



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

***April 2017***

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## **Principal's message:**

### ***Spring is here!***

We have already seen our days getting longer and we are now looking forward to warmer days, when we will start working on our school grounds including our exciting vegetable garden.

Term 1 has gone by in a flash and the next three months will be very busy for the Kimberley and Beaches Alternative community. Please be sure to check the list on the last page and mark your calendars! We will continue to count on your support with the many upcoming initiatives.

With the warmer weather, we ask parents to make arrangements to drop off and pick up their children outside, preferably at the back of the school or Kindergarten yard. All parents are asked to report to the main office when entering the school during school hours.

## **Planning for September 2017**

We have already begun planning for the next school year. A proposed staffing model is being created based on the staffing allocation we received from the TDSB. (More details to come)

## **Parent Session**

Kimberley and Beaches parents are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for a special screening of ScreenAgers - a documentary on growing up in the digital age. Please note that this session is geared to an adult audience.

ABOUT THE FILM: (Runtime: 68 minutes. Directed by: Delaney Ruston, M.D.)

Screenagers is about the impact of the digital age (video games and social media) on children and how to help them minimize harmful effects and find balance.

The initiative is sponsored by Kimberley/BAS School Councils in partnership with Gledhill P.S.

The event will be hosted in the Kimberley/BAS school library. Hope to see you there on April 4<sup>th</sup>!

## **EQAO...planning ahead...**

This year our **Grade 3 and 6** students are scheduled to complete EQAO testing from **May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>**. EQAO provides us with meaningful data by measuring our students' achievement in reading, writing and math in relation to Ontario Curriculum expectations. The objective and reliable assessment results are evidence that adds to the current knowledge about student learning and serves as an important tool for improvement at the individual, school, school board and provincial levels. EQAO helps build capacity for the appropriate use of data by providing resources that educators, parents, policy-makers and others in the education community can use to improve learning and teaching.

Please avoid booking appointments; trips; etc during these 2 weeks of EQAO testing. As a parent, you can help your child prepare for EQAO testing by logging into [www.EQAO.com](http://www.EQAO.com) and searching under the Parent Resources section. Being involved at home is a proven way to help ensure that your child is engaged in their learning!

## International Day of Pink

On April 12 we celebrate The International Day of Pink. A day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.



Our students and staff will be wearing pink in support of diversity, and will be participating in events and activities that will engage our community to challenge gender stereotypes.

The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other. Kimberley and Beaches we certainly hope to have strong participation and show that we care.

**We count on our school community to wear pink on April 12.**

### **Kimberley School Council**

Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at [www.kimberleysc.com](http://www.kimberleysc.com) for school and event updates.

Dates to Remember:

-April 10, 2017; *School Council Meeting* -6:30pm in the school library

-April 8, 2017; *Parents Night Out* -7:30pm at Balmy Beach Club

-April 26, 2017; *Pizza Lunch*

If you are looking for opportunities to volunteer or have any questions please contact [kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com).

### **Annual Book Exchange**

In preparation for our annual used book exchange we are asking parents to donate books that your child no longer reads. It is our hope that every child will get to take home a book that is new to them. Drop offs can be made any time in the school foyer. The Book Exchange will take place on Thursday, April 20th.

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## Café

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Come to our schools' monthly parent-run Café! Enjoy free coffee, tea, and treats in the foyer.

**We're open the last Thursday of every month, from 8:45-10am.**

Coffee generously provided by Grinder on Main!



### **Earth Week**

Starting Tuesday, April 18th, Kimberley/Beaches will be celebrating Earth Week. Each day we will show our support with a little friendly competition. Students will be asked to wear a specific colour to show their support. The class who wears each colour the most will get to keep the Kimberley/Beaches Cup (made out of recycled material) in their room for the day. Following is a list of Earth Week events and day specific colours:

**Tuesday, April 18th: Clean Air Day – White!** Walk to school day. Please make every effort to have your child walk, bike or skateboard to school on this day. When we walk instead of drive, we help reduce air pollution.

**Wednesday, April 19th: Plant a Garden Day - Brown!** Ecoclub will be going to each class and helping each student to plant a vegetable seed to take home. The more we grow our own food the less we depend on vehicles to transport our food.

**Thursday, April 20th: Save a Tree Day – Black!** Our annual book exchange will take place. Every child will be able to take home a used book that is new to them. By exchanging books we save trees from being cut down.

