



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December, 2014
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This past month, our school building has been **beaming with brilliant "busy-ness"**. Our students enjoyed the anti-bullying presentation **'Frenemies'** while Officers Burns and Bednaczyk spoke with students about the importance of Safety. Our annual music event with the Bethune Band took place at **Jackson's Point and in addition, 'Scientist in the Schools'** worked with our grade six classes and our clubs and teams continued to meet. Finally now, we are busy planning the Winter Showcase, Recognition Assemblies and several other year end activities.

In the classroom, staff continue to work on developing strong and effective programs for our students both in literacy and numeracy. Our teachers work collaboratively to support the Board and School Improvement Plans via teaching and learning. In December, the Kindergarten team will focus on **'Play and Inquiry Learning'** approaches that capitalize on the children's natural curiosity and exuberance. The Primary, Junior & Intermediate classes will spend time working on **'Inquiry Based Learning'**.

Our numeracy pathway will center on using our findings to inform our work. Our teachers have met to unpack, and review our EQAO results and 2014 data and as a next step, we will continue to examine and identify strategies such as using the number line to improve student comprehension in **"problem solving"**. Our staff continues to meet to track students' progress while using effective strategies in the classrooms to determine successful practice and the modifications need to be made.

Finally, the winter holidays are fast approaching. This time of year brings about a flurry of activity as we aim to wrap up 2014 with the same energy that we opened the year. The last day of school for this term is Friday, December 19th, 2014. The long awaited holidays take place between Monday, December 22nd and Friday, January 2nd. School will reopen on Monday, January 5th, 2015.

On behalf of the staff and students at Kennedy P.S., I would like to extend best wishes for a restful holiday and a positive start to the New Year.



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You can now follow Kennedy P.S. on Twitter @TDSB_KennedyPS

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal



Please Save the Date.....

Kennedy P.S. Presents:

Please join us for:

“Vivace”

Kennedy School
Council Meeting
Monday January 12 2015
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
In the Staffroom

Date: Thursday, December 11th

Location: Toronto Chinese United Church
3300 Kennedy Road (By Pizza Pizza)

Show Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 (to cover cost of venue)

Tickets go on sale **Monday, Dec. 8th**



Kennedy Sister School Exchange with Minhang Experimental School
Minhang Experimental School was established in 1905 and was called Mengzheng School back then. Currently, the school has three campuses - Shensong Campus, Jingcheng Campus, and Chuncheng Campus.

闵行区实验小学的前身为始创于1905年的蒙正学堂。学校现有莘松、春城和景城三个校区。

Website 网站: <http://syxx.mhedu.sh.cn/web/syxx/36043.htm>

The school is one of the experimental schools for the New Curriculum Reform in Shanghai. It is also an experimental school for the United Nation's Education for Environment, Population and Sustainable Development Project; an Elementary Students' Daily-Behavior Model School; and a research base for language, math and activity lessons. 闵行区实验小学是全国“新基础教育”研究基地校,上海市中小学行为规范示范校,环境、人口与可持续发展教育示范校,同时也是上海市语文课、数学课和活动课的研究基地。

Upcoming December Dates:

3rd - Grades 6 - 8 Shakespeare Presentation

5th - PA Day - No school for students

7th - Green Bin Program begins

9th - Grade 6 trip to the ROM

11th - Winter Concert 7:00 p.m.

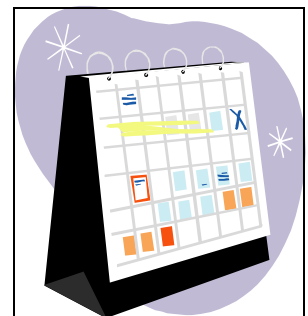
16th - Pizza Lunch

19th - Recognition Assemblies

19th - Last Day of School

Dec. 22nd—January 2nd. Winter Break –School is Closed

Jan. 5th - Classes begin



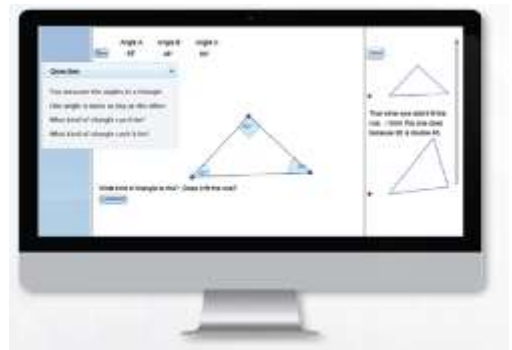
FROM THE CLASSROOM

Over 80 Grade K-6 Dr. Marian Small Rich Learning Tasks Now Available within Mathletics.

Mathletics is an e-learning resource, including highly engaging curriculum-aligned content, live fluency activities and targeted adaptive practice - coupled with powerful teaching resources, diagnostic testing and assessments. Targeted, individual and highly effective learning in K-12 mathematics. Mathletics content is adapted to a number of teaching and learning styles including our newest content -rich learning activities. Created in partnership with renowned educationalist Dr. Marian Small, these activities include a variety of open ended questions, problem-solving and reasoning tasks.



Grade 7 - 8
activities
Coming Soon!



Celebrating Media Literacy Week



This year's theme – *Youth & Social Networking: Creative, Connected, Collaborative* was designed to help young people learn how to leverage the power of social media platforms for advocacy, activism and peer support. Mrs. Mohamed worked with grade 7 and encouraged them to explore the opportunities that social networking tools provide for contributing positively to society and building digital skills for the future.

