



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February 2014

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In February, our students will benefit from a variety of special Heritage Month presentations. Starting with Groundhog Day activities at the Primary level, our students will also be celebrating "100" days of school, Valentine's Day and Black Heritage Month which will culminate with a visit by renown author Ita Sadu. In addition, plans are also underway to celebrate the 2014 Winter Olympics and honour our Canadian French Heritage with the 'Bonhomme Carnaval'. We continue to experience excitement in athletics. On February 18th and 19th our Junior and Intermediate students will enjoy the winter weather skiing and snowboarding at Uplands Golf and Country Club. Our Kennedy athletes continue to take part in various system wide competitions all the while representing our school as true dolphin ambassadors. Thank you to all our coaches for the extra curricular activities, accompanying our athletes to the various games and for hosting tournaments here at Kennedy PS. Add to this, band practice, Student Council, Spirit Day, ECO focus, Me to We, and Speech Arts, and you can see why February is sure to be a fun filled and exciting month at our school.

Following up on our Pathways to Success focus, the Gr.8 students are getting ready to plan their transitions to high school. Our staff has been working on assisting our graduates with options sheets and program selection, and later in the year, the students will have the opportunity to visit local high schools and programs.

Literacy and Numeracy initiatives remain a priority in the classrooms. On Literacy Day students got to visit several classes and rotate through a variety of activities which were planned by their teachers. The event culminated with a very successful book swap and school wide assembly with Superintendent Peter Chang and Jean Campbell – Kennedy in attendance. Teachers are working on developing Learning Goals and to take part in mathematics webinars to improve best practice. Finally, Term One Report Cards will be sent home on Monday February 10th, followed by some parent-teacher interviews throughout the week. Of February 10th to the 13th.

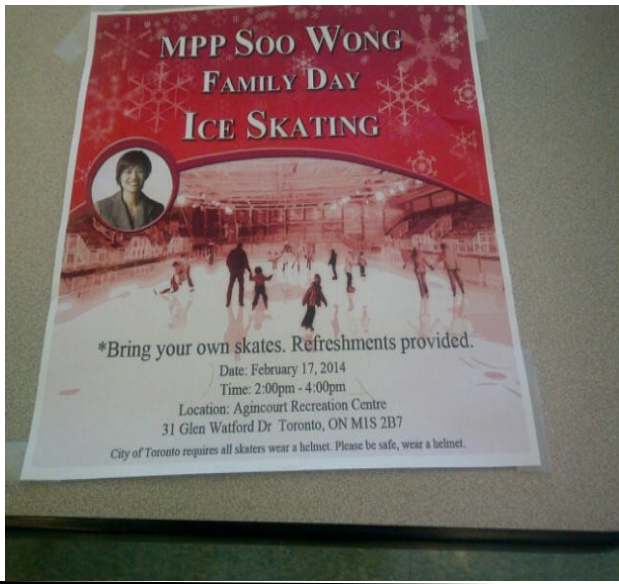
Finally, we want to remind you that Kindergarten Registration will take place on February 13th, 20th, & 27th, and that our school will be closed on Monday Feb. 17th, for Family Day.

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal

You can now follow me on Twitter:
@RhondaCohen

You can now follow Kennedy P.S. on Twitter:
@TDSB KennedyPS





Thank you Trustee Sotiropoulos for supporting our Lunar New Year Celebrations



Thank you
M.P.P. Soo Wong
for your contributing to our
Lunar New Year
Celebrations!



Please Save the Dates.....

Please join us for:

Kennedy School Council Meeting
Tuesday February 18th, 2014
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
In the Staffroom

Join Trustee: Sam Sotiropoulos,
Superintendent: Peter Chang
Board representative Richard Christie

As we discuss
building a Playground at Kennedy P.S.

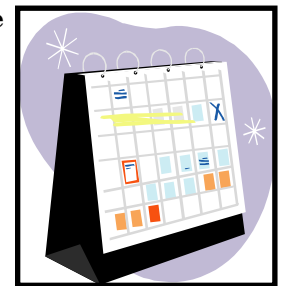
Mandarin / Cantonese Interpreter

Everyone welcome



Upcoming February Dates

- 5th: dairy Educator's visit
- 6th: Gr. 2 visit at Forest Valley outdoor center
- 7th: Kennedy Choir performs at the Marlies Game
- 7th - Gr. 8 girls at "Fit Snow"
- 7th - 23rd: 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics
- 10th: Term 1 Reports go home
- 12th: Author Ita Sadu celebrates Black Heritage
- 13th, 20th, 27th: Kindergarten Registrations
- 17th: Family Day School is closed





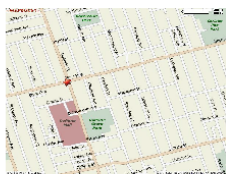
Special Education
Information Sessions for Parents/Guardians
of TDSB Students

Topics:
The Individual Education Plan (IEP)
&
The Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC)

Date:	Tuesday, February 25, 2014
Time:	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Locations:	EAST REGION 140 Borough Drive Committee Rooms 1 and 2
	WEST REGION Bloor Collegiate Institute 1141 Bloor Street West Auditorium
Registration:	NOT required
Parking:	Limited at Bloor C.I.
If an interpreter or child minding is required, contact the number indicated at least one week prior to the event.	East: 416-394-9039 or 416-394-9003 West: 416-394-3763 or 416-394-7413



