



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:



This is our last newsletter for the 2014 calendar year. It is hard believe how fast the months are going by. The last two weeks in November felt like winter and our children already showed their enthusiasm for building snow sculptures and chasing the first snowflakes of the season.

Happy Holidays



Please join us for the Winter Feast for Beaches Alternative on December 11th at 5:30 p.m., the Kimberley Kindergarten Concert on the 17th at 5:45 and the Kimberley Gr. 1-6 Winter Concert on the 18th at 7:00. These events are wonderful ways to welcome the Holiday Season. We will also have our traditional gift raffle, food drive and bake sale this month.



Celebrate, relax and enjoy time with family and friends!

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

Annual Holiday Food Drive

This year we will again be collecting non-perishable food items (rice and pasta, canned fish, meats and beans, baby food) and new unwrapped toys that we will donate to Centre 55. Centre 55 will be donating their "Hampers" to families-in-need in our community. A portion of the food collected will be directed to the Daily Bread Food Bank. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated. Boxes will be located in the main foyer for the drive and donations can be placed there at any time. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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 entry time there are two designated supervised areas: the apparatus (weather conditions permitting) & the south end of the field and pavement between the portables and the field.

At the end of the school day, there is teacher supervision on the pavement by the portables from 3:30 to 3:45 pm.

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 11th,
6:30 pm / concert 7:00pm**



Kimberley Winter Concert

**Thursday, December 18th,
7:00 pm***

We hope you'll be able to attend!

*For Kimberley Concert parents and guardians: Please bring your child(ren), Grades 1 to 6, to the school at approximately **6:45** so they can get settled in their classroom prior to going on stage for their performance.

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 3rd, and will continue until Wednesday, December 10th.

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 19th, 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!



Speed Stacking

By Daisy

A week or so ago, we competed in speed stacking, in fact a lot of schools participated in this fun and competitive activity. Schools in Toronto, and probably other places speed stacked like we did. Every year schools get to participate like we do. So far 556,401 students participated and there are hundreds of schools that still have to send in their numbers. There are three different sections, there's relay with the normal size cups, the relay with the jumbo cups and a little station where you do different things with the mini and normal sized cups; for example, 363, 66, 12, cycle, etc. I'm sure Ms. Mummery has shown all the students the video of a boy who broke the record for the highest score in speed stacking in the world. Speed stacking is a fun activity, I'm not very good at it but who knows maybe you can break the world record!



Snack Program

We are so lucky to have such generous support from our parent community for the Nutrition Program! Thanks to the parents at KPS/BAS, we have been able to expand the snack program for the full school week! The snack wagon now wheels onto the playground, powered by parent volunteers, and bowls are delivered to the kindergarten classrooms Monday to Friday. Our milk program has been expanded to include the kindergarten classes, to great success!



The students at KPS/BAS are currently eating almost 300 pounds of produce each week! And even more surprisingly almost half of that is vegetables: celery, red peppers, carrots, cucumbers! We will be introducing green beans and broccoli in coming weeks. Our students love the program, and so do our amazing parent volunteers! Thank you for your support!

Gardening Initiative, Our Fall Clean-up

What a success...15 adults/10 kids

It was a wonderful sunny day and the kids loved putting the dirt on the beds and gathering the leaves.

Yet another community builder for Kimberley and Beaches families.

Thank you all for your hard work!





Kimberley Reading Program

Our Kimberley/Beaches Reading Program is off to a great start! Nine dedicated volunteers are now reading to students in five different classrooms.

The goal of this program:

- The primary goal of this program is to provide Kimberley and Beaches students with a warm, supportive learning environment that will build student's reading confidence by providing additional reading exposure and support that supplements the teaching in the classroom.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this program, please do not hesitate to contact Peter Vree @ vree.peter@gmail.com for more information or your child's classroom teacher.

