



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November, 2014

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NOVEMBER



Happy November to you all! Not only does November signal a time for Progress Reports and interviews. It also marks the passage through the seasons, as we were reminded by Daylight savings time which will take place on Saturday, November 1st.

It was great to see so many parents at the Transition to High school and Gr. 8 Graduation Trip sessions. Thank you to Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Tarascio for organizing the different sessions. Many other activities continue to take place throughout the term including: Photo Day; School Bus Safety Day; Immunization; Young Women on the Move Day, Gr. 7 & 8 Vaccination, Student Vote to support the Municipal Elections and the annual Halloween Dance hosted by the Student Council.

Equity and Social justice remain a school priority as the Student Council and Young Women on the Move leaders identified areas where they too can mobilize change and impact positively on their Local and Global communities.

Our strong athletic presence continues this season as the Kennedy Dolphins competed in many Cross Country events moving on to City Finals. Thank yous go out to Mrs. Mohamed, Mrs. Csombok, Mrs. Morgante, Miss Lantz, Mrs. Khan and Mrs. Shake who have acted as drivers, coordinators and/or coaches for these fabulous activities.

Our Literacy and Numeracy foci continue to be a priority at the school. Staff are working to shift instruction that meet and support our students needs and in turn, students can benefit from high quality instruction as they develop criteria for success.

We look forward to seeing you all during our parent teacher interview times and at our next School Council Tea with the Principal and the Home Alone Presentation scheduled for Monday, November 3rd, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon
Principal



Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:

Kennedy School Council Meeting

&

'Home Alone' Presentation

Monday November 3rd, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

In the Staffroom & Library

Mandarin / Cantonese Interpreter

&

Child minding are available

Everyone welcome!



Progress Reports

and Parent Teacher Interview

On Monday, November 10th, 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.

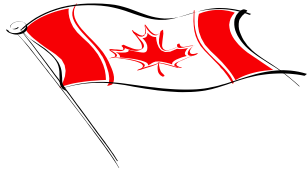
Here are three strategies that can help your child's results improve by 2% or more:

- 1) Arrive early for class
- 2) Attend school each day
- 3) Complete all homework when assigned

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Interviews scheduled for **Thursday Evening on November 13th**

and
Friday Morning on November 14th

WE REMEMBER



On November 11th will be holding our Remembrance Day Assembly to remember and to honour those

who served our country. Our staff and students take part in a presentation that will honour the life of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo who was gunned down while standing guard at the National War Monument in Ottawa.

From Guidance

Please note: all Secondary School information nights can be found through this link: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/OpenHousesandInformation-Nights.aspx>

Elysa Tarascio, Guidance Counsellor



Upcoming October Dates

November:

2nd - Daylight Saving ends

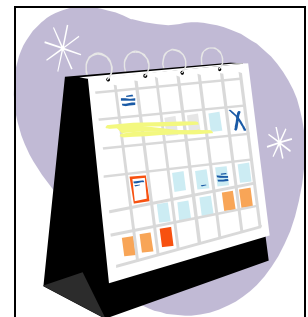
3rd - School Council Evening 6 p.m. -7 p.m.

10th - Progress Reports go home

11th - Remembrance Day

13th - Parent /Teacher interviews 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

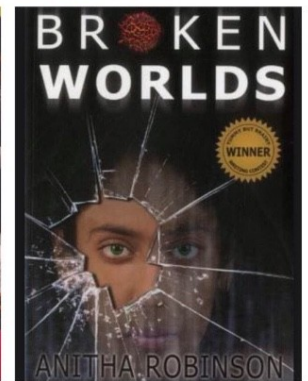
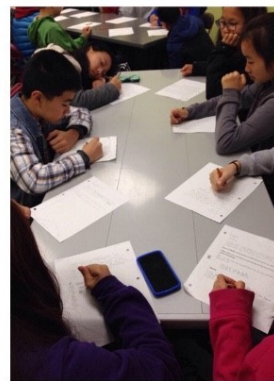
14th - Parent /Teacher interviews 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. No school for students



