



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

April was an incredibly busy month at Kimberley/BAS; from hosting the Premier's visit to participating in Track & Field and many field trips, this was a month to remember. It was a month of prolonged grey days and indoor recesses, but we managed to keep a positive/enthusiastic energy in our building every day – and days like Wacky Hair Day made it all fun!



It is hard to believe how fast the school year is going by. Although there are just over eight weeks until the summer holidays, there is still much teaching and learning to be done. Please encourage your child to continue to participate fully to achieve their best through the final part of the school year.

The weeks ahead promise to be very busy for all of us, staff, students and parents. We are getting ready for spring concerts; fundraising initiatives; EQAO and graduation, as well as maintaining a rich learning environment for all students.



I also take this opportunity to thank all parents and community volunteers for their support and hard work. Our volunteers have been very busy supporting sports events; Eco-School initiatives; field trip supervision; Scientists in the School; Snack and many other enrichment opportunities for our students. We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic support from our community. **Great Gala!** Thanks to all of the volunteers for your months of preparation and gathering auction items. It was an amazing event that brought our schools together and raised funds to greatly enhance our students' school experiences.



EQAO: Students in grades 3 and 6 will be writing provincial assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics starting the last week of May. These tests come from the provincial Education Quality and Accountability Office and are administered by grade 3 and 6 teachers. This year, the assessments will take place from **Wednesday, May 23rd to Friday, June 1st**. Once again, we remind parents that it is important that students attend school every day during the assessment. If possible, please try to arrange appointments outside of the testing period. We appreciate your cooperation.

As a parent, you can help your child prepare for EQAO testing by logging into www.EQAO.com and searching under the Parent Resources section. Being involved at home is a proven way to help ensure that your child is engaged in their learning!

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child or know of a child in the Kimberley district who was born in 2014, it is now time to register for Junior Kindergarten. Please contact the school at 416-393-1450 for more information.



KJPS School Council

Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at www.kimberleysc.com for school and event updates. On our web site you'll see:

- Information on what the School Council's role is and how we can help you
- Information on fund raising efforts, what are we raising money for and how

Next meeting is Monday, May 28, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the school library. Free child care for school age children is available.

Thank you to Kimberley parents for donating funds to enable us to purchase new skating helmets for the school and thank you to Gledhill and Beaches for lending us extra helmets to make sure all students could participate. And a special thank you to Mike Howlett for donating one hour of ice time for the kids.

Kimberley Concert

Spring Concert

Just a reminder that our Spring Concert will be taking place on **Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30** and will involve all of our grade 5/6 students, Choir and Ukulele Ensemble (**Performers are asked to arrive at 6:10**). Please come and support our children as they showcase their musical learning from the past school year! All are welcome!



Music Monday - May 7!

Every year, on the first Monday in May, students and community groups all over Canada join together to celebrate Music Education in our schools and communities. From the website www.musicmonday.ca: "Hundreds of thousands of students, educators, and music makers participate in a simultaneous nationwide concert performance of an original song written by a Canadian artist."

This year, the Music Monday anthem is "Sing It Together" by Marc Jordan and Ian Thomas. Kimberley/Beaches from Grades 1-6, along with the Kimberley/Beaches Choir, will be participating by performing "Sing It Together" at 1:00pm on Monday, May 7. We plan to be singing on the part of the school yard that faces Main Street, weather permitting, so that our community can enjoy our celebration. Please feel free to join us if you are able!

Ms. Laforet and Mr. Hill

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Day of Pink

At our Day of Pink assembly on Wednesday April 11th our students joined their community links of positive statements. This was a lovely celebration of student voices sharing messages of acceptance, understanding, kindness and community. A student representative from each class read their messages aloud in the assembly. Here are a few of them to share with you.



- "I'm sorry you got bullied." Zane, SK, room 106
- "Be kind, be helpful, be respectful." Theo, Grade 2, room 210
- "Don't be mean, be meaningful by letting people know that they have the right to tell their ideas. Lily, Grade 2, room 208
- "Girl does not equal pink." Lainey, Grade 3, room 102
- "Be strong, be kind, be you- Have pride, don't hide. Be who you are on the inside." Molly, Grade 4, room 206
- "Our class has linked chains to show we are against bullying." Riley, Grade 6, room 203
- "Diversity makes us stronger. Think of a life without diversity. Pink day isn't only about standing up to bullying, it's also about standing up to homophobia and transphobia. Let's celebrate our diversity and accept people just the way we are and they are, or else no one would feel welcome on this earth. " Aicha, Grade 6, portable 3

Our community links messages are on display in the school foyer.

