



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

Fall is definitely here as we witness trees changing the colour of their leaves and days getting cooler/shorter. At school, Fall is a busy season as students and staff have settled into their new classrooms and are now half way through the first term of the academic year. This fall has been particularly busy here at Kimberley PS, as we faced the challenges of reorganization in our kindergarten classes and a maternity leave in the Gr 1/2 class. We have certainly been fortunate to welcome to our staff three enthusiastic Long Term Occasional Teachers: Megan Arraial; Ashley Vadum and Julia Heximer. We could not have done it without our parents' support and understanding; please know how much we value the home-school partnership.

Progress Reports

Parents play a key role in the success of our students. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming **parent-teacher interviews**. Progress report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 12. Here are some questions and tips that you may find useful for the interview.

Great Questions to Ask At Parent-Teacher Interviews

- ▶ What skills does my child need to work on?
- ▶ What activities can we do at home to strengthen those skills?
- ▶ Does my child complete his/her work and assignments efficiently and conscientiously?

- ▶ Is my child facing any struggles in class not related to her/his schoolwork?

Interview Tips

- ☺ Talk to your child about school before the interview. Ask how they think they are doing and how the teacher can help them meet their goals.
- ☺ Make a list of what you want to know before you go into the interview. Knowing what you want to know and writing it down ensures that you don't forget anything, and that you get the information you need.
- ☺ Be open and honest; feel free to add your own observations around your child's behaviour, strengths and weaknesses.
- ☺ Find out what they're learning. Ask curriculum questions, find out what your child has learned and what is coming up in the term ahead. Know the skills your child will need to be successful in the term ahead (i.e. knowing how to multiply and divide fractions).
- ☺ Ask if your child is completing his/her homework regularly, how long the work assigned should take to complete. The answers to these questions will help you better monitor your child's work habits.
- ☺ Ask what you can do at home to help your child. Make a commitment to support your child's learning.

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. We

also ask you to carefully check any Halloween candy that might come 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 the School Council's role and how we can help you
- Information on fund raising efforts, what are we raising money for and how

Once a week, the Kimberley Jr Public School Council sends out information about all School Council supported events, initiatives and school news.

To receive their emails, you must visit the website, and sign-up to join their email list.

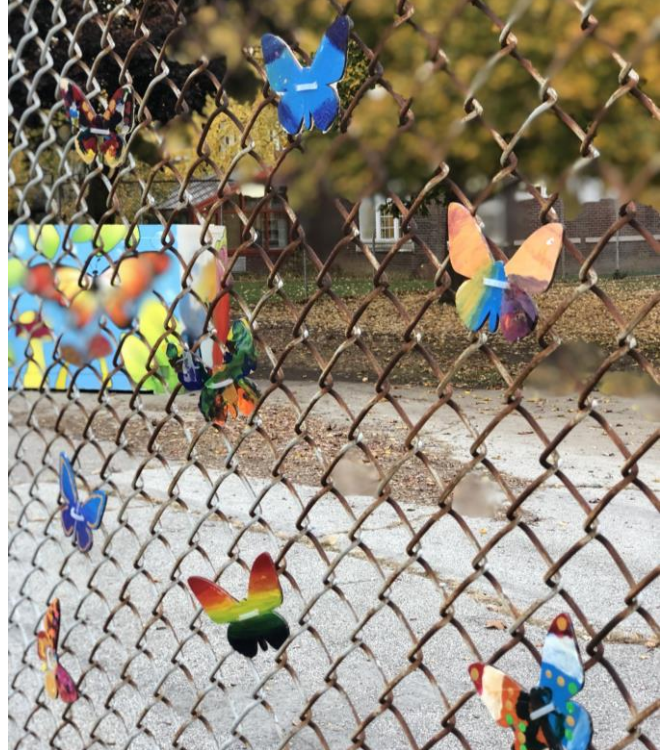
You can access the sign up link at: <http://www.kimberleysc.com/>

Next meeting is Monday, November 25, 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).

Butterfly Fence

Last year parents from Kimberley and Beaches worked with all the students to decorate wooden Butterflies. Parents were on a mission to get the butterflies on the fence before the weather gets cold. Thanks to all who helped bring this project to life! The fence looks amazing!



REMEMBRANCE DAY

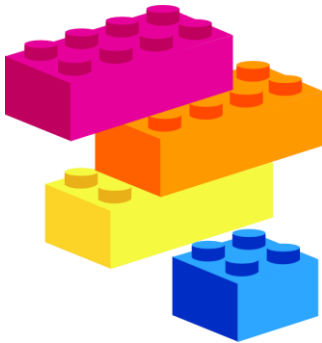
Monday, November 11th

Kimberley/BAS students and staff will gather in the gym at 10:40 a.m. for our Remembrance Day ceremony. Classes will be doing short presentations and we will observe a moment of silence. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

Kimberley Drama and Media:

Our primary and junior Drama classes are exploring a variety of themes this term, from belonging and respect to power and oppression. We are using strategies that allow for experiential learning and the expression of student voice. Media is being incorporated into these lessons as a method to further demonstrate learning. In Kindergarten, our Media classes are exploring emotional regulation through picture books, e-books, and age-appropriate digital technology.

We have also created a Makerspace in the Drama/Media classroom! This space will facilitate staff and students who wish to employ their "Maker Mindsets" in various capacities. One thing we could really use help with



is LEGO donations. If you are doing some Fall cleaning and looking to offload some LEGO, please think of us first!

Winter Concerts Update:



Beaches Winter Feast will take place on **Tuesday, December 10.**

Kimberley Primary Winter Concert will take place on **Thursday, December 12.** Rooms 201, 208, 209, and 210 will be performing. Rooms 203, 204, 205 and 206 will be performing at the Spring Concert. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Ms. Laforet

The harvest continues!

Rooms 201 and 206 had the good fortune of returning to our school garden, this time to pull carrots. Last month's delicious potatoes were followed by this month's yummy carrots. They came up in different colours and



sizes, which made the harvesting all the more fun. Mom Erin, our head gardener,



patiently washed off the carrots for immediate snacking. Growing our own food has been an exciting and rewarding learning

experience. Check out the broom corn harvest in the front foyer if you haven't already. We are grateful to all our parent helpers who helped make growing the Kimberley/Beaches garden such a success. We are already looking forward to next Spring's planting.



Dates To Remember

Picture Day - Retakes	Friday, November 1
Remembrance Day Assembly	Monday, November 11
Report Cards sent Home	Tuesday, November 12
P A Day (No School)	Friday, November 15
Kimberley Parent Council	Monday, November 25
BAS General Meeting	Tuesday, November 26
P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 6
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 17
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 14
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 17
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 16 – Friday March 20
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 10
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 13
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 5
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 25



Character Development Attributes for November: Empathy



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