



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October, 2014

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October serves as a time for renewal and celebrations for a number of faith groups including Eid, Diwali and Sukkot. It also 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.

Parents of students in grades four and seven have received their child's Individual Student Report, which outlines their EQAO results. If you have any questions, or did not receive the results, please contact the school.

As a school, we continue to focus on success criteria in the classrooms and hopefully, both our Curriculum Night and the Transition to High School evenings have helped to demonstrate our commitment to improving student achievement and to providing excellent programs and intervention strategies that enable all our students to achieve success. We continue to use student achievements to examine both the strength and needs of our programs; allowing us to refine our teaching practice. To further support our commitment we continue to come together in Professional Learning Communities to dialogue and share best practice.

Safety in our school remains a priority and creating positive school cultures, caring for our students and supporting teachers has always been in the forefront of our attention. We are excited to share that we are implementing a new automated call announcement to assist with our Safe Arrival and to place announcement that will call out in both English and Chinese regarding School and board happenings.

A reminder that all student planners have information regarding the TDSB's Code of Conduct which includes the chart, "**Chart of Consequences of Inappropriate Student Behaviour**". This year's version was printed in error as this chart is out of date. Please refer to the letter and updated chart which were sent home earlier this month as the version in your child's planner no longer applies. Thank you for your ongoing involvement in supporting our students' safety and well-being.

Finally, we began our partnership with the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto and this term we have four Teacher Candidates who have joined Mrs. Tsui's Grade 1 class; Mrs. Gabrysz's Grade 1/2 class; Mrs. Csombok's and Mr. Pollard's Grade 6 classes. **Please visit our website at:**

schools.tdsb.on.ca/Kennedy
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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

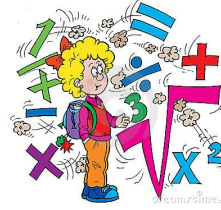
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Child minding are available

Everyone welcome!



Math in Motion & Numeracy Homework Help! For Parents and Students



Math is a priority across the Toronto District School Board. At Kennedy P.S. we do our part to ensure higher levels of teaching and learning in mathematics for all our students.

We are happy to share with our parents practical tips, activities and resources to help parents support their child's learning of mathematics. Please visit **edugains** also you may look for **Math Tips for Parents** by Dr. Lynda Colgan of Queen's University.

Homework Help is a **FREE** online math help resource for students in Grades 7-10. Homework Help provides **FREE**, live one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers. It is funded by the Ontario government and administered by TVO's Independent Learning Centre. Please visit the site at: <https://t.co/oyIMHgC9nm>

OCTOBER 5TH WORLD TEACHER DAY

Happy world Teacher Day to all our Kennedy staff on behalf of the Parent Council!

Many thanks, and best wishes!

We hope you enjoyed the cake.
Stephen, Debbie and Rhonda



Upcoming October Dates

October:

2nd - curriculum Night and B.B.Q.

5th: Fire Prevention Week

9th: Cross Country Meet at Thompson Park

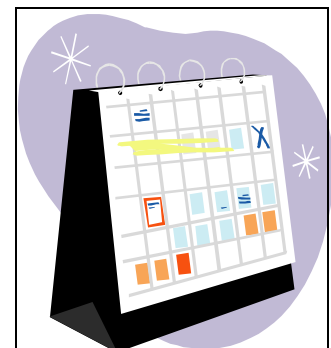
9th: Transition to High School Evening 6:00

13th: Thanksgiving Day - school closed

16th—17th: School-Bus Safety Training

22nd: Gr. 7 HEP B Gr. 8 Girls HPV Vaccination

23rd: School Photo Day



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. TIERNEY!

Each year during their annual Field Education Awards Ceremony, Ryerson School of Early Childhood Studies (ECS) presents an award to a field placement site that has provided exemplary placement experiences for our students. This year, the School is pleased to recognize the TDSB/We Will Read program as winner of the 2014 Outstanding Partnership Award.

