



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March 2015
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MARCH

Happy March everyone! Once again, our various school committees met to plan and organize valuable programs and initiatives for our students. The school honoured Black Heritage month with school announcements, classroom activities and special presentations in our Music Department. The Student Council Committee met with Ms. Khan to organize our 'Candy-Gram' event for in preparation for St. Valentine's Day. Kennedy students lead by Mrs. Mohamed and Ms. Khan enjoyed winter hockey, skiing and snowboarding activities. Our Grade 8 girls had their second HPV immunization and on March 31st, we are expecting to run the Hearing and Vision clinic. Finally we'd like congratulate Mr. Siu and the Jazz Band for their amazing performance at the TDSB winter showcase.

Our teachers continue to develop 'Best Practice' to align with our Improvement Plans with a focus was on developing inquiry practice for 21st century Learners, while in the classroom, students are busy working on their speech arts assignments. In addition, our students continue to recognized in the TDSB Just Read It Initiative while Mrs. Chan has been busy promoting the Urban Voices Poetry initiative, where selected winners will have their poems published in the annual TDSB Poetry book. Technology continues to be a priority at the school where currently, under the direction of Ms. McKinley, Grade 1 students are enriching their learning using the Early Years iPad Initiative to support Literacy in the classroom. Finally, we extend our farewell and best wishes to Mrs. Leslie on her upcoming retirement and congratulations to Mrs. Doell on the birth of her daughter Madeline. We welcome to Kennedy P.S. Miss Sunny Lee who will be covering the ESL class for Miss Doell and Miss Kathleen Mahoney who will be taking over Mrs. Regos' Kindergarten class. Effective March 23, Miss Daniela Ciancio will join our office team.

We would like to remind you that the school will be closed March 16th to the 20th for the March break. Enjoy your time off and we look forward to seeing everyone back energized for spring and the final stretch of the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon

Principal

You can now follow me on Twitter @RhondaCohen

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@TDSB KennedyPS



SISTER SCHOOL PROJECT:

The sister school project has two aspects: a) the students' aspect, b) the professional aspect

Student Component of the Project

Under the student component of the project, there is the pen-pal project (getting the kids to know one another), that gets the students from two cultures to build bridges and relationships with one another

- ◇ Skype meeting
- ◇ Video chats / Video exchanges (students sending videos of their schools, their life to one another)
- ◇ Students self-generate ideas on how the relationship could be built,
- ◇ Student council (select student representatives from both schools to form a council that plans for joint pen-pal activities)

Professional Component of the Project

This involves teacher professional learning

- ◇ exchanges of how a day of a teacher looks like in China/Canada
- ◇ photo depiction of a class or a lesson

The students have written letters to their pen-pals and completed postcard about Canada.
Mr. Pollard and Ms. Csombok

Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:

***Kennedy
School Council Meeting
Tuesday March 10th, 2015
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
In the Staffroom***



Everyone welcome

**Thank You
Mrs. Jean Kennedy Campbell
for your generous Donation!**

We are excited to share that once again this year, Mrs. Jean Kennedy-Campbell has donated \$700.00 towards our school library. In addition, \$100.00 has been set aside for the Gr. 8 graduation and the recipients of the citizenship Award

Upcoming March Dates

5th: Kids Help Phone Presentation

8th: Daylight Savings Begins

8th: International Women's Day

10th: School Council Meeting 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

11th: Pizza Lunch

12th: Gr. 7 & 8 trip to the Science Centre

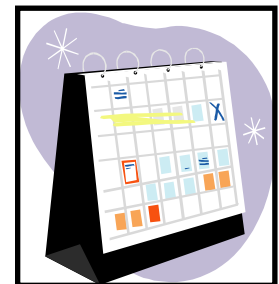
13th: Recognition Assemblies

16th - 20: March Break School closed

23rd: Gr. 7 & 8 School Climate Survey Begin

24th: Gr. 8 & SK Graduation Photo Day

26th: M.A.D.D. Presentation



FROM THE CLASSROOM

K-1 Teachers explore the role of Play and Inquiry in Learning.

