



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

January 2014

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Welcome back to all the Kennedy families! We trust that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable winter holiday. The New Year has just begun and we are already off to a fabulous start with an impressive amount of positive energy! Our students returned from the holiday focused, and quickly got back into their studies. As evidence we are

involved in many academic, athletic and character development initiatives. On January 7th, Grade 5/6 and 6 students will take part in the "Director's Cut" workshop. Dental screening will take place between January 9th to the 17th, and several classes will be visiting Forest Valley outdoor education center. January 20th, marks Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will continue to address social justice issues that promote tolerance and Anti Racist Education. Finally we will connect our Social Justice and Equity to the "Accepting Schools" focus with additional presentations by Officer Burns and Rapper Dwayne Gibson who will promote safety and anti bullying education.

Literacy and Numeracy continue to be key areas of focus, and we enrich our program by incorporating the use of Inquiry Based Learning and informative 'Class Walkthroughs' to enhance best practice. On January 23rd we will celebrate world Literacy Day and begin our work on the FOS Speech Arts initiative. Our annual Lunar New Year Celebration will take place on Tuesday, January 28th. In the meantime, our Senior Band continues to meet for practices, Student Council continues to promote school spirit and Character Development, and our Kennedy Dolphin athletic teams continue to compete in tournaments and represent our school as excellent ambassadors. Thank you to all the teachers for their efforts in planning and orchestrating these wonderful opportunities for our students.

We want to remind you that School Council will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. and that our annual Kindergarten Registration is coming up on February 13th, 20th, and 27th.

Maintaining clear communication is one of my personal goals. To increase this contact, we are asking that you encourage your child to bring home all newsletters and correspondence and that you communicate with your child regularly on their progress and involvement at school. I look forward to an exciting and productive 2014. Please feel free to contact me at (416) 396-6410 to introduce yourself or should you have any questions or concerns.

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal



You can now follow me on Twitter @ RhondaCohen

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Please Save the Date.....

The Lunar New Year
2014 Year of the Horse



The New Year will begin on the 31st of January 2014 and will end on the 18th of February in 2015.

Horses are naturally lucky with money and career. Those born in the Year of the Horse love to be involved in charity events and humanitarian projects. When making life decisions, the Horse could be stubborn yet it also has its own earthy sides.

Kennedy PS celebrations will take place:

Tuesday, January 28th!

Please join us for:

Kennedy
School Council Meeting
Wednesday January 8th, 2014
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
In the Staffroom

Mandarin/Cantonese Interpreter



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Child minding are available

Everyone welcome

Thank you M.P.P. Soo Wong
for your contributing to our
Holiday Food drive.



Upcoming January Dates



6th: First Day of School

8th: School Council meeting 7:00pm -8:00pm

9th: Dental Hygiene week begins

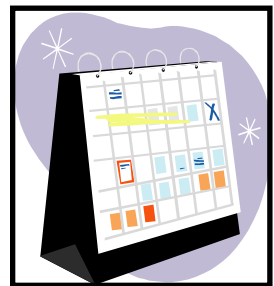
10th: Grades 1C &1D & ESL at Forest Valley

1th: Officer Burns visits with Kindergarten

22nd: Rapper Dwayne Gibson presentation

24th: PA Day No School For Students

28th: Lunar New Year Celebrations at Kennedy

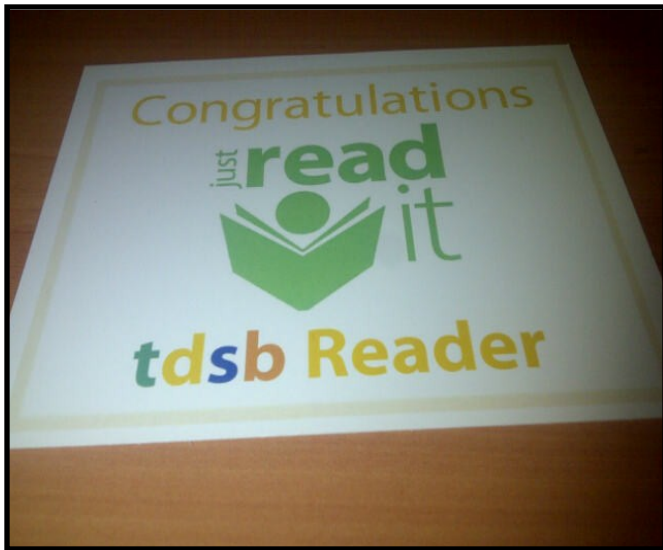




Grade 8 student Daniel Velyvis is presented with a certificate for his participation in the Queen's Park "Page Program" by M.P.P. Soo Wong.

Daniel's family and teacher Mr. Lucas, were on hand to celebrate with Daniel.

ENJOYING THE FIRST SNOW!



Congratulation Denise Chau in Mrs. Morgante's Grade 3 class.

The TDSB's Just Read It! thanks you for your support of the Directors' Just Read It Initiative!



Thank you M.P. Jim Karygiannis, M.P.P. Soo Wong, Trustee Sam Sotiropoulos for attending our school Fund - Raise and Holiday Event at Boston Pizza!



Thank you Santa for coming all the way from the North Pole and for taking the time to visit with Kennedy Students!

Character Development



January - Teamwork

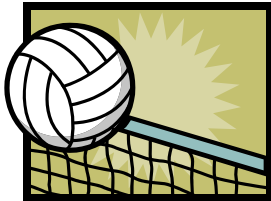
February - Fairness

March - Honesty

April - Co-Operation



Junior Boys volleyball



Big congratulations goes out to the Junior Boys volleyball team, who placed third in their tournament. The boys showed great heart and determination and improved a great deal as the tournament went on. The boys finished their last game on a high note, by defeating their opponents 2 games to nothing. Both Ms. McDougall and Ms. Khan are very proud of the whole team!! A special shout-out goes out to all of the grade 8's who helped with the lines and score keeping throughout the day. Because of you guys, the tournament ran smoothly! Another big thank you to And to all of the teachers especially Ms. Khan, Ms. Lantz, and Mrs. Tierney for all of their help and support throughout the day!



Through the *Me to We initiative*, the grade seven classes of Mrs. Mohamed & Ms. Chan have taken the lead on the **Holiday Food Bank Drive**. Thanks to the generosity of our school community the food donations will help make it possible for many families to enjoy the Holiday.



TDSB has entered into an agreement with Schooltop Solar Limited Partnership (SSLP) to install solar panels on the rooftops of 311 schools including Kennedy PS. SSLP has hired engineering consulting firms to visit the schools to assess the roof areas and evaluate the building's structural and electrical suitability for the solar panel installation. Structural and electrical site assessments have been completed by Facility Services and installation is expected shortly.



Young Women On The Move Holiday Baskets Campaign

Our Young Women on the Move assembled Holiday Baskets to promote the Spirit of Giving.

Thank you Ms. Tsokanaridis, Ms. Gadanidis, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Palmer for your leadership and contributions.





HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2013 WINTER CONCERT







SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR BOSTON PIZZA FUNDRAISE



