiving the monthly paper-copy. We all know that less paper copies contribute to an environmentally friendly school.

Please note: Please let the office know, in writing, if you wish to continue receiving the paper copies.