



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

***January 2017***

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**PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:**

I take this opportunity to wish students, parents and members of the Kimberley and BAS community all the best for the year 2017. We are looking forward to another successful year of learning and we know that a strong partnership between the school and the community is key to that success. Together, we will continue to provide our students with skills and meaningful experiences.

**Kindergarten Registration**

**February** is the system-wide Kindergarten Registration month at the TDSB. If you have a child or know of a child in the Kimberley P.S. district born in 2013 they should begin kindergarten in September, 2017. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2017, your child must turn four by December 31, 2017. To attend Senior Kindergarten in September, children must turn five by December 31, 2017.



When registering your child, please bring the following information to Kimberley PS:

- 1. Proof of age** (a birth certificate or passport)
- 2. Proof of citizenship**  
(a birth certificate, passport, or Record of Landing)
- 3. Proof of address**  
(two pieces of identification that show your address, such as your telephone bill, driver's licence, bank statement, income tax form, rental or lease agreement)
- 4. Proof of immunization**
- 5. Health Card**
- 6. Legal Custody Documents** (if applicable)

**Kindergarten Registration at Kimberley will take place February 6<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>**

**► Please call 416-393-1450 to set up an appointment.**



## **Beaches Alternative School** **INFORMATION NIGHT**

**When:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Where:** At Beaches/Kimberley Public School  
50 Swanwick Avenue



Accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten to Grade Five students for September 2017. Attendance at this event is required to be considered for admission.

For information call: (416) 393-1451

## **Kimberley and Beaches Cafe**



Come to our next café for Kimberley and Beaches parents and from 8:45am-10am on the last Thursday of every month. Enjoy free coffee from Grinder, tea and lots of homemade goodies. Hope to see you next year on Jan 26, 2017!

## **Stay Healthy During Flu Season**

Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others.



The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;

- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health), contact your family doctor, or Telehealth 1-866-797-0000.

## **Hour of Code**

The students of most of the grade 1-6 classrooms were involved in the Hour of Code from December 5-9. The Hour of Code is an international event to engage students with digital coding courses



Students can choose from a variety of tasks to explore on [code.org](http://code.org), to build skills of focus, persistence, directions, logic mazes, algorithms, line design, etc., from



introductory levels to higher challenges! This event supports early learning of digital programming which can lead to advanced computer languages and problem solving.

We had fun, learned and shared a new way of thinking. Thank you to our Coding Buddies from room 202, 207 and 209 who passed on their skills for new learning with other students.

Ms. van Wonderen





## Evis Chirowamhangu.

On Friday, Nov.25<sup>th</sup>, the Kimberley Grade 6's received a visit from Evis Chirowamhangu. We met Evis (pronounced "Ay-vis") through the Memory Project, an organization that originally connected veterans with school groups, but now also puts immigrants to Canada in touch with schools. We invited Evis to come and tell us her story. The Grade 6's were well prepared with questions they wanted to ask.



Evis was full of life, telling us her story, and describing her love of traditional cooking, and her new business! She is from Zimbabwe and came to Canada eleven years ago. She is one of nine children and grew up in a loving home, enjoying family celebrations and her mother's cooking. She explained that where she lived, it was a struggle for many people just to put food on the table. When Evis was in university, she was part of a group of young women who campaigned to get a woman into the school council, a very difficult challenge in her country. Her group was successful in having a woman elected, but that night, the militia surrounded her university dormitory. Evis came to the attention of the authorities as an activist, and she knew her life was in danger. She was able to get a visa, and she came to Canada alone at the age of 21, not knowing a single thing about it.

