



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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Principal's message:

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is now behind us. Report Cards will be going home on February 10th and parent-teacher interviews will take place that week.



As we start Term 2, we count on parents' support to make sure our students continue to progress and acquire new learnings. We value parents' input and we encourage ongoing communication with your child's teacher.



At Beaches Alternative School we are busy getting ready to welcome new families. We had our Information Night in January and we will soon start our school tours. Please contact the school at (416) 393-1451 for information on our admission process.

Recess During Cold Weather

Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -20C and -28C.



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.

Gr. 3/4 Special Visitor



In Mr. McLeod's Grade 3/4 class there is a new visitor - Sheldon the hermit crab! To complement their science unit on animals and their habitats, Room 208 students are maintaining a

habitat for this shy fellow. Unfortunately he only seems to come out at night, as shown in this great picture courtesy of Hazel. Nevertheless, the class is enjoying learning about these interesting animals!

Save the date ~ Parents Night Out: Kimberley & Beaches FUNdraiser



All parents are asked to save Saturday, March 28 for a fun filled evening with fellow parents and teachers. The adult only event will be held at the Balmy Beach Club, starts at 7pm and will include dancing and a silent auction.

Book your babysitters now. More details to follow.

Goal Setting – for Life!

Early in the first term, the students in Room 207 were asked to set two goals for themselves that they thought would make them more successful at school. They also made a three-part plan to achieve their goal; What will my face do? What will my body do? What will be happening in my mind?

At the end of the first term, the students were asked to reflect on how they felt they were progressing. Their replies were thoughtful, honest and mature. Here are snippets from some of their reflections...

I think I have almost succeeded at accomplishing my goal of not talking because you (Mrs. Cullen) always told me to “stop talking, you’re disturbing the class”, but now that only happens rarely. I’m enjoying class more than I was before I set my goal. I think I’m more focused and that helps my learning and I’m not disturbing my classmates. My mind almost always tells me to “Stop talking, stop talking, pay attention” and my face and body turn away. I think I am understanding the lessons way better and knowing what to do a lot of the time. I also hear the lessons better.”
-Eli

“My plans for the evening changed. I had planned to do my homework at a friend’s house but my Dad picked me up after school, so I’m writing this at my Mom’s work. So you see, not only was I able to create a homework plan, I was able to adapt that plan to the change of activities. All of it has become routine, really.”
-Alkea

“I clear my mind of thoughts about disliking activities I don’t enjoy as much. I’ve been calming my mind and settling myself down and thinking about the work ahead. One thing I can say for sure is that I have been enjoying school a lot more!”
-Greydon

And as a P.S. at the end of Mimi’s reflection, she added, “I’m happy we did these goals”.

These students have learned a really important lesson: you have to plan to be successful!



(Proud) Mrs. Cullen
and the Students of Room 207

Dates To Remember

Parent Café	Friday February 6
Term 1 Report Cards	Tuesday February 10
Kimberley Pizza Lunch	Tuesday February 10
Dance-A-Thon	JK/SK Wednesday, February 11 Gr. 1-6 Thursday, February 12
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 13
Family Day (Holiday)	Monday, February 16
Kimberley School Council	Monday, February 23
BAS General Meeting	Tuesday, February 24
BAS Pizza Lunch	Wednesday, February 25
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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Student's Name: _____ Rm. _____