



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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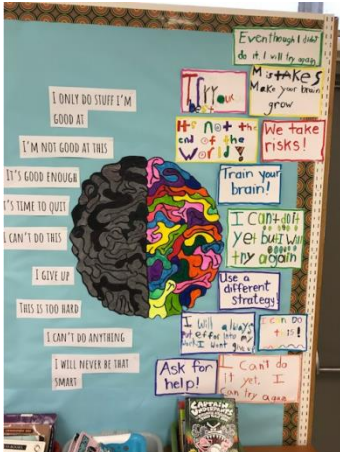
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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

September was a very busy month at Kimberley/BAS. Our walls are starting to show our students hard work.



It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our first month of school. Students quickly got involved in classroom activities, as well as in the many extra-curricular opportunities offered by our staff. Thank you to all who attended our Curriculum Night and

class meetings. We value the home-school partnership and we encourage ongoing communication. Please don't hesitate to contact your child / children's teacher or the administration with any questions, concerns or

suggestions you might have throughout the school year. It is our belief that the most effective schools are those who have active partnerships with parents in the education of their children. Be involved – volunteer, support your school council and attend school events. We hope to see you often throughout the school year.

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:

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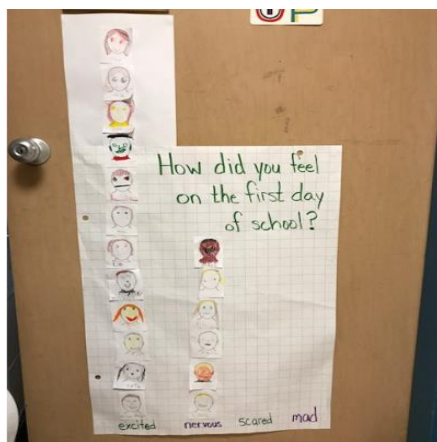
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It is our hope to have most of our parents elect to read it online instead of receiving the monthly paper-copy. We all know that less paper copies contribute to an environmentally friendly school.

Please note: starting next month paper copies of our monthly newsletter will be sent home only to families who request it. Please return the completed form attached to this newsletter if you wish to continue receiving the paper copies



Reorganization

We started the school with larger than expected numbers in our Kimberley junior classes, which lead to reorganization. We certainly welcomed the opportunity to open an additional Gr 5/6 class, but we also recognize the challenges that came with reorganizing the junior classes and we thank parents/guardians for their support and understanding.

Head Lice

Each year, in schools and daycares, we deal with the persistent problem of head lice. At Kimberley and BAS we make an effort to schedule school-wide lice checks. We also ask parents to make the effort to check your child's head on a weekly basis. If you need more information and/or alternative treatments please visit the Public Health website (below) or contact Health Connection at (416) 338 7600.

http://www.toronto.ca/health/hl_index.htm

There are students with severe and life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts:
Please do not use peanut or nut products when sending food into the school.

Cross Country



We have just over 80 students running in our Primary and Junior Cross Country programs. Some are running for fitness, while others are training to compete at the Area Finals at Ashbridges Bay on October 2nd. Thanks to all the parents who have come out to cheer, or run with the group. We really appreciate the support. And thanks to the coaches who have worked with the students these first few weeks of September.

Hallowe'en Walk Around the Block



Our annual *Walk Around the Block* Hallowe'en event will take place on Tuesday, October 31st at 1:00 p.m. It is a great way to show some fall excitement to our community neighbours. It is also a fun tradition at our schools and it is usually followed by individual class parties at Kimberley and a school-wide event for BAS. With the many extra treats available, **please remember to send in only nut-free items with your children.**

*EQAO

Individual EQAO results for students currently in Gr. 4 have been sent home.



Every year we analyze our EQAO results and use them to guide our instruction improvement plans. This is a whole school approach that is not limited to grades 3 and 6. It is our goal to continue striving for academic excellence.

Police Check for Parent Volunteers

We value and appreciate the time and dedication that our parent volunteers have to offer. Thank you for your contributions to our learning community!

Volunteers are required by the TDSB to complete a Police Reference Check. Police Reference Check forms are available in the school office.

Once a reference check has been cleared, your name will be entered into the TDSB Volunteer Data Base. Once cleared, volunteers only need to complete an annual Offence Declaration in order to update their police check status. This is a simple process which is done at the school. It is not a new police reference check and there is no cost. Please see Ms. Logan or Tessa in the office if you have any questions regarding the police check process.

Dear Minister of Health Jane Philpott,

I do not like how everywhere I turn there's someone smoking. Smoking is unacceptable! Local people feel that it is difficult to breathe!

It's a well-known fact Smoking is bad for you so why is it still legal? Tobacco use is also linked to cancer of the bladder, kidney, pancreas, cervix, mouth, throat, esophagus, larynx, stomach, colon, rectum and breast.

The second reason is about 3.9% of Canadian children 0 to 17 years old are exposed to second-hand smoke at home and that means people will get really sick!

The last reason is Smokers have trouble breathing because smoking damages the lungs. If you have asthma, you can have more frequent and more serious attacks. Smoking causes a lot of coughing with phlegm.

I know you won't be happy with my request but it's for their own good. Also at least make places to help people stop smoking. Another thing is what would happen if you make smoking illegal is the air would be a lot cleaner.

Sincerely,

Colin M.
Grade 3 Student
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Dear Colin,

Thank you for the letter you wrote to the Honourable Jane Philpott, Minister of Health, about smoking in Canada. I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf. I am sorry it has taken so long to get back to you.

It is always a pleasure to hear from students like you, who are taking an active interest in the issues that matter to them.

Health Canada is also concerned about Canadians getting sick because of smoking. Smoking is the leading cause of early death in Canada. It plays a role in causing over 40 diseases and other serious health problems, including cancer, lung problems, and heart disease, leading to suffering for thousands of Canadians, their friends and family.

Like you, Health Canada is also concerned about second-hand smoke and considers it to be a very important issue. Breathing in second-hand smoke should be avoided as much as possible because it contains over 4,000 chemicals, many of which can cause cancer.

The idea of banning cigarettes was considered a long time ago. Unfortunately, tobacco use was very popular before we knew its harmful effects. Today, over 4.6 million Canadians still use tobacco products, and many of them are addicted. As such, it would be very difficult to make smoking illegal. Instead of a full ban, the Government of Canada is working very hard to help people quit smoking, and to prevent people from starting in the first place. Health Canada has quite a lot of information about smoking. If you are interested, you can find out more online at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/smoking-tobacco.html>. Persons interested in quitting smoking can get help by visiting www.gosmokefree.gc.ca/quit.

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Character Development Attributes

October: Responsibility



Dates To Remember

Cross Country Area Finals	Monday, October 2
P A Day (No School)	Friday, October 6
Thanksgiving (No School)	Monday, October 9
BAS General Meeting	Wednesday, October 25
School Council Meeting (Kimberley)	Monday, October 30
BAS Halloween Party	Tuesday, October 31
Halloween Parade	Tuesday, October 31
Picture Day - Retakes & Siblings	Thursday, Nov. 2
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 10
P A Day (No School)	Friday, November 17
P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 1
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 25 - Friday, January 5
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 19
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 16
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 19
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 12 – Friday March 16
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, March 30
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 2
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 21
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 8
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 28



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Our monthly newsletter will be posted online at the start of each month. If you wish to continue receiving paper copies, please let us know by completing the form below and submitting it to the office.



We would like to **continue receiving paper copies** of the monthly newsletter

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____