



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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October has been a busy month. We held the Grade 8 TTC Data Card; Ran National Safety week; had Picture day, the Kennedy Km Club and observed celebrations for a number of faith groups. October marks the passage through the seasons, as we are reminded by Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone had taken some time to enjoy the changing season and to celebrate with family and loved ones.

Parent of students in grades four and seven have received their child's Individual Student Report, which outlines EQAO results. In class, we continue to focus on success criteria in the classroom and hopefully, both our Curriculum Night and the Transition to High School night have helped to demonstrate our commitment to improving student achievement and our focus on providing excellent programs and intervention strategies that enable all our students to achieve success. As a school, we will continue to use student achievements to examine both the strength and needs of our programs; allowing us to continue to refine our teaching practice. In addition, we began our partnership with the Faculty of Education at the Tyndale and University of Toronto. This term we have Teacher Candidates who have joined Mrs. Ng's Grade 1 class; Mrs. Gabrysz's Grade 1 class; Mrs. Csombok's grade 6 class; and Mr. Pollard's Grade 5/6 class.

On November 11th will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly to remember and to honour those who served our country. Later that day, students will bring home their fall Progress Report. When reviewing and celebrating your child's report card, please engage in dialogue with your child about their learning skills and achievement. This is an opportunity to discuss strategies to identify strength and areas for improvement. Here are three strategies that can help your child's results improve by 2% or more: 1.) Arrive early for class, 2.) Attend school each day and 3) complete all homework when assigned.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Interviews scheduled for Thursday, November 14th in the evening and Friday, November 15th in the morning.

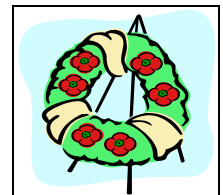
Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon

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Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:

**Kennedy
School Council Meeting
Monday November 4th, 2013
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
In the Staffroom**

Mandarin / Cantonese Interpreter



&
Child minding are available

Everyone welcome!

2013-2014 Student Council Executive

Arish Sivaruban - Preseident;

Madeline Koo -Vice President;

Cindy Fang - Secretary; Richie Shi - Treasurer



Thank you to everyone who donated to our School Supplies and Halloween Baskets. Congratulations to Andi Lin in Ms. Gadanidis's Gr. 5 who won the School Supplies Basket; Jenny Liu Gr. 3 in Ms. McDougal's Gr. 3 class and Mitchell Deng Gr. 4 in Ms. Tsokanaridis who won both the Halloween Baskets!



Upcoming November Dates

1st: Cyber Bullying Presentation "Wired"

3rd: Daylight saving ends

4th: School Council meeting 7:00 pm.—8:00pm.

6th: Take Your Kids to Work Day—for Grade 9 students

11th: Remembrance Day

11th: Progress Reports go home

13th: Photo Retake Day for new students or those who were absent

14th: Parent /Teacher interview Evening 7:00pm – 8:00pm

15th: Parent /Teacher interviews 9:00am- 12:00pm no classes

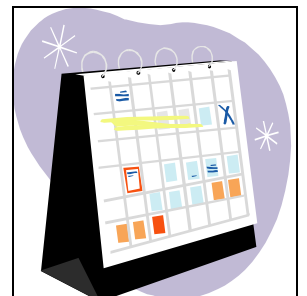
19th: Instrumental Music Symposium Gr. 6 & 7

21st: Junior Achievement Gr. 8

22nd: Hon. M.P. Jim Karygiannis visit Gr. 5

26th: Junior Achievement Gr. 7

27th: Gr. 8 trip to Jackson's Point





2013 KENNEDY KM CLUB!

During the month of September, Kennedy students in Grades 1 to 8 ran every morning recess to get fit and prepare for cross country. Mr. Pollard and Mrs. Csombok gave out prizes to students to encourage them to continue running and staying fit. We really enjoyed the delicious apples and peanut free Mars bars. Everyday in September Mr. Pollard kept track of the total distance of kilometers we ran on a map of Canada. At the end of September we ran 6812 kilometers. We autographed the kilometer road after we ran 10 or 20 kilometers. We all enjoyed running Kilometer Club and this was a fun way to keep track of our efforts.

By Melissa Ye and Justin Lin

National Library Month & Canadian School Library Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Challenge

The Voices for School Libraries Network (VSLN) is pleased to announce their inaugural Canadian School Library Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to bring public awareness to the important role Canadian school libraries play in the education of today's youth. On Monday, October 28, 2013 Kennedy staff and students joined this challenge with other students and staffs across Canada to "Drop Everything and Read". Promoting a Pyjama Spirit Day and bring your favourite stuffed animal, everyone engaged in a reading activity to support Literacy and school spirit. Thank you Ms. Saleh for organizing this event!

Top Runners:

Gr. 1 Bosco Lai 33 Gr. 2 Kingsley Chan 30
 Gr. 3 Jimmy Chen 35, Eric Li 35, Harold Tan 35
 Gr. 4 Victor Lai 41 Gr. 6 Justin Lin 4
 Gr. 5 Kunteug Wang 38, Michelle Lin 38
 Gr. 7 Ryan Lin 32 Gr. 8 Roy Chen 31



Kennedy P.S. has been selected for a presentation by Canadian author Chad Solomon. As part of the TDSB *Writer-in-Residence* strategy to engage students in the joy of reading and literacy. Our school was selected because our students and staff have submitted titles and reviews to the *Just Read It!* program website. To encourage continued participation in *Just Read It!* Chad will also present books to two students as part of his visit to our school

Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



Rachel

Panya

Reagan

**Kennedy P.S. Student
Compete At
Cross Country**

Rachel Yan # 182 Grade 3 girls
Kate Su # 211 Grade 5 girls
Anson Wu # 231 Grade 6 girls
Panya Tang # 251 Grade 8 girls
Victor Lai # 191 Grade 4 boys
Regan Chan # 241 Grade 8 boys

Kate Su - 57th

Panya Tang - 58th

Regan Chan - 68th

Top 20 advance to City Finals:

Rachel Yan - 19th

Thank you Ms. Mohamed, Ms. Morgante,
Mrs. Csombok , Ms. Murray and
Ms. Tierney for supporting our students
in the field.

Congratulations to all our athletes and to
Rachel Yan who finished # 105
at City Finals

ECOSCHOOL UPDATE



Our Trip to ROUGE VALLEY!

Mr. Hui and Ms. Kahn's Gr 8 class had the opportunity to plant trees at the Rouge Valley Park last month! The beautiful park was full of trees such as pine and cedar, and there were many birds and animals living in the area as well. The students worked in pairs to plant trees in the grasslands. We had to first dig holes that were a shovel long and wide into the rich, fertile soil. Then we would get a small tree and firmly bury it in the hole. Half a bucket of mulch would later be added to the area around the planted tree. The job was definitely very exhausting, but it was very rewarding to seeing rows of baby trees covering the park as well. We had lots of fun helping save the wildlife and building a more sustainable future. By: Cheryl Cheung

