



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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Principal's message: ***Spring is here!***

We have already seen our days getting longer and we are now looking forward to warmer days, when we will start working on our school grounds including our exciting vegetable garden.

Term 1 has gone by in a flash and the next three months will be very busy for the Kimberley and Beaches Alternative community. Please be sure to check the list on the last page and mark your calendars! We will continue to count on your support with the many upcoming initiatives.

With the warmer weather, we ask parents to make arrangements to drop off and pick up their children outside, preferably at the back of the school or Kindergarten yard. All parents are asked to report to the main office when entering the school during school hours.

Planning for September 2019

We have already begun planning for the next school year. A proposed staffing model is being created based on the staffing allocation we received from the TDSB. (More details to come)

Community Centre 55 provides third party Before & After care in the school for FDK's and School Age (grade 1-6) children following the TDSB schedule.

For more information please contact Sarah Allen directly at:

EQAO...planning ahead...

This year our **Grade 3 and 6** students are scheduled to complete EQAO testing from **May 21st to June 3rd**. EQAO provides us with meaningful data by measuring our students' achievement in reading, writing and math in relation to Ontario Curriculum expectations. The objective and reliable assessment results are evidence that adds to the current knowledge about student learning and serves as an important tool for improvement at the individual, school, school board and provincial levels. EQAO helps build capacity for the appropriate use of data by providing resources that educators, parents, policy-makers and others in the education community can use to improve learning and teaching.

Please avoid booking appointments; trips; etc during these 2 weeks of EQAO testing. 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!



KJPS School Council

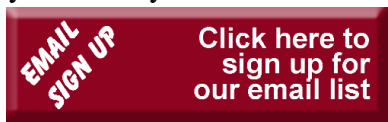
Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at www.kimberleyjsc.com for school and event updates. On our website you'll see:

- 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, April. 29, 2019; 6:30 PM in the school library. Free child care for school age children is available.

Our Parent's night Fundraiser is April 5th at The Grover Pub. See attached flier for all the details. We hope to see you all there.

If you have any questions to ask, issues to raise, or if 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).



Sign up to receive regular email notification and announcements.

Tuesday, April 23rd: Plant a Garden Day - Brown! Ecoclub will be going to each class and helping each student to plant a vegetable seed to take home. The more we grow our own food the less we depend on vehicles to transport our food.

Wednesday, April 24th:

Kimberley/Beaches Earth Day - Green!

Please make every effort to have your child walk, bike or skateboard to school on this day. When we walk instead of drive, we help reduce air pollution.

Outdoor litterless lunch picnic, with lemonade stand and bake sale, followed by a yard clean up. Please bring your own cup and money to purchase lemonade and baked goods in support of our gardening initiatives. Please also bring your own gardening glove, mitten or winter glove so we don't have to use plastic ones to pick up garbage.

Thursday, April 25th: Save a Tree Day -

Black! Our annual used book exchange will take place. Every child will be able to take home a used book that is new to them. By exchanging books we save trees from being cut down.

Friday, April 26th: Clean Water Day - Blue!

To finish up our Earth Week we will be wearing blue to remind us not to waste water and to keep our water clean. Remember to be a Water Hero!

Donations are needed for Earth Week to be a success. Please drop off used books in the boxes in the foyer outside of the gym starting the first week in April. Also, donations of baked goods can be dropped off on the large table in the foyer on April 24th for our annual bake sale. Lastly, please send your child with a glove or mitten to pick up garbage on April 24th. In the past, we have actually created more garbage than we have collected due to handing out plastic gloves to each student. This year, we are asking each child to bring their own and then take it home to wash. Thank you in advance for your donations and support!



Earth Week

Starting Tuesday, April 23st, Kimberley/Beaches will be celebrating Earth Week. Each day we will show our support with a little friendly competition. Students will be asked to wear a specific colour to show their support. The class who wears each colour the most will get to keep the Kimberley/Beaches Cup (made out of recycled materials) in their room for the day. Following is a list of Earth Week events and day specific colours:

International Day of Pink

On April 10 we celebrate The International Day of Pink. A day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.

The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other. At Kimberley and Beaches we certainly hope to have strong participation and show that we care.