Coding

This term in Ms. van Wonderen's Media Literacy classes students are learning about digital coding. We are using apps on the iPads, along with resources from code.org, to problem solve and collaborate with each other in our investigation. As the students learn simple coding commands they are gaining the language to communicate digitally and to explain the sequences and digital storytelling to their classmates. Along the way we are guiding our exploration with the question "How are we responsible and intentional digital learners?". For this learning we have volunteering with us Mr. Andrew MacNicol, an Engineering university grad with coding experience.

Here are a few of the apps that we are currently exploring.



Celebrating Our Heritage

The Grade 2 and 3 students of Room 201 celebrated a Heritage Night on April 5. 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 and family traditions. Each child's desk display on their family's heritage created a wonderful venue for affirming our theme, "Home is where your story begins." Here are some journal writings on our celebration.



I had fun at Heritage Night. I was pretty nervous before I started my speech but when I got up and started to perform my speech, those butterflies flew away. I was proud of myself and my parents were too. I tried a lot of new foods such as fur furs, Chilean sweets and Irish cocktail sausages. I also had a good time with my friends listening to their speeches, talking with friends, and making jokes about our fortunes from our fortune cookies. It was a great time.

Jack Lemon

I loved all that I ate and I loved every speech. And I drank five cups of Senna's maple syrup. I loved Senna's syrup. And I loved my Mom's maple shortbread.

Elliot Kilgore



I loved Heritage Night. The sausages were a hit. They ran out fast because they were delicious. I didn't know that some of my family came from England, Scotland, and Ireland.

Foster Bradley



My favourite part was when we tried all the food. It was delicious. My favourite food was flower rice cake. When I said my speech, I was confident but a bit nervous, but I survived. I tried lots of new foods, like Italian cookies and Greek spice cake. Oh, I spoke loudly. My Mom took lots of pictures and when I got home, my Mom said, "Good job." When I got home, I felt proud.

Ruhama Bhuiyan



Tribal Vision

This morning we had a group called Tribal Vision come in



and perform some traditional First Nations music and dance. Derek and

Naomi Martin amazed us with the traditional Mustang (Men's Fancy), Butterfly (Women's Fancy) and Hoop Dances while Leland Red Eagle astonished us with engaging explanations and skilled drumming. "I thought that the traditional costumes were very cool and colourful! They really worked to



catch my eye!" said one grade 5 student in room 203. "It was mind boggling how Naomi created all those animals and shapes with only 5 hoops" said another. The message of unity at the end of the



Hoop Dance really brought the performance to an appropriate and relevant close. We can't wait to see Tribal Vision again in the future!

Room 203

The Visit

Co-written by Ava, Malcolm, Harrison and Simon, Grade 4/5 students from Room 207

The visit was really exciting and fun! On Monday, March 26th, lots of people from the government came into our school to make a big announcement related to education. Those people included Premier Kathleen Wynne, Ms. Indira Naidoo-Harris, who is Minister of

Education, our Superintendent, Mr. John Chasty, Dr. John Malloy, the Director of Education, MPP Arthur Potts, and Robin Pilkey, the TDSB Chair.



First, these people came into our class; they went around the classroom asking us questions about the work we were doing. Mr. Potts sat down with my partner Vaughan and me (Malcolm). Just saying – it's pretty cool to have an MPP sit down and talk to you! I was nervous when they asked me a question because I didn't want to answer wrong.

When we stopped our lesson, we went down to the library to hear a speech by Kathleen Wynne. The library looked very different than it usually looks. There was a small stage, a stand with a microphone, a lot of news cameras and lots of red and blue chairs. Students were supposed to sit in the blue chairs.



It was pretty fun when Ms. Wynne was talking about our class and our work. Then it was finally time to hear the big announcement. The Premier said that the government will be giving 300 million dollars to education, mostly for kids with special needs, and will be employing 450 more guidance councillors for middle school. I was surprised at how calm the Premier was at the end of it, due to all those journalists shouting questions at her. Ms. Wynne said something that got my attention, which was that "\$12, 000" is spent on each child in school. That is a lot.

That was our day with the Premier of Ontario!

News From Room 205!!

