



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

This is our last newsletter for the 2017 calendar year. It is hard believe how fast the months are going by.

We look forward to this month's celebrations:

- *BAS Winter Feast on the 7th at 5:30 p.m.
 - * Kimberley Primary Concert (Gr. 1, 2, 3) on the 13th at 6:30 p.m.
 - * Kimberley Kinder Concert on the 14th at 5:30 p.m.
- Please note that the Kimberley Junior Concert (Gr. 4, 5, 6) is scheduled for May.

These events are wonderful ways to welcome the Holiday Season. We will also have our traditional gift raffle and food drive this month.

Celebrate, relax and enjoy time with family and friends!

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



Getting Ready for Winter Weather

Each year, as winter approaches, we need to make sure our students are ready with the appropriate attire.



All students need to have indoor shoes, (that remain in the school) while boots are appropriate for outside. Please label all items of clothing, including boots, because many students wear similar clothing and mix-ups do occur. Lost and found clothing is placed on the rack at the

bottom of the east stairs, and it is easier to retrieve items that are labeled.

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 the end of the school day, there is teacher supervision at the back of the school on the pavement under the canopy from 3:30 to 3:45 pm.



Great-Games-and-Terrific-Toys Raffle!



It's almost time for our annual raffle to begin! The display case in the foyer will soon be filled with wonderful toys, games, books, art supplies, sports equipment and other

fun stuff donated by the teachers and staff members from both Kimberley and Beaches schools. The raffle will begin on Monday, December 11th and continue until Tuesday, Dec. 19th.

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 cost 50 cents or 3 for \$1.00. The final draws will be made at our holiday assembly on Friday, Dec. 22nd in the morning.

All the money raised from ticket sales will be given to Centre 55's

"Hamper" program. The money is used to provide our neighbours with over a thousand holiday dinners, toys for children and teenagers, and even pet treats for animals belonging to housebound seniors. In the past, Beaches and Kimberley students have given generously and have made a significant contribution toward helping many families in our community have a happier holiday. That is a tradition we want to continue!

See you at the Toy Raffle!

(Mrs. Bourne, Mrs. Cullen and Mr. GlynWilliams)

Annual Holiday Food Drive



This year Room 209 will be organizing the collection of non-perishable food items (rice and pasta, canned fish, meats and beans, baby food) that will be donated to Centre 55. Centre 55 will then be donating their "Hampers" to

families-in-need in our community. The goal is to have the entire school donating to the food drive. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated! Collection boxes will be located in the main foyer and donations can be placed there at any time, from December 12th to the 20th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

As winter approaches and the first part of our school year ends, we invite you to come celebrate and enjoy our students' musical achievements.

We hope you'll be able to attend!

Beaches Winterfeast and Concert

**Thursday December 7th,
Concert at 6:30**

Choir members meet in the library at 6:00



Kimberley Winter Concert (Gr. 1, 2, 3)

Wednesday, December 13th, 6:30

*For Kimberley Concert parents and guardians: Please bring your children to the school at approximately 6:10 so they can get settled in their classroom prior to going on stage for their performance. Choir members meet in the library at 6:00.

Important Kimberley Concert Notice:

Our students have been working hard in music class to get ready for the winter concert! **This year's Kimberley Winter Concert will be taking place on Wednesday, December 13th, at 6:30pm.** The primary classes (Grade 1, 2, and 3) will be performing.

We are continuing to follow last year's model of having Primary and Junior students perform at separate concerts so that we can accommodate a large audience. For the Spring Concert in May (date to be determined), we look forward to the Junior (Grade 4, 5, and 6) performances.

See you there!

Ms. Laforet

School Garden



Grade 2/3 students in Room 204 have enjoyed the fruits of their gardening labour this past week! Since school began students have planted, watered, nurtured, and harvested a variety of cold crop vegetables in our front garden. With the help of Kirstin, Hannah, and Leila from Kids Growing City, they enjoyed chocolate smoothies made with kale, carrots, and microgreens. We await next year's crop of garlic!



Cup Stacking Club



The grade 1, 2 and 3's are getting into the cup stacking craze by joining the cup stacking club. We are meeting a few times a week to work on improving skills. We are using the mini cups, the jumbo cups and the regular cups.

Girls Basketball Team



Our girls' basketball team, coached by parent volunteer Don Butler, completed a very successful season.

Although they didn't win any games, they improved tremendously over the course of the season. Thanks to all the parents who came out to drive or to cheer us on.

Stack Up World Record Attempt



This year, 578, 704 people around the world took part in a Stack Up event like the one we had in November.

Unfortunately, we fell short of the world record this year, but will try again next year. However, at Kimberley/Beaches, we had the most stackers we have ever had; so we can be

proud of that.

Lunch-Time Chess Club coming to Kimberley & Beaches Alternative!

Mondays! Starting on January 8th until March Break. Open to students from Grade 1 to 6. All skill levels welcome.

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News from Room 205!

Yet another successful month in Room 205!! In SNAP, we learned to solve puzzles without getting frustrated; talked about apologizing;



watched a film about bad assumptions; and performed skits about peer pressure. Creating and performing the skits was our favourite activity. Each group's skit was original, although most groups focused on 'stealing.' After, Rolando told us a story of two boys caught stealing a video game and they were reported to the Police. The lesson was to not steal under any circumstances, even if you're being pressured by your friend.

In Math, we've finished our Patterning unit and moved on to Measurement. So far, we've worked on time, temperature, area, perimeter, volume and capacity. We had a lot of fun measuring the length and width of our classroom to find its area and perimeter. The grade 5's had to find objects in the class and measure them in either millimeters or centimeters, while the grade 6's had to measure larger objects and estimate the volume of rooms in the school.

In Language, we finished up our picture books and started a unit on 'Persuasive Writing'. These are the second set of books we've created since school started. We illustrated our work, then bound the pages together with string. Our books look amazing!! In persuasive writing, our first debate was 'Cake or Cupcakes?' Then we wrote about 'whether Kimberley PS should have uniforms.' This was a rather interesting topic! We've also been reading and responding to news articles such as "Meow Cat Cafe" - a cafe that lets their customers pet cats for stress relief; and "Rescue Dog" - a dog that saved the lives of many during the earthquakes in Mexico.

November has been quite productive. With upcoming events like Island School and the toy drive, we'll have so much to write about next month. We can't wait to reflect on December!

Grade 5/6 Class Editors: Hannah M (5) and Fisher J. (6)



Dates To Remember

P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 1
BAS Winterfest & Concert	Thursday December 7
KPS Winter Concert	Wednesday, December 13, 6:30pm
KPS Kinder Concert	Thursday, December 14, 5:30pm
KPS Pizza Lunch	December 21
Toy Raffle	Friday December 22
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 25 - Friday, January 5
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 19
Sight and Sound Clinic	Monday January 22
BAS Info Night	Monday January 22
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 16
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 19
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 12 – Friday March 16
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, March 30
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 2
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 21
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 8
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 28



Character Development Attributes **December- Kindness & Caring**



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