[We count on our school community to wear pink on April 10.](#)

Please Join Us On Day of Pink

Kimberley/Beaches along with many other schools in the TDSB will be supporting this very important movement.



Our students and staff will be wearing pink in support of diversity, and will be participating in events and activities that will engage our community to challenge gender stereotypes.

Please join us on April 10 in the morning for our schoolwide celebration as we gather to join our messages of anti-bullying and support for differences.

www.dayofpink.org

🎵 Mark Your Calendars for Music!

Kimberley Gr. 1-3 Spring Concert🎵

Monday, May 6th at 6:30 pm. Students in Grades 1, 2, and 3 will be performing, as well as the Kimberley/Beaches Choir and the Ukulele Club. More information will be sent home mid-April. We are all working hard to prepare for this amazing event and we are really looking forward to welcoming families to celebrate with us!

Scholastic Book Fair Kimberley & Beaches!

Tue. April 30 3:30 – 5:00

Wed. May 1 8:30 – 5:00

Thur. May 2 8:30 – 6:30

Fri. May 3 8:30 – 4:30



We look forward to seeing you at our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this very important fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books for your spring and summer reading, while helping the school obtain new resources

Sincerely,
M. GlynWilliams
Teacher-Librarian

Tennis



Tennis Professionals from Kew Gardens Tennis Club, Ira Sherman and Rachel Gould, offered an in-school tennis program for grades 1-6, the week of March 4-8. Teaming up with Miss Mummery, they delivered a learn and play curriculum during all the P.E. classes for the week. The students did a great job developing and showcasing their tennis skills through activities and friendly competition!

This spring Kimberley/Beaches P.S. has been invited for a special Tennis Day at Kew Gardens Tennis Club.

At Kew Gardens Tennis Club there are programs and camps for all ages and levels with continuation options in the fall and winter. To learn more visit:

www.ptltennis.com

Kindies are coding!

Thanks to a grant received by Parent Council, Kindergarten students have been learning to code. 9 Dash robots were purchased through the grant and have been put to work by some pretty eager students. Their challenge was to try to get Dash through a maze that they created. Using coding, directions, counting and team work they completed the challenge and wanted to start another one. Thank you Parent Council!



Dear TorQ,



Hi! We enjoyed your performance at our school so much, we just had to tell you. Here are some of the things we wrote down. We were also inspired to make some of our own percussion music in our classroom later that day. Thanks for coming!

I really liked how you guys did this performance with random stuff you can find anywhere for percussion instruments. It was awesome.

I really loved how you used all those plates and pots and other stuff. It was surprising to hear how good that music was.

I know all the Mario themes at the top of my head. Our class split into four groups and used instruments and made small songs.

How did you come up with the name TorQ? You guys were great!

How are all your hands so fast? Why did you choose to do your music with percussion? After your performance, our class made our own TorQ! How many people have you performed to as a group?

It is incredible that you use more than just percussion instruments, like trash cans and wood, and by the way, I want to be a drummer when I grow up!

You inspired me and my classmates to do our own percussion performances.

Your performance was amazing. When I was 3 years old I tried found percussion, but did not have too much success. Also, congratulations on that game-over sign.

What was that instrument that Pino was playing during the underwater theme?

I had never seen a band make a performance with everyday objects.

I was surprised at how you turned scraps into instruments and music. I hope you come back.

**Thanks again!
The Grade 3 Students of Room 201**

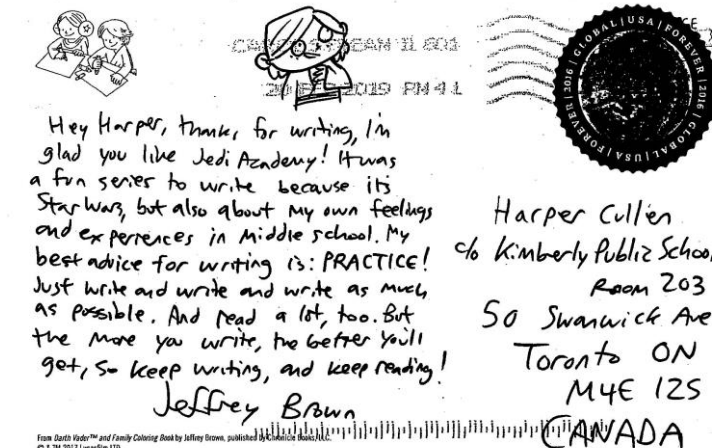
Legion Art and Poetry Award

On Thursday, March 22, Room 203 welcomed two visitors from the Royal Canadian Legion. They were Helen Pearce and Elsie Higgins, whose late husband was a Navy veteran from World War Two. They were