FROM THE CLASSROOM

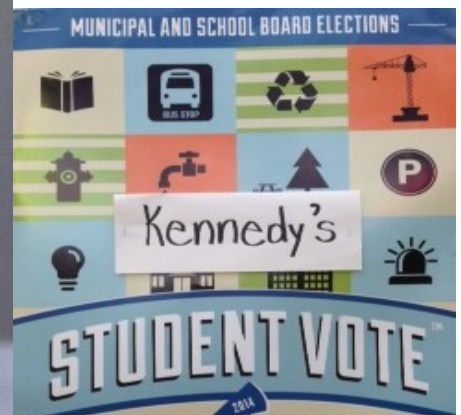
School Bus Safety Program: Squat, Stretch, Step

First time on a school bus for some of our kindergarten students who learned how to ride and evacuate safely.



Kennedy Gr.8's visited the Toronto Public Library Steeles Branch for an author visit. Author Anitha Robinson hosted a writer's workshop, which allowed our students to engage in creative Writing.

STUDENTS VOTE



Kennedy students were excited to participate in their Municipal Student Vote Day on October 23. Kennedy is one of more than 1000 schools who have registered for this program, from nearly 200 municipalities. It is expected more than 100,000 students from across the province will participate in Student Vote 2014.

Our Kennedy students had an opportunity to discuss important election issues and to follow the campaigns of their local municipal and school board candidates. They learned first hand about the Electoral Process in Canada and had an opportunity to practise their civic duty. They learned the importance of becoming well-informed about the candidates of your area, and that voting is not only a right but also a responsibility for Canadian citizens.

Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



Happy Halloween



Mrs. Iadipaolo's Gr. 1 Pumpkins



Mrs. Gabrysz Gr. 1 Haunted Houses



LEGO PEOPLE

ECOSCHOOL UPDATE



Take Me Outside on October 29, 2014



The learning environment can in fact extend beyond four walls and a desk. *Take Me Outside Day* is an opportunity for schools across Canada and all around the world to show the importance of getting outside. It's a

day to support outdoor education! At Kennedy P.S. some classes got involved as the class spent one hour outside, whether walking, doing art, math, or large group activities.

Primary Eco Club is Going Green!

Mrs. Paschalidis and student representatives have taken on the responsibility to run various "GREEN" initiatives in and around the school relaying important ECO information to staff and students!



Take Me Outside Day

Participation at Kennedy P.S.

Our Cross Country Winners

Every year we have a few students who participate in Toronto's Conference Finals long distance running race. This year, however, we had twenty highly motivated students who represented Kennedy P.S. with great pride! The students ran long distances on various terrains, competing against the top schools from each area. Each race was extremely competitive despite the wet conditions. Our Grade 6 girls, Grade 7 girls, and Grade 8 boys and girls did their utmost to finish with their individual best times and made their coaches very proud. In particular, Kate Su placed 7th, Jenny Wu placed 12th, and Anson Wu placed 21st in each of their divisions. Our Grade 6 girl's continued on to the City Finals. Where they got a chance to represent our school and do us all proud.



Math and science were being used to inspire confidence in female students at the Toronto District School Boards's **Young Women on the Move** mentorship initiative. Four girls, along with Ms. Tsokanaridis took part in a TDSB, full-day celebration of International Day of the Girl at Spirale Banquet Hall.



**Young women
on the move**

The girls had an amazing time participating in many fun activities. The day was about increasing opportunities for girls where a gap might exist. The event reminded girls that they are capable and should feel competent to enter any profession.

Each of the girls was given a book called:

“The Most Magnificent Thing” by best-selling author, Ashley Spires. Ms. Spires was at the event and autographed each of the books.

The girls were encouraged to

bring out their inner engineer, designer, writer or artist to create something entirely new from a mini-version of “**The Most Magnificent Thing**”. Our Young Women’s club also engaged in hands-on activities as they became ‘electrical engineers’. They learned about conductive and insulating play dough, electrical properties and became Circuit Engineers!

HAPPY HA



Tiffany and Ricky
winners of the Halloween Ruffle



Kennedy Students show some **'SPIRIT'**



True Angels

HALLOWEEN

