



# Kennedy Clan News



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**January 2015  
Kennedy P.S.**

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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 12th, our school will take part in the "Green Bin" Eco initiative. Dental screening will take place between January 5th to the 13th, and several classes will be visiting Forest Valley outdoor education center. January 20th, marks Martin Luther King Jr. Day and 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 that 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, Big Ideas in mathematics and informative 'Class Walkthroughs' to enhance best practice. On January 27th we will celebrate world Literacy Day and begin our work on the FOS Speech Arts initiative. 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 wish to remind you that School Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 12th at 6:00 pm. Friday January 23rd school will be closed due to a PA day and that our annual Kindergarten Registration is coming up on February 10th, 17th, and 24th.

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 notifications 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 2015. 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



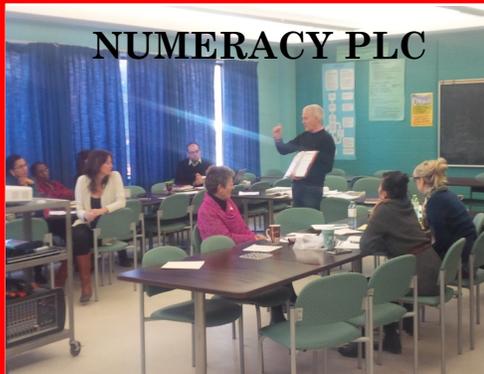
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***You can now follow Kennedy P.S. on  
Twitter @TDSB KennedyPS***



## Please Save the Date.....

### NUMERACY PLC



Our staff worked with Numeracy coach Bill Biglands looking at the Ontario Curriculum-Mathematics which is organized around BIG Idea fol-

lowed by developing a constructivist approach to learning how little ideas such as skill & knowledge are connected to Big Ideas. They examined ways to compare and contrast a "closed" problem that focuses on developing skills and knowledge vs an "open/rich" problem where the focus is on developing thinking processes and understanding of the Big Ideas.

Please join us for:

**Kennedy**  
**School Council Meeting**  
**Monday January 12th, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**In the Staffroom**

*Mandarin / Cantonese Interpreter*



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*Child minding are available*

*Everyone welcome*

**SISTER SCHOOL PROJECT:** A very exciting Sister-School meeting took place on Dec 11 at 7pm where selected Kennedy students along with Mr. Pollard & Mrs. Csombok and Minhang Experimental School staff & students participated for the first time in a Skype meeting. The students from both schools had a chance to introduce one another face to face and talk about themselves, their schools and their interests. In the New Year they will begin to write letters to one another and connect with their 'Pen -Pals'. 令人兴奋的姐妹校间会议就要于12月11日举行了，届时肯尼迪学校的学生连同Pollard和Csombok老师一起将与闵行实验学校的师生们第一次通过Skype面对面交流。两个学校的学生们难得有机会能够向对方介绍自己，说说自己、自己的学校、自己的兴趣。在新的一年里，他们将会给彼此写信，并与自己的笔友建立联系。



Our school has been selected to take part in the Ministry of Ed. implementation of a new project to **'Assess Condition of Educational Facilities' in the province of Ontario** in an effort to obtain information on the current condition of structures, infrastructure and building components. The Ministry will use this information to plan for funding needed to maintain and renew educational facilities cross the province.

### Upcoming January Dates

5th: First Day of School

5th -13th : Dental Hygiene week begins

12th: School Council meeting 6:00 -7:00 pm

12th: Green Bin Program begins

20th: Newcomer Program ends

23rd: PA Day No School For Students

27th: Literacy Day celebrations

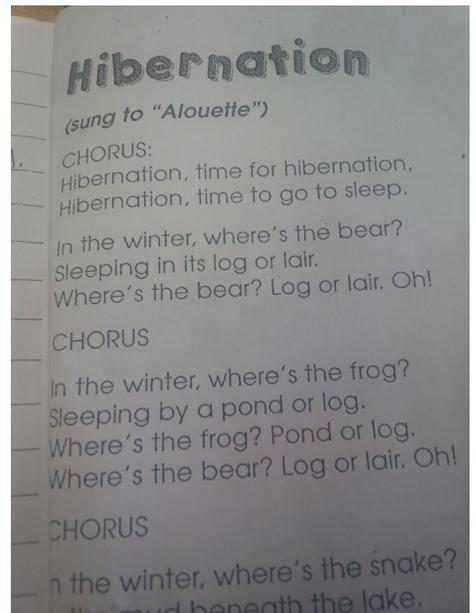
28th: Canada Learning Bond with Settlement worker 6:00 -8:00 pm



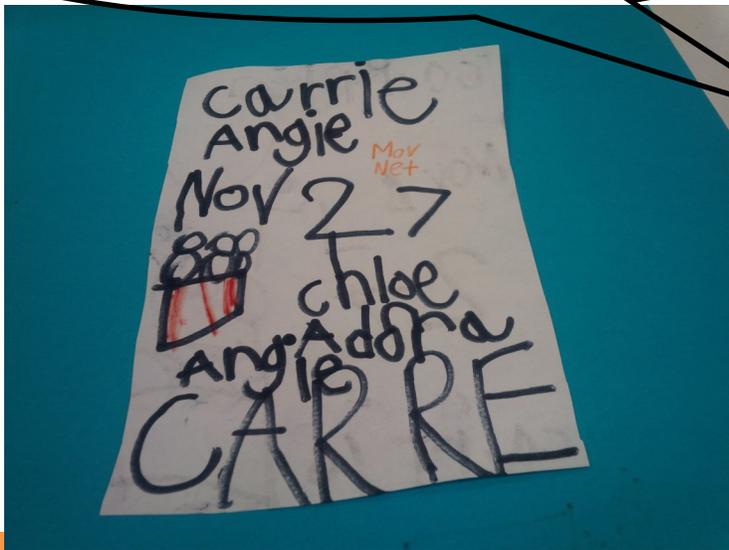
# FROM THE CLASSROOM



Mrs. Johnson Grade 2 class learned all about **Hibernation**. The students identified several animals and small species, that *hibernate* during the cold winter months. They used poetry to understand the