in our classroom to present an award to Grade 5 student Natalie Kiel, who entered the Legion's Annual Art/Poetry competition and who won an Honourable Mention! Natalie received a framed certificate and a cheque for her art, which had a Remembrance Day theme. We hope that Natalie's success will inspire other poets and artists from our school to enter the contest next year. Congratulations, Natalie!

Rm. 203 More Letters From Authors

The students in Room 203 wrote letters to their favourite authors. We sent them off. Here are some of the responses we've received. We are thrilled that these busy people have taken the time to get in touch with their young readers.



Dear Justine,
Thank you so much for your kind letter. I am so glad you have enjoyed the Berenstain Bear books. All together my parents and I have written over 350 books, and they wrote their first Berenstain Bears book, *The Big Honey Hunt* in 1962, 47 years ago. My parents both went to art school where they worked on their drawing skills, and later they wrote and drew comics together. My advice to help with your writing and spelling is to keep practicing, and if you work hard at both of them you will eventually improve. Keep reading, learning new things, and thanks again for your letter!

Sincerely,

Mike Berenstain

As for your many questions about what to write and how to make it stand out: You should write what you want to write. That's it. Don't get hung up on whether you should be teaching people lessons. Just please yourself. And don't worry about titles or cover design or making your books stand out: That's your publisher's job.

Sincerely,

Dear Izzy,

I'm sorry to answer your letter so very late. Thank you for telling what you liked about THE WHOLE TRUTH and AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH. There is now a third book in the series, BE MY LOVE. It's about Una and Maisie (Gregor and Sadie's daughter) when they are fourteen.

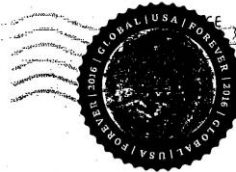
Here are the answers to your questions:

After I read L.M. Montgomery's EMILY OF NEW MOON, when I was twelve, I decided I wanted to be a writer. I often begin with characters and experiences from my own life, but I change them.

The best way to make your own writing better is to read as much as possible and write as much as possible! Then you will get naturally better over time. The way to describe things vividly is to use many precise details rather than being vague.

I hope you continue to read and write. Again, thanks for writing!

Sincerely,



Hey Harper, thanks for writing, I'm glad you like Jedi Academy! It was a fun series to write because it's Star Wars, but also about my own feelings and experiences in middle school. My best advice for writing is: PRACTICE! Just write and write and write as much as possible. And read a lot, too. But the more you write, the better you'll get, so keep writing, and keep reading!

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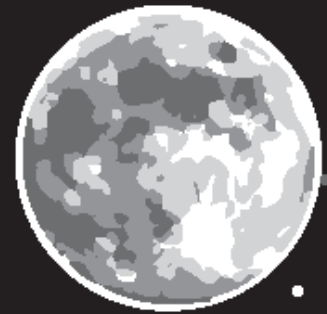
ON FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2019

Join us at the 5th Annual

PARENTS'

NIGHT

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*Presented by the
Kimberley School
Council*

7:30 PM AT
676 KINGSTON RD



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SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH A GAME OF **TRIVIA, MUSIC & PUB GRUB**
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COUNCIL.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED, AND WILL BE SOLD ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Dates To Remember

Duflebag Theatre Performance	Thursday, April 4
Kimberley Parents Night Out	Friday, April 5
Day of Pink	Wednesday, April 10
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 19
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 22
BAS General Meeting	Thursday, April 25
KPS Parent Council	Monday, April 29
Scholastic Book Fair Begins	Tuesday, April 30
Kimberly Primary Concert Gr1-3	Monday, May 6
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 7
BAS Gr. 6 Graduation	Tuesday, June 25
KPS Gr. 6 Graduation	Wednesday, June 26
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 27



Character Development Attributes
April: Co-operation

Kimberley Parents!

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