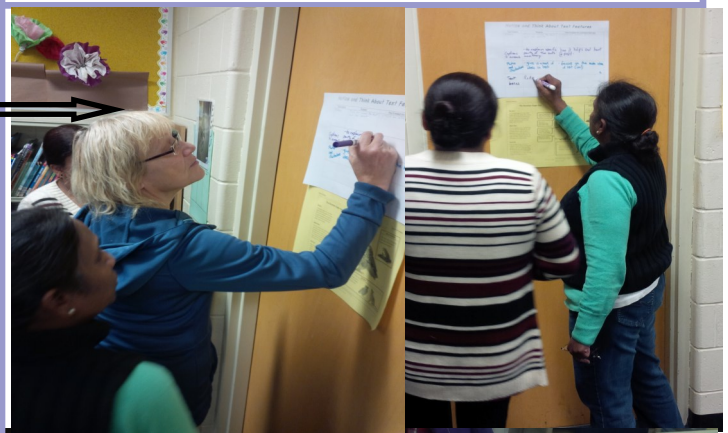


“Play and inquiry are learning approaches that capitalize on children’s natural curiosity and exuberance. An intentional, planned program supports learning and smooth transitions” (Ontario Early Years Policy Framework, 2013).

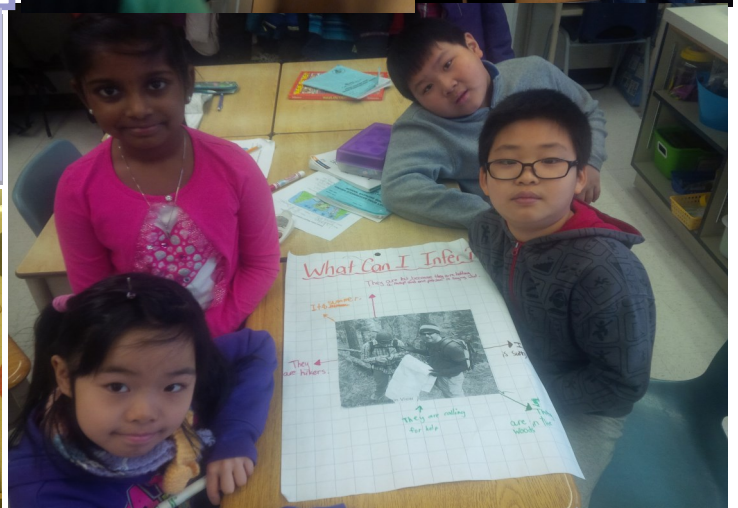
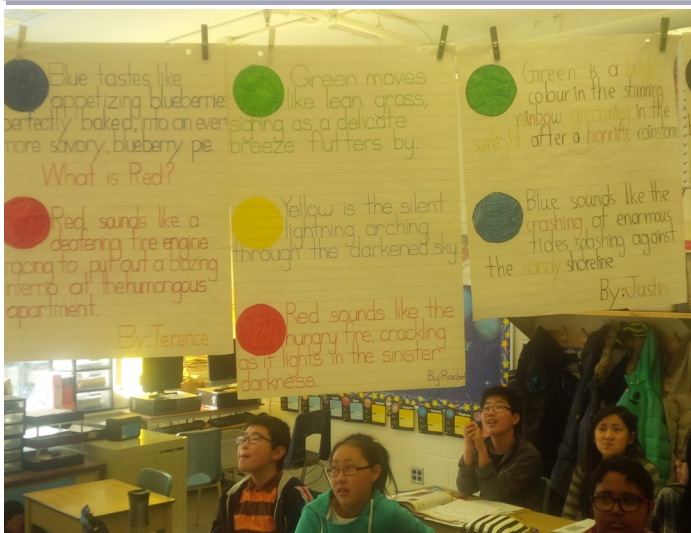
Kindergarten and Gr. 1 staff work with our FOS team to investigate strategies implement an inquiry-based approach, and develop intentional planned experiences to maximize learning via student-centred experiences.

Guided Reading occurs in every classroom as part of our Literacy Program to increase students’ Reading Achievement!

Our primary teachers Support the use of the learning loop (learning goals, success criteria and descriptive feedback); collaborative inquiry and inquiry based learning; rich tasks and higher order thinking; creating a culture of high expectations through FOS PD.



Grade 6 students in Mr. Pollard’s class are writing Colour Poems. The students incorporated the senses in their writing to bring colours to life.
By: Saheen, Jeyarajah



Stephanie, Jarvis, Nathan and Lakshya in Ms. McDougal Gr. 3 class are all about **Inferring**. Looking at pictures, we are guessing what is happening and what are they doing.
By: Lakshya Selvakumaran



Character Development

January - Teamwork

February - Fairness

March - Honesty

April - Co-Operation



BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

Mrs. Iadipaolo shