



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

This is our last newsletter for the 2018 calendar year. It is hard to believe how fast the months are going by.

We look forward to this month's celebrations:

- *BAS Winter Feast on the 13th at 6:00 p.m.
 - * Kimberley Junior Concert (Gr. 4, 5, 6) on the 11th at 6:30 p.m.
 - * Kimberley Kinder Concert on the 5th at 5:30 p.m.
- Please note that the Kimberley Primary Concert (Gr. 1, 2, 3) 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 Wednesday, 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. 21nd 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 the Grade Ones and Twos 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 11th 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 13th,
Potluck at 6:00 concert at 7:00**

Choir members meet in the library at 6:30



Kimberley FDK Winter Concert Wednesday December 5th, 5:45 pm

Please drop off your child in their classroom no later than 5:30.

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

Tuesday, December 11th, 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! 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 primary classes (Grade 1, 2, and 3) performances.

See you there!

Ms. Laforet

Our website is up and running! You are able to read our monthly newsletter online, or print your own copies. We invite you to visit it at:

Beaches Alternative P.S.:

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/beachesalternative>

Kimberley Jr. P.S.:

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/kimberley>

It is our hope to have most of our parents elect to read it online instead of receiving the monthly paper-copy. We all know that less paper copies contribute to an environmentally friendly school.

There are students with severe and life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts:

Please do not use peanut or nut products when sending food into the school.



KJPS School Council

Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at www.kimberleysc.com for school and event updates. On our website 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, Jan. 28, 2018; 6:30PM in the school library. Free child care for school age children is available.

If you have any questions to ask; issues to raise; or you would like to volunteer for any upcoming events please email us at kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com (of course also feel free to come up and introduce yourself if you see us at school).



Don't forget to sign up to receive regular email notification and announcements.

We Club update!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Rafiki bracelet. Orders will be arriving before the Winter Break.



In December, We Club will be running a winter clothing donation drive. We will have a box set up between the main door and foyer door from Monday December 10th - Monday December 17th. Please place any winter clothing, along with gently used shoes and boots, in a plastic bag and place the bag in the box. All donated items will go to Oasis Clothing Bank.

Thank you for helping to make someone's winter a little warmer!

Primary Media & Drama – Ms. Lyte

We are having a productive time in Primary Media and Drama at Kimberley!

Grade 1's and 2's are exploring ideas around critical literacy by examining a selection of picture books. We are discussing how all media are constructions. Students are exploring how stories are like real life, and how they are not like real life. They are creating short skits and puppet shows to demonstrate their understanding and delve deeper into these issues.

Grade 3's are also developing critical literacy skills by exploring moving image texts (movies). We are examining how creators of films carefully use conventions and techniques of their media to convey meaning, so that eventually the students can use these ideas in their own media creations.

In Kindergarten, we are beginning conversations around text features and different forms of media. We are exploring print media with picture books and magazines, using educational apps like Khan Academy Kids to extend classroom learning, and working with desktop computers and the functions of a mouse to explore our Virtual Library and information resources such as PebbleGo.

A Special Thank You From Kimberley Parent Council



It's been a busy few weeks for School Council and we want to send out some big thank you's to our many families that have contributed towards all of our fundraising efforts. We had our Fresh From the Farm orders successfully delivered; Purdy's Holiday Chocolate orders are being prepared; Movie Night was a great success; and some of you have generously donated through our direct donations program.

Finally, huge thank you goes out to our volunteer army. We couldn't have done any of it without your constant support!



Dates To Remember

Kimberley Kindergarten Concert	Wednesday, December 3
P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 7
Kimberley Junior Concert	Tuesday, December 11
Beaches Winter Feast	Thursday, December 13
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 24 - Friday, January 4
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 18
Beaches Info Night	Tuesday, January 22
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 15
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 18
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 11 – Friday March 15
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 19
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 22
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 7
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 27



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