Getting Ready for **Movie Night**. Carrie in Mrs. Assi and Mrs. Lee's Kindergarten class made a special invitation inviting all her friends.



## WELCOMING COMMUNITIES CELEBRATE!!!!



Awesome program! Lots of fun with creative activities that is interesting and educational. We are learning more about our classmates and how to work as a team and show good sportsmanship. We can practice English language skills with the help of a mentor and our Program Facilitator. We are improving our communication by listening, speaking, reading and writing. We are very thankful to have this program at Kennedy Public School.

## Character Development



January - Teamwork

February - Fairness

March - Honesty

April - Co-Operation



### Kennedy P.S. Character Recognition

Our Fall term ended with a school wide Recognition Assembly to honour student who have contributed to a positive learning environment for showing:

**Respect, Responsibility, Empathy, Kindness and Caring.**

Student recipients were presented with a certificates and their picture is showcased in our **Character Education Display Case**. Thank you Ms. Chang & Ms. Fang for organizing.



### December 6, White Ribbon Campaign

The Boys to Men group showed support for the White Ribbon Campaign on December 4th. On December 6, 1989 Marc Lepine walked into the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal and shot 28 people. Overall, he killed 14 women and injured 10 other women and four men in just under 20 minutes before turning the gun on himself. Violence against women needs to stop and all can make a difference.

Thank you Mr. Lucas for organizing this Initiative. Ray Dai Gr. 8



### GREEN BIN PROGRAM

Beginning in Jan. 2015, our school will run a Green Bin Program as

part of the Board's waste disposal agreement with the City of Toronto. Kennedy will recycle and sort organics waste to improve environmental impact.



Kennedy Partnered up with our Local Fire Department to promote **FIRE SAFETY.** Looking good Mr. Lucas and Ms. Fung

## Participation at Kennedy P.S.



Kennedy P.S. hosted Buchanan PS; Danforth Gardens PS; and Emily Carr PS for the **Senior Boys volleyball tournament**. Many thanks to Ms. McDougall and Ms. Khan for organizing the tournament and congratulation to our Kennedy Dolphins for their first place win!



### **Young Women On The Move Holiday Baskets Campaign**

Our Young Women on the Move organized a Holiday Basket for a family in our community to promote the Spirit of Giving. Thank you Ms. Tsokanaridis, Ms. Gadanidis and Mrs. Johnson for your leadership and contributions.

The **Student Council** lead by Mrs. Mohamed & Ms. Khan have taken the lead to run the annual **Kennedy 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 Holidays.



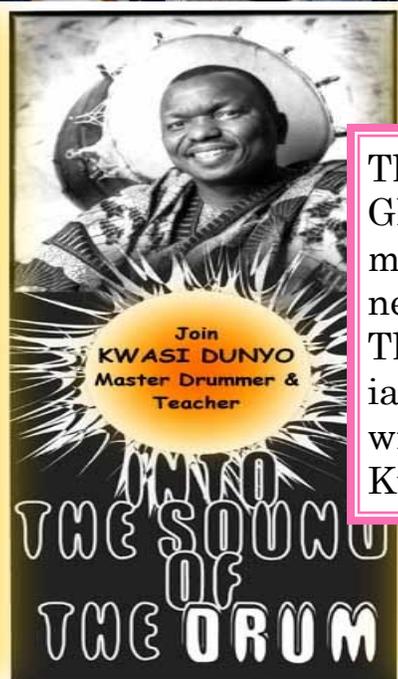


## HIGHLIGHTS FORM THE 2014 WINTER CONCERT





# MORE HIGHLIGHTS FORM OUR MUSIC PROGRAM



The TDSB Music Department's Global Music Ghanaian Drumming program is coming to Kennedy P.S. from January to March! The program includes a Ghanaian Drumming kit and workshops with Ghanaian Master Drummer Kwasi Dunyo.

Mr. Siu and students enjoyed the Area Music Day at Jackson's Point. The events clinicians were very impressed with our student's progress. A follow up reunion concert has been scheduled at Bethune for everyone who attended this annual event.



The wonderful Kennedy Jazz band performed at the East Education office and helped the TDSB's Senior Team celebrate the Holiday!



Kennedy Students continue to participate in the *Right to Play* initiative. During the Speaker Series presentation the *Right To Play* representative encouraged the students to become Junior Leaders! As our school ambassadors, Kennedy students know first hand the positive impact sport and play can have on healthy active life style.

# MORE FROM THE CLASSROOM....



**SCIENTISTS  
IN SCHOOL**

GRADE SIX STUDENTS VISIT WITH THE SCIENTIST IN THE SCHOOL