Evis answered the students' questions for about 45 minutes and left them with a lot to think about! Here are some of the reflections they wrote:

*"I see how strong Evis is, and it's amazing that she is so brave by raising awareness about women's privileges. Her life has been flipped upside down and she has been on quite a journey, but she has stayed strong throughout the whole thing. That sends a strong message to me."* Reine

*"I think that what she did trying to get that one woman elected was brave and a good thing. I also feel kind of bad for her that she had to experience so many bad things, and having to leave her family and emigrate all by herself with no one to support her."* Ty

*"I can make a connection to Evis. My mom was a refugee. She had been in war for four years and my dad was in the army. How I feel about Evis coming is that she is a very happy and energetic woman. I can relate to her a lot because my family was in a very hard situation. I also feel very honoured that she came to our school to talk to us. She is amazing!"* Amila

*"What happened to her was not fair because she was being targeted until she left Zimbabwe, and every day, waking up and not seeing your family, not celebrating birthdays or Christmas, and not seeing your other family, like your aunts or uncles. I could never live like that so when she told us that, I couldn't believe it. It was really sad."* Cody

*"I understand how hard it must have been for her and I am glad she was able to share her story with young children such as our class, and that her contribution has helped people understand what needs to change."* Neve

We are so thankful for Evis' visit. It makes us more aware of the struggles so many new Canadians face, and makes us more determined to show compassion and kindness.

Read More about Evis here:

[https://www.thestar.com/life/food\\_wine/2016/10/28/earn-to-make-mnandi-pies-zimbabwe-style-beef-and-kale.html](https://www.thestar.com/life/food_wine/2016/10/28/earn-to-make-mnandi-pies-zimbabwe-style-beef-and-kale.html)

## Thank You Parent Council





## Choir News

This has been a busy few months for the Kimberley/Beaches choir! In November, this group of 40 students sang, "In Flanders Fields" at our annual Remembrance Day assembly. We had only a few rehearsals to prepare, and the choir sang beautifully. Next, the choir sang "Thankful Heart" from "The Muppet Christmas Carol", and "Reindeer on the Roof", at both the Beaches Winter Feast, and the Kimberley Winter Concert.



On Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, it was time to celebrate the whole term's singing with a pizza party! Students gathered at lunch time in Room 201 to enjoy pizza, (thanks to the Parent Council), drinks, cupcakes, cookies, and each other's company! Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Cullen both have "thankful hearts" for this dedicated group who gave up one lunch hour every week to sing together.



What's next? The TDSB non-competitive choir festival, singing for the seniors at Main Street Terrace, the Spring Concert, and whatever other opportunities to sing that come our way!

## Toy Raffle Results

Once again, the Ho-Ho-Ho for the Holidays, Great Games and Terrific Toys Raffle (to give it its full title) was a success! As in past years, staff kindly donated toys, which were displayed in the front foyer. Students had a chance to come and buy tickets with their class, knowing that all of the money would be



donated to Community Centre 55 for their "Hamper" program.



This wonderful program distributes toys and holiday dinners to families that need a little help during the holidays. Thanks to the generosity of our students (and their parents), Kimberley/Beaches were able to donate \$1127.00 to Centre 55, and at the assembly on the last Friday before the winter break, some lucky students went home with a new toy! And all of us went home happy, knowing we've done a little bit to make someone else's holiday happier!

## Holiday Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who generously brought in food for this year's food drive. It was a huge success! We were able to collect 883 non-perishable items that we donated to Centre 55 to help needy families in our community.



Great work Kimberley & Beaches!

## Syrian Children's Choir

On Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> Bayan and Amin performed as members of the Nai Syrian Children's Choir to share songs about hope and peace. Those who gathered at the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa to hear their lovely voices, included Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and many proud family members and friends. Amin expressed feeling happy because "I was singing to so many people." When asked what the songs were about, Bayan responded, "The songs were about Syria and saying thank you to Canada. The songs were about peace and dreams in Syria and Canada." Keep singing Bayan and Amin and sharing your important messages of hope and peace!



Nicole Vitello  
ESL/ELD Itinerant Teacher

## Dates To Remember

First Day Back	Monday January 9
Kimberley Pizza Lunch	Friday January 13
Kimberley Parent Council Meeting	Monday January 16
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 20
Beaches General Meeting	Thursday January 26
BAS Info Night	Tuesday January 31
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 January: Teamwork

TEAMWORK  
MAKES THE  
DREAM WORK



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>

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