**Friday, April 21st: Earth Day – Green!** Outdoor litterless lunch picnic, with lemonade stand and bake sale, followed by a yard clean up. Please bring your own cup and money to purchase lemonade and baked goods in support of our gardening initiatives.

## CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE

The Grade 2 and 3 students of Room 201 celebrated a Heritage Night at the beginning March. From interviews done with parents and grandparents, students prepared speeches and presented them to a room full of their families, before enjoying a feast of foods from many different countries. Each child's desk display on the country of heritage they had learned about, created a wonderful venue for affirming our theme, "Home is where your story begins." Here is Molly's journal writing on our celebration.



*Last night at Heritage Night, my favourite part was when it was time for me to come up for my speech. It was AMAZING to give my speech. I felt proud when I was done. I truly loved trying the foods from all around the world. Last night I could have basically gone to all those countries. I felt like I was in all those countries when I read the display mats. When I got home it seemed like even my dog wanted to ask me questions. The food was delicious. In the end, I didn't want to leave.*

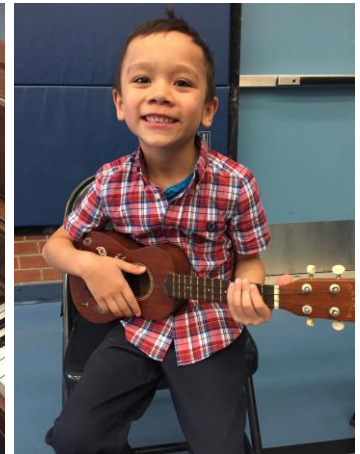
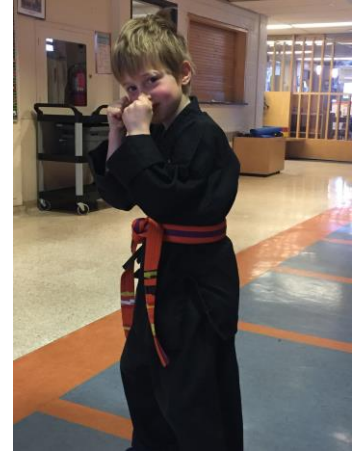
*I was very excited to do my speech. At one part, I was smiling so much I felt like I would start bursting out laughter. I was so happy that people were looking at my book on my desk mat. I didn't think anybody would be interested! When I was finished my speech, it felt good to have people clap. There were a couple of different kinds of food that I absolutely loved.*

By Molly

## Talent Show

On Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> our school gathered to be entertained by some very talented students. It was an amazing afternoon of entertainment. There were musicians, singers, comedians, martial artists and dancers. Some of our performers have been taking lessons for years, some have just started and some are self-taught. They all took the stage with confidence and were very impressive.

Here are just some of our talented performers.



Thanks to all the performers for doing such a great job!

Community Centre 55 provides third party Before & After care in the school for FDK's and School Age (grade 1-6) children following the TDSB schedule.

For more information please contact Sarah Allen directly at:

[sarah@centre55.com](mailto:sarah@centre55.com) or [416-691-1113 x 231](tel:416-691-1113)

## Dates To Remember

Parent Screening of "Screenagers"	Tuesday, April 4
Parents' Night Out	Saturday, April 8
Kimberley Parent Council	Monday, April 10
Day of Pink	Wednesday, April 12
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 17
Earth Week	April 18-21
School Track & Field Gr. 4-6	Tuesday, April 25
BAS General Meeting	Tuesday, April 25
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 22
Family Fun Night	Thursday, June 8
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 9
BAS Gr. 6 Graduation	Tuesday, June 27
Kimberley Gr. 6 Graduation	Wednesday, June 28
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 29

***Character Development  
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April: Co-operation***



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PARTY  
ON**

## Parents' Night Out!

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Kimberley/Beaches Fundraiser

**SATURDAY APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

7:30 pm at  
**The Balmy Beach Club**

360 Lake Front (foot of Beech Ave.)

**MUSIC**  
Dancing with DJ Mike  
**Silent Auction**  
**Lucky Draw ;)**

**Tickets \$25**

**SUPPORT OUR KIDS and  
HAVE SOME FUN!**

To Buy Tickets, Contact:

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All welcome but ya gotta be 19!!!