In order to learn more about Remembrance Day, Mrs. Mohamed's class used lots of resources. The students teamed up with the Toronto Star Classroom connections which sent special newspapers that had really cool technology imbedded in it called Layer. Though Layer, some of the articles could be scanned and

watched as a video, listened to like a radio or simply read like a newspaper. In other words, it brought Remembrance Day and the war to life.



Kennedy PS is so pleased to have a whole set of new computers in our Library Learning Commons! These computers are used in a variety of ways that help facilitate 21st century learning. ICT skills, researching, accessing and creating media texts are only some of the useful ways technology is being utilized at Kennedy!



Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



BULLYING AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Officers Burns and Bednarczyk were in to talk about Bullying Awareness and Prevention and to help promote safe a positive learning environment. **The presentation “Frenemeis”** followed the story of Leah, a new student at school. With the aid of a good friend and positive role models, Leah overcomes the stress of moving, a family tragedy, and bullying.



ECO SCHOOL UPDATE



Kennedy P.S. has **Teamed Up For Green**, a rare and innovative collaboration between our Board and Toronto Hydro. We are very proud to be selected to take part in this fundraising campaign with 100% of the proceeds going directly towards the purchase and installation of bike racks to benefit TDSB students. Here is the link for customers to sign-up <http://teamupforgreen.com/>. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

Go Team Go! Together we can be successful.



OUR TRIP TO FOREST VALLEY

Ms. Tkatchuk's grade 2/3 class had a fantastic time at Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre on Nov. 6 2014! Chrys, our teacher for the day, helped us to understand about units of standard and non-standard measurement. He taught us that we can even measure our feelings when we hiked down to the river, closed our eyes and listened only to the sound of the water. After lunch and playing at the playground, we learned how to do "rubbings" on different kinds of outdoor surfaces and natures. The hot chocolate at the end of the day was a great way to finish off the day!



Participation at Kennedy P.S.



The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair



Congratulations Cathy Huang who was selected from the TDSB as a Just Read It winner!

Cadbury chocolate factory

The Welcoming Community ESL Program went to the Cadbury chocolate factory. We learned that: the Neilson family sells ice cream and chocolate, that cocoa beans grow close to the equator and that there are four hundred beans in a pod. The group visited the president's office where William Neilson and his son took over the Neilson factory. We saw a lot of chocolate and Maynards candy and we tasted a coco bean and Irish crumb. At the mini egg factory we saw the chocolate being wrapped and packaged and we got to try Crunchie and Caramilk chocolate bars. We enjoyed our Tour!



remembrance



Day 2014



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PARTNERS!!!



Agincourt Community Services Association

The holiday season is just around the corner and once again Kennedy Public school is teaming up with Agincourt Community Services Association “ACSA”, to ensure that students, families and the entire community has a happy, healthy and warm holiday season.

This month, ACSA donated to our school *The Bay* gift cards which will go towards the purchase of winter snowsuits and boots for some of our students. In return, during the first two weeks of December, Kennedy Student Council will run the annual holiday ‘Food-Drive’. All donations and proceeds will go towards the local Food Bank which is run the Agincourt Community Services Association .

Women of Wells Fargo

Kennedy P.S. wishes to thank Brookmill P.S. for sharing their gift donation from the “Women of Wells Fargo” with our community. This Women’s committee is a division of Wells Fargo Equipment Finance Company. Thanks to their generous donation, 2 of our students received new backpacks filled with school supplies.



TDSB Musical Instrument Committee

Thank you to the TDSB Musical Instrument Inventory Committee who has recommended that Kennedy PS receive a new flute and trumpet.



Rotary Club of Agincourt

Thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Agincourt, our students will once again benefit this winter from our large supply of mittens and keep warm.



TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH:

FLU CLINIC, IMMUNIZATION , VACCINATION INFORMATION

Please be advised that Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be sending out information directly to schools for use in communicating with parents/guardians regarding the topics indicated below:

Flu Clinic's Schedule

(three attachments - links below)

Each year Toronto Public Health offers free Flu clinics for all Ontario residents. The clinics will be held throughout the city from October 24 to November 29, 2014. Attached are: community partner information letter, the schedule of Flu Clinics and their locations and a school news-**letter insert (“Be a Flu Fighter”)** that can be used in your school newsletters.

New Vaccines Added to the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA)

(four attachments - one link below, 3 poster attachments in e-mail)

Effective 1 July 2014 three more vaccines have been added to the IPISA to protect students from vaccine-preventable diseases. The new vaccines are Meningococcal, pertussis (whooping cough) and varicella (chicken pox). Attached is an information letter for school staff and three poster inserts (files attached to e-mail message) that can be used in your school newsletters.

For more information or if you have questions:

- www.toronto.ca/health
- Email: immunization@toronto.ca
- Call the Immunization Information Line at 416-392-1250



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BOSTON PIZZA DAY!!!!

On Tuesday, December 16th 2014, Kennedy P.S. will be having a Pizza Day!!!!

All proceeds collected will be go towards building a new school playground.

Students who participate in our Boston Pizza day will have a chance to win a 'Free individual size pizza' on our next Pizza day. All you need to do is to return the sealed envelope provided, with your order and \$5.00 to have a chance to be one of the 4 lucky winners for a free pizza on the next Pizza Day.

Please make sure that your envelope is sealed with your name, teacher's name and your order and returned to the school by Thursday, December 4th.