Movie Night a Success

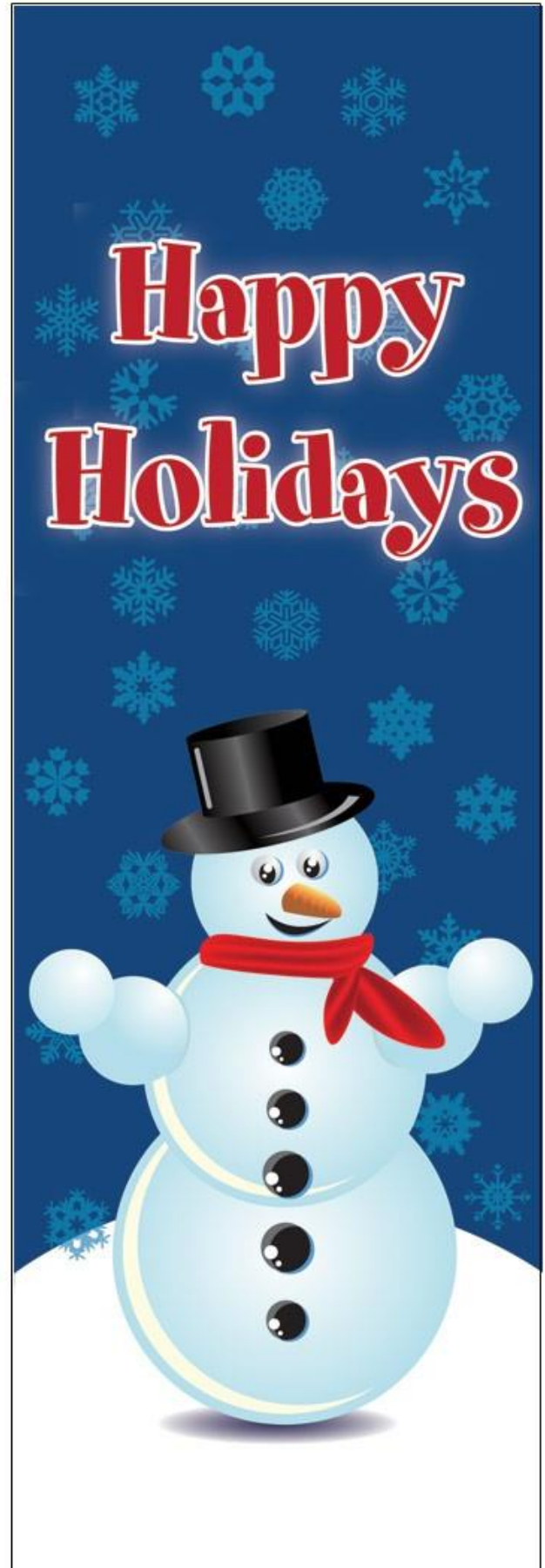
Friday, November 21 saw the KPS School Council host the first movie night of the year with a screening of Despicable Me 2. The gym was descended on by a large group of pajama-wearing students and their families. Pizza, snacks and drinks were available for those in attendance and helped raise approximately \$200 that will be directed to school programs. The next movie night is in January. Stay tuned!

Kimberley QSP Magazine Drive Surpasses Goal

Great news – the Kimberley QSP Magazine drive was a huge success surpassing the fundraising goal and last year's totals. 105 items were sold with 32 students participating. The fundraiser netted approximately \$1300 that will also be directed to school programs. Thank you to all the families that supported this initiative.

Bake Sale Upcoming

We will be once again looking for nut free baked good donations for the annual bake sale that takes place as part of the KPS Holiday Concert. The concert takes place on December 18 and we will be sending our reminder communication asking for parents and caregivers to channel their inner Betty Crocker.



Dates To Remember

PA Day (No School)	Friday, December 5
BAS Winter Feast	Thursday, December 11
Kimberley Kindergarten Concert	Wednesday, December 17
Kimberley Winter Concert Gr.1-6	Thursday, December 18
Toy Raffle	Friday, December 19
BAS Spirit/Fundraiser Crazy Hair Day	Friday, December 19
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2
BAS Info Night	Tuesday, January 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 23
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 13
Family Day (Holiday)	Monday, February 16
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 16 – Friday March 20
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 5
BAS Gr 6 Grad	Tuesday, June 23
Kimberley Gr 6 Grad	Wednesday, June 24
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 25



TDSB - Lunch Supervisors Needed

\$11.35/hr (supply) or \$18.77/hr (permanent)

If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate in English sensitively with our students, parents and staff, please consider joining the TDSB workforce. Your main role will be to ensure the safety and security of our students during the daily lunch period for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Necessary skills include patience, understanding and the ability to encourage positive relations among students. If interested, please apply online at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUS/Employment.aspx> and provide a resume to the school. Please see Ms. Hanson, our school principal, if you have any questions regarding this opportunity.

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

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Student's Name: _____ Rm. _____