



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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Principal's Message:

February has been a busy month at Kimberley and Beaches Alternative School...



Students enjoyed **SKATING** at Ted Reeve Arena.

Thank you to our teachers and parent volunteers for making this happen.

Our **DANCE-A-THON** on February 11 & 12 was great fun! Our students, staff and parent volunteers showed their moves on the dance floor and raised funds to support school programs and activities such as Scientist in the School and Prologue presentations.

We have been busy planning our **#MATH2GO** Family Math Night that will take place on Thursday, March 5th from 5:45 – 7:00 p.m. There will be activities for all school-age children and their parents/guardians. We hope you can join us as we continue working together to support our students' learning.



Just a reminder that March Break is from the 16th to the 20th inclusive. Wishing you all an enjoyable break.

Excellence Awards 2015

We are proud that our staff are among the most dedicated and qualified in the world. Every day, nearly 39,000 dedicated professionals support our students to achieve their very best. Their focus, dedication and commitment help build strong healthy relationships and allow our school communities to thrive.

We want to recognize the great work of outstanding staff across the system. Those who go above and beyond to support our five strategic directions –

- Make every school an effective school;
- Build leadership within a culture of adaptability, openness, and resilience;
- Form strong and effective relationships and partnerships;
- Build environmentally sustainable schools that inspire teaching and learning;
- Identify disadvantage and intervene effectively.

As part of our Years of Action: 2013-2017 plan, we are committed to inspiring and supporting our staff and recognizing, celebrating and demonstrating best practice is critical to that.

We invite you – staff, students, parents, community members – to nominate a TDSB staff member or team whose work has made a difference in your life or those around you.

Nominate someone for an Excellence Award today.

Nomination deadline is Friday, 20 March, 2015 at 4 p.m.

The award ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 5 May, 2015 at 5050 Yonge St. Learn more at www.tdsb.on.ca/excellence

Head Lice

Each year, in every school 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 their children'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

Lost and Found

Parents are reminded to please ensure that your child's name and room number are clearly marked on all clothing and lunch items so that they can be promptly returned to your child on the chance that they should go astray.

Thanks!

Summer Music Camps

Enrich your child's summer vacation with music camp. Through three unique programs – Summer Sounds, DownTown Strings and Toronto Summer Music Camps – the TDSB offers band, strings and orchestral experiences for students from grades 3-9.

Registration opens March 5.

For more information visit:

www.tdsbsummercamps.ca.

Pizza Day continues ~ volunteers needed

Our next Pizza Day will take place on Tuesday, March 10. Our goal is to hold one each month. Volunteers are still needed to help facilitate these events that the students really enjoy. If you are interested in helping out with Pizza Day, please contact Pete Vree at

vree.peter@gmail.com.

Family Math Night



Thursday March 5th 5:45 - 7:00 PM

An evening designed to engage families with Math activities that you can do with your child at home or on the go!

5:45-6:15 – Pizza Dinner- *Please send in your order form by Monday March 2nd*

6:15-7:00- Hands on activities with lots of great ideas of how to reinforce math concepts with your children.

Lights Out Night Out, Saturday March 28th



A night out for parents and community supporters

Mark your calendars and book your babysitter! You won't want to miss **Lights Out Night Out, Saturday March 28th, 2015** – a fun night out for KJPS and BAS parents and supporters filled with music, dancing and great company! Of course, we will be observing **Earth Hour** – with lights out from 8:30 – 9:30 pm.

This is our inaugural fundraising event and will be held at the **Balmy Beach Club starting at 7:30pm**.

Kimberley Parents: This event is our major fundraiser for the year and we are hoping you can help by joining us and/or donating an item for our Silent Auction.

Tickets are on sale now for \$25 each. To purchase yours, please contact: Lisa Dymond (lisadymond@rogers.com) or Jenn Penikett (jenn.penikett@gmail.com). Tickets will also be on sale at the Family Math Night.

If you would like to get involved as part of the Organizing Committee or to make a donation to the Silent Auction please contact Lisa Lemon (lisaflemon@hotmail.com).

Socks for the Homeless - Room 201

Last fall, a few students in our class began talking about doing a fundraiser. Last month, we began hearing more in the news about Toronto's homeless people and how much they need socks. We learned that having good socks is very important for people trying to stay dry and warm outside in the winter. We read and discussed several inspiring stories about showing kindness and care to homeless and lonely people.

We were inspired by Room 207's KIVA fundraiser. We liked their idea of working to raise money for charity by doing chores at home. We too, asked our parents to give us chores to do and then, if able to, make a donation to our sock drive. They wrote notes describing our helpfulness at home.

Our Sock Drive has been an incredible success! What a caring classroom of students, parents, grandparents and family members we have. Our grand total was a stunning \$404.65.

On Friday afternoon, February 20, we went down to Queen Street East to the Ends store and bought socks. Ends also donated \$150.00 worth of socks for free! Then we went across the street to Ella Minnow Children's Bookstore. Heather and Yvette welcomed us into the Reading Room. We shared and discussed

another book on our theme of caring for and sharing with those who have less than we do. We enjoyed hot chocolate from Dufflets. Then we presented the socks to Beth and Ruth, two women who run a foot clinic at

Evergreen Centre for Street Youth, on Yonge Street. When street youth receive treatment, they leave with new socks and sometimes shoes. The many pairs of socks we donated were happily received! It was an exciting

afternoon, celebrating our Sock Drive and the difference we hope it will make for others. It has been a great experience for all of us:



Avery; Wow! I did not know we would buy 543 pairs of socks. Knowing all these socks would go to people with cold feet, meeting Beth and Ruth, people devoted to helping others, reading The Magic Beads,...it was all so motivating to get up and help!

Winni: I was excited to go on our Socks Walk, really excited! I was shocked at how much money we got. I saw a homeless/poor man. We all did. He was holding a sign that said, "Spare us a smile". I felt bad for him in winter, not wearing snow pants. I mean it was FREEZING out there...I was surprised at how many socks we bought. We were just running back and forth, back and forth, not stopping, getting bunches and bunches of socks in our hands...(we were) reading a book called The Magic Beads and I learned about caring for other people and that you can't always judge on the outside.

Connor; Don't ignore homeless people. Help them. It could save lives.

Charlotte: It made me feel really good because I really like helping people, especially the homeless. I learned that if someone is on the street, they are still people.

Sebastien: I think the Sock Drive was a success. The hot chocolate tasted like coffee but it was really good...I was proud to even be in it. Who knows? Someone might do it again.



Dates To Remember

Talent Show	Thursday, March 5
Family Math Night	Thursday, March 5
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 16 – Friday March 20
TDSB Earth Hour	Friday March 27
Lights Out Night Out Fundraiser	Saturday, March 28
Kimberley School Council	Monday, March 30
Beaches General Meeting	Tuesday, March 31
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. _____