Mrs. Debbie Tierney with support from Executive Superintendent Uton Robinson and Superintendent Peter Chang has launched and led a 'We will Read' (WWR) program in several schools across the TDSB. Mrs. Tierney helped to forge a strong and vital partnership between the Toronto District School Board's We Will Read Program, and Ryerson's Early Childhood Studies. This partnership has added such value to our grade 1 students and to the ECS university students. The joy observed in our grade 1's when they are working with the ECS students, reinforces the value of the We will Read initiative and our need to keep this program going and growing. Mrs. Tierney and her colleagues were presented with a special award at the annual Field Education Ceremony which took place at Ryerson University on October 1st, 2014.



From Guidance

Here is a link to a great site on cyber safety. You might want to visit.

http://www.thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca/pdfs/TDTNL_SafetyAndTheInternet_13-15_en.pdf

Elysa Tarascio, Guidance Counsellor

The Scholastic Book Fair!

A big thank you to all our school community for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair. We had a great Family Event on Curriculum Night with many visitors! Overall, we were able to raise over \$1500 in books for our school! Thanks again Kennedy!!
Khadijah Saleh



From international Language

We are pleased to share that we have about 75 students registered for the Tuesday Night Cantonese program with students placed in 4 classes. Also in response to the request from parents who wished to enroll their children in Mandarin language the program now offers 3 Mandarin classes every Tuesday evening. We wish to thank Mr. David Pollard for his years of service as a site administrator. He will be sorely missed. Ms. Cynthia Chan has been assigned as the new ILE Site Administrator effective Oct. 7th.

Our Back to School Basket winners were: Tiffany Lin in Gr. 6 & Ricky Zhang in Gr. 7

Congratulations to Jackie Chen who won \$25.00 for himself and for his Gr. 3 class with Ms. McDougall to spend at our book fair.

Back to School Baskets





Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



The Toronto District School Board affirms its recognition of: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH and the International Day of The Girl



In October 1929, some women in Canada won the right to be recognized as "persons" by law, with the right to hold public office. Many women, including Indigenous, Black, Asian and other racialized women remained ineligible until decades later because of racism. Today women continue to be on the front lines of social justice, creating positive change in their lives, their communities, in Canada and the world!

October is an occasion to both celebrate victories and recognize the inequalities that still exist, while reaffirming our commitment to achieving full equality and social justice for all women in Canada and the world. The United Nations declared October 11, 2012, the world's first *International Day of the Girl*. This day aims to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women as citizens and powerful voices for change within their families, their communities and their nations.

At Kennedy P.S. we take pride in our *'Young Women On The Move'* students and staff who continue to raise awareness around equity and bring about changes for local and global social justice causes.



ECOSCHOOL UPDATE



Kennedy Eco Team Leads: Ms. Khan; Mr. Hui; and Mrs. Paschalidis at our Family Of School session busy planning school direction!

Team-Up for Green Initiative: is a Toronto District School Board and Toronto Hydro partnership and a fundraising initiative that began this October. This brand new fundraising initiative encourages families to sign up for "green" programs and services through Toronto Hydro's secure web applications. If sign up goals are met, the TDSB will receive up to \$250,000 towards 500 new bike racks at our schools!

Team-Up for Green supports the new TDSB Charter for Active, Safe and Sustainable Transportation, that promotes travel to school by cycling, walking or other modes of active transportation. This is good for our health and the environment. <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/ActiveTransportationCharter.aspx>,

Participation at Kennedy P.S.

Jr. Girls Bordenball team!

A big congratulation goes out to the Jr. Girls Bordenball team – who played AMAZING in the tournament on October 1st! The girls came 1st in their pool, winning ALL of their 4 games! Unfortunately they lost in the semi finals to a very tough and determined team

from Mason Road. Ms. McDougall and Ms. Johnson are very proud of the girls for all of their hard work and dedication, and for displaying TRUE sportsmanship throughout the whole tournament! Amazing job girls!



CROSS COUNTRY



Intermediates

It was a beautiful, chilly Autumn day, perfect for the traditional Thompson Park Cross Country meet on Scarborough! Once again Kennedy athletes achieved great personal goals as they move on to Conference Finals. as staff cheered them on. Thank you Mrs. Moorgate, Mrs. Csombok and Mrs. Mohamed.



Primary



Junior Girls

One Person Can Make A Difference!

The United Nations recently adopted Article 31, which gives every child the right to play. Kennedy staff and students take part in **Right to Play** and use games to promote tolerance and peace.

RIGHT TO PLAY ARRIVES AT KENNEDY P.S.

