



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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Principal's message:

Welcome back!



I take this opportunity to wish students, parents and members of the Kimberley and BAS community all the best for the year 2015. 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.

Students' Safety

The safety of our students is of paramount importance to all members of the Kimberley and BAS community. Please make sure that you drop off your children within the drop-off zone on Kimberley Ave. and use the pathway between the parking lot and the field to enter the school yard.



Safety matters

Please do not use the school parking lot or the "no-parking" zone in front of the school to drop off / pick up your child. As an eco-school, we also encourage everyone to leave their cars at home and walk to school.



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 district born in 2011 they should begin kindergarten in September, 2015. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2015, your child must turn four by December 31, 2015. To attend Senior Kindergarten in September, children must turn five by December 31, 2015.

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 2nd to 6th

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



Beaches Alternative School **INFORMATION NIGHT**

When: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30 pm

Where: At Beaches/Kimberley Public School

50 Swanwick Avenue

Accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten to Grade Five students for September 2015. Attendance at this event is required to be considered for admission.

For information call: (416) 393-1451

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, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth 1-866-797-0000.

FOOD DRIVE



The Grade Ones and Twos decided to make a difference in their community this holiday season by organizing a food drive to help those in need. We were thankful for the very generous donations from all the Kimberley and Beaches students. We were busy counting, sorting, tallying and graphing the cans, packages and boxes. Everything was donated to Centre 55 to help local families this winter. Here are some thoughts from students about the food drive:

We are doing it for people who need help with food. -Cayden

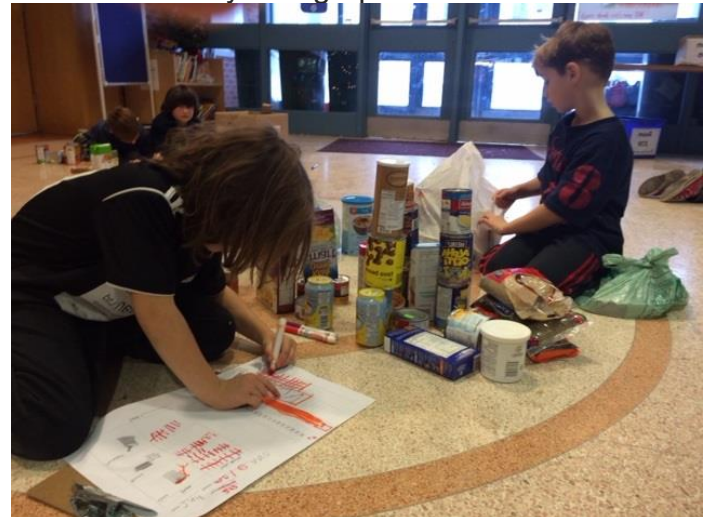
If there is someone who needs help staying alive by feeding themselves then we are helping them. -Jarvis

It is nice to give. -Max

Give people food because they may not have enough. -Noa

We are giving people food who don't have any. -Mia

We learn to tally and graph well. -Sam



Come and See Our KIVA Tree!

By Eli and Kieran

Room 207 is raising money for KIVA. KIVA is an organization that helps people who are poor and in need. We raised the money by doing chores at home, then OUR PARENTS HAD TO DO HOMEWORK by writing letters to say what chores we did, and how much we earned by doing them. We glued the letters to leaves and hung them on our "KIVA Tree".



We donated the money we made to our KIVA fund. Now we are going to visit the KIVA website and choose the people we want to lend money to!

Some of the people Room 207 has lent money to in the past are: Johnny from the Philippines who needed to buy seed and fertilizer, Zulfiya from Tajikistan, who needed a new roof, Deisi from Bolivia who needed to build walls and a roof on her house, Mr. Sarwar from Pakistan, who needed to buy a sewing machine that could sew through canvas, and Miguelon, also from Bolivia, who needed to buy a motorcycle to help transport him and his family to school, work, and other places which are all very far away. All of the loans have been completely repaid except for Miguelon who only owes Room 207 \$7.63 more, and who is still making payments.

We had \$117.00 in our account from repayments from the last three years, so our goal was to raise \$33.00 more. We are proud to announce that we raised a bit more than \$33.00!

By doing all of those chores, we raised \$200.00! Added to the amount in our account, we now have over \$300.00 to lend! Check the school newsletter for an update, once we have chosen the people we will be helping all over the world! Meanwhile, please visit www.kiva.org and Room 207's KIVA tree for more information. Thanks!

Grade 2/3 Heritage Night



The students of Room 201 celebrated a Heritage Night at the end of November. 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."



My favourite part of heritage night was the food. It was yummy! I had fun giving my speech because I like letting people know about my heritage. There were lots of good things to learn. Mrs. Wood said I did really well on my speech. When I got home, my Mom and Dad said I did a good job. My favourite food was the cheese because it was creamy.

by Alia



Yesterday was so much fun! I tried lots of wonderful foods from all around the world. My favourite part was giving my speech. It was so exciting. Everyone's desk mats were amazing. I had these things on my desk mat: my great, great grandpa's article, money, bride and groom pictures, hand woven rug, probably more. The dress I wore is from Pakistan. I really loved sharing my heritage with everyone. It was kind of weird going to school at 5:30 at night. My brother and sister had fun too. The only hard part was going home because I had to let the fun go. I hope I can do it all over again.

by Rayaana

Dates To Remember

BAS General Meeting	Thursday, January, 15
Dufflebag Theatre Performance K-6 1:15 – Peter Pan	Tuesday, January 20
BAS Info Night	Tuesday, January 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 23
Kimberley Council Meeting	Monday, January 26
Vision and Hearing Clinic	Tuesday Jan. 27
Term 1 Report Cards	Tuesday February 10
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.

OUR NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE

To reduce paper consumption as part of our eco school plan and to improve access to school information we place the monthly newsletters online at the school website.

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

Kimberley Jr. P.S. <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/kimberley>

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

Student's Name: _____ Rm. _____