What a 'snowy' April! That said, we continue to weather the weather here in room 205 - we have done so much this month. We continue to work diligently across all the subject areas; engaged in Day of Pink activities; went on our skating trip at Ted Reeve Arena; participated in a series of Earth week activities; and raised awareness for the We Walk For Water initiative.

In Math, we've completed our Fractions and Decimals unit, and have moved on to Algebra. In Language, we're working on Creative Writing. In French, we're working on foods like dairy



products, grains, meats and alternatives as well as the use of the verbs 'aimer', 'manger' and 'boire' in context. In Art, we created a giant version (a collaborative piece) of the painting Irises by Picasso and also posters promoting the benefits of eco-friendliness for Earth Hour and Earth Day. In Drama, we are working on our Cooperation skits - in connection with the TDSB character trait for the month of April. In Science, we are preparing for tests and projects: Human Body Systems (grade 5); Solar System (grade 6). It has been a busy month for us!

For this year's Day of Pink celebration, each class memorized a school-wide pledge and created a pink paper link chain. A positive message was written on each link. We went down to the gym to connect all the chains together (The chain is in the display case across from the gym!). Room 205 created a book entitled 'Day Of Pink Messages! ---through the eyes of room 205...', promoting anti-bullying, with messages embracing diversity. Our creative entries include acrostic poems, rhymes, pledges, and messages from our hearts.



Another fun activity was the skating trip. It was one of our favourite activities this month!



Although the skating trip was a little later in the year than we expected, it was still awesome! It was great to see skaters of diverse levels and abilities make the best of the skating experience!

Earth Week was also a fun event. Each day we wore a different colour to connect with various themes.



Monday was white for 'clear air day'; Tuesday was brown for 'plant a seed day'; Wednesday was green for 'Earth Day'; Thursday was black for 'save a tree day'; and Friday was blue for 'clean water day'. On Tuesday we planted a vegetable for plant a seed day.

We eagerly look forward to our We Walk for Water excursion to the beach on April 27. Our goal is to raise awareness of children around the world who walk numerous kilometers, carrying 20kg containers of water



daily for survival. In class, we brainstormed to concept of walking for water; created a collaborative mind map sharing our prior knowledge and exploring the question: "How far would you walk for water?"; watched two videos where we had the opportunity to learn more about WE Walk for Water; and wrapped up with a whole class discussion about the We Walk for Water initiative. We were amazed by the work that "Water advocate Spencer West" (<https://globalnews.ca/video/rd/1186751555584/>) is doing in some of the affected areas around the world.

That was a snapshot of our April here in room 205! We look forward to the next couple months of learning, fun, and making new memories.....

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Dates To Remember

Music Monday	Monday, May 7
Kimberley Jr. Concert	Tuesday, May 8
BAS Opera	Thursday, May 10
Gr.4-6 Track Meet @ Birchmount	Monday May14
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 21
EQAO Gr. 3 & 6	May 22 - June 1
Kimberley Parent Council	Monday May, 28
Pizza Lunch	Wednesday, May 30
BAS General Meeting	Thursday, May 31
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 8
Family Fun Fair	Wednesday, June 13
BAS Gr. 6 Graduation	Monday, June 25
Kimberley Gr. 6 Graduation	Wednesday, June 27
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 28



Character Development Attributes April- Co-operation

Kimberley Public School & Centre 55 Family Fun Night Wednesday, June 13th 5:30 – 7:30



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Kimberley Public School & Centre 55

Family Fun Night

Wednesday, June 13th

5:30 – 7:30



Want to know the easiest way to be a Rock Star in your child's eyes? - Sign up to volunteer for Family Fun Night!

So, where do I sign up? Drop by The Grinder on Main and ask James Feistner to sign up for a time slot. We have a detailed volunteer schedule with ½ hour time slots that you can sign up for. That way you get to spend time with your family at the Fun Fair and walk away with the satisfaction that you played an integral part in one of the best events of the school year!

We are looking for new sponsors for the Kimberley/Beaches annual Family Fun Night.

Get your company or product name on a Ride, Activity, or Food Booth can provide great visibility within the Kimberley/Beaches community. Roughly 300 local parents and their children participate in Family Fun Night every year. There are sponsorship opportunities available at many different levels – ranging from \$50 for a Centre 55 Activity Centre to \$250 for high visibility Bouncy Castles, Tombola etc. One is sure to suit your business!

If you would like to sponsor or just make a donation please contact **Pete Vree** at vree.peter@gmail.com or 416-575-7634.