140 Borough Drive
3rd lights south of the 401, 1st light north of Ellesmere
East on Omni which becomes Borough Drive
North on Brian Harrison Way



Bloor C.I.
1141 Bloor Street West
southwest corner of Dufferin & Bloor

PP6PARENT INFO SESSIONS 2013-13 (Parent) rev 10/04/2014 sec.1316

**From the Guidance Department:
Important Secondary School Information**

For Grade 8 Parents: This week I will be meeting with all Grade 8's to discuss Secondary School course selection. They will receive from me a booklet called *Choices*, which contains a lot of information about high school courses and diploma requirements. I strongly suggest that you read the booklet over with your child so that you are familiar with the information and can help your child make good choices. Descriptions of courses can be found on the TDSB website at www.tdsb.on.ca/choices or on MyBlueprint at www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb.



Students will also receive a course selection sheet for their home school. Even though some students have selected to apply for optional attendance at other high schools, they will complete a form for their home school so that they are prepared before the acceptance date of February 15. If at that time they get accepted at another school, I will switch the forms for them. Students are asked to have their course selection sheets approved by their teachers and their parents, signed, and returned to me **no later than Friday January 31**.

Please remember that all optional attendance sheets are due to the high schools by Friday January 31.

I will be helping students to input their course selections on MyBlueprint during the first and second weeks of February. Please ensure that your child has created an account by the end of this week so that they are able to access the course selections. The URL for this site is www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb. Students will need to have a valid e-mail address in order to create an account.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-396-6575.

Elysa Tarascio Guidance Counsellor, ER-18

**JUST READ IT
- WINNER! -**

**KELVIN
WANG**

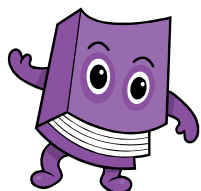
January 2014
Grade: 7
Book Choice: Fang
Authors: James Patterson

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Teacher-Librarian: _____



Kennedy Students Read!!!



Congratulations to Kelvin Wang winner of Just Read It! Way to go Jojo Xue for receiving "100" books read Ribbon!



Character Development



January - Teamwork

February - Fairness

March - Honesty

April - Co-Operation



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Flu season is in full swing and it's time to remember the importance of washing their hands properly to help stop the spread of germs and avoid getting sick this year. Washing with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of microbes on your hands and to help prevent the spread of infection. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol based hand sanitizer is also effective in most situations.

Regular hand washing is one of the best ways to stay healthy and protect yourself, your family and co-workers from illnesses. **Janet and Myra Nurses**

JUNIOR BORDENBALL CHMAPIONS



ME TO WE

On Wednesday, January 22, Kennedy P.S. hosted Duane Gibson (D.O.), a motivational speaker, and Guinness World record setting rapper, published writer and entrepreneur. He has inspired hundreds of thousands of youth and travels the globe spreading his key message, to "stay driven".

Rapper, Duane Gibson motivated our students and encouraged them to have a positive attitude in life. He spoke to our students about music, bullying, defying the odds, and making good choices. Students and staff alike, enjoyed the presentation!



WINTER WALK DAY – 5 FEBRUARY 2014

Winter Walk Day is taking place on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 across Canada.

Walking is a physical activity that can take place during all four seasons of the year. Not only does this form of active transportation engage students in physical activity, it is also an opportunity to socialize with friends and increase awareness of daily and seasonal changes in their community.

Visit the Active and Safe Routes to School website for Tips for Dressing for Winter Walking. We encourage all our students to walks to school!



FROM OUR ME TO WE CLUB



Good news, Kennedy! The Me to We group will be organizing a Bake Sale for the entire week of Feb 17-21! Students from all grades will have the opportunity to bring in snacks and baked goods such as candy, biscuits, cookies, and brownies! The goods will be sold at the front corridor at both morning and afternoon recess, and all the proceeds would go towards United Way, which is an Organization that develops and helps local communities and people like us. See you at the Bake Sale! -Cheryl Cheung, member of the Me to We Group

KITSAAP Literacy

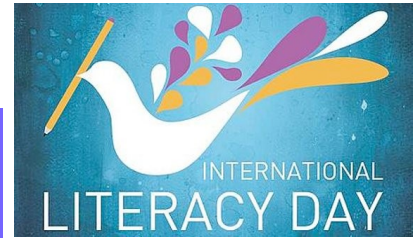


HIGHLIGHTS FORM THE 2014 Literacy Day

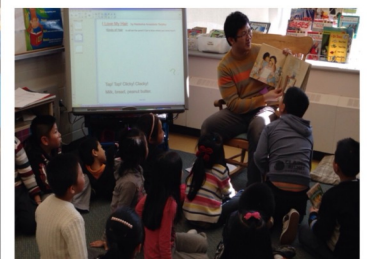
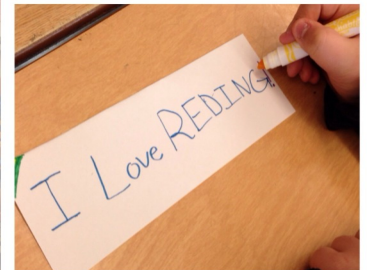




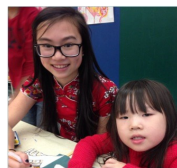
THE KENNEDY BOOK SWAP!



LITERACY DAY CAROUSEL



SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS!





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