



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

***April 2016***

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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.

Last month Kimberley P.S. welcomed three families from Syria, with a total of nine new students. Our community has been very generous in extending their support as the families adjust to their life in Canada. We recognize the ongoing challenges of embracing a new place to call home and count on our school community to continue their support. Many of you might have noticed the Arabic signs in our office, washrooms and classrooms. We also know that some of our students are learning basic Arabic phrases. It has been an exciting opportunity for all of us to expand our experiences and learn from each other.

Term 1 has gone by in a flash and the next three months will be very busy for the Kimberley and Beaches Alternative community. This year the Grade 5 and 6 students will have an opportunity to participate in an overnight learning excursion to the Island School. 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.

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

This year our **Grade 3 and 6** students are scheduled to complete EQAO testing from **May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 8<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!

## Planning for September 2016

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)

## International Day of Pink

On April 13 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 respect each other.

At 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 13<sup>th</sup>.](#)

## EARTH WEEK

Starting 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:

**Monday, 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.

**Tuesday, April 19th: Save a Tree Day - Brown!** Book collection in preparation for our Annual used book exchange. **If you have any children's books that are no longer being read, please consider donating them** to our school book exchange so that every child has a chance to take home a new book (for them). Drop offs can be made any time in the school foyer. The Book Exchange will take place next week.

**Wednesday, April 20th: Clean Water Day – Blue!** ! Litterless lunch picnic, with lemonade stand and bake sale, outside 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.

**Thursday, April 21st: Save Electricity Day – Yellow!** Everyone will be encouraged to turn off our lights at home and at school.

**Friday, April 22nd: Earth Day – Green**  
Taking our classrooms outside. Teachers will be invited to take their classes outside for some outdoor teaching.

So starting April 18th; let's show the planet we care by showing our colours!

## Earth Week 2016



April 18-24

## Room 201's Ten Year Volunteer



Mrs. Wood helps out in Room 201 every Thursday. She marks some of the work that we have completed. She reads with us and helps us out in Math. On February 11<sup>th</sup>, we got the opportunity to interview her. Before Mrs. Wood came to Room 201, she volunteered in many programs such as, Meals on Wheels, other classrooms, teaching and much more! She spent five years teaching in Nigeria, Africa.

Her passion for teaching started when she was in Grade 5. Mrs. Wood had a supply teacher that used to teach in Africa and that really inspired her. It has been her passion ever since. Apart from teaching, her hobbies include Scottish Country Dancing, skating, walking, and singing with the Hart House Choir. A really special memory she has with her family was always camping in Algonquin National Park. She has also travelled in Europe.

A few years ago, Mrs. Comeau had a student who only spoke Spanish. Mrs. Wood was asked to teach him Math in English and she nailed it! The student learned to excel in Math.

Mrs. Wood, all of Room 201 just wants to say thank you for being so kind and generous to us. Our class is richer by having you here with us. You inspire us to be our best and follow our passions! We wish you the best for the next ten years!

By: Rayaan, Alia, Cassie & Charlotte

## Ripley's Aquarium

Room 203 had the opportunity to visit Ripley's Aquarium before March break that tied in with a previous science unit. Here are some highlights from the visit:



- We went on the moving sidewalk and it was awesome -Hunter
- It was really cool to touch the slimy stingrays - Ava
- I liked to name the sharks when we sat beside them at lunch.- Maddison



- It was awesome at the workshop. Cameron
- I liked it when we touched the Horseshoe crabs. They were tough. Meghan
- I liked when we went to see all the amazing fish. Samantha
- I liked the workshop because I learned all the skins. Aidan T
- I liked touching the otter fur. Izabella





- I liked to see all the marine life and the saw shark. Noraiz
- I liked the dangerous lagoon because all of the dangerous sharks. Lincoln
- We saw a puffer fish and it was spiky. Molly
- I liked to touch the turtle shells in the workshop. Natalie



It was a great learning opportunity outside of the routine of the classroom. The trip couldn't have been done without the amazing support of parent volunteers and parent council. Parent council gave a \$5 subsidy for each student which helped pay for some of the costs. Thank you parent council and parents for an amazing trip!

# Scholastic Book Fair

*For Kimberley & Beaches is Coming Back!*



**Mon. April 18 3:30– 5:00**

**Tues. April 19 8:30 – 6:00**

**Wed. April 20 8:30 – 4:30**

**Thur. April 21 8:30 – 6:00**

We invite you to participate in the amazing literary event by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. This is a great opportunity to get books for Spring and Summer reading while helping the school raise funds to obtain new resources.

Parents, while you're at the fair enter our Family Event Draw to win \$50 worth of books \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom. The draw will be held on Friday Morning.

We look forward to seeing you at our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this very important fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has for your child's future.

\*If you are able to help as a volunteer please contact Mr. GlynWilliams\*



## Talent Show

Congratulations to all our amazing performers!  
You kept us entertained with your awesome talents!



Special thank you to our MCs Roan, Arion, and Maddie, for a job well done.



Thanks to Mrs. Cullen, Mrs. Comeau, Mrs. Bourne, and Mr. Tsementzis who helped with auditions and organizing this great afternoon, and to all the staff members who helped with practices.

## Dates To Remember

Kimberley Movie Night	Friday April 8
Parents Night Out	Saturday April 9
P A Day (No School) *New*	Friday, April 15
Earth Week	April 18-22
Scholastic Book Fair	April 18-21
Kimberley Pizza Lunch	Friday April 22
Kimberley School Council	Monday April 25
BAS General Meeting	Tuesday April 26
BAS Pizza Lunch	Wednesday April 27
Island School BAS Gr.5/6	May 16-18
Island School Kimberley Gr.5/6	May 18-20
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 23
EQAO Grades 3 and 6	May 25-June 8
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 10
BAS Grade 6 Graduation	Thursday, June 23
Kmberley Grade 6 Graduation	Tuesday, June 28
Last Day of School	Wednesday, June 29



### **April's Character Attribute is Co-operation**

"It is through cooperation, rather than conflict, that your greatest successes will be derived."  
(Ralph Charell)

**Welcome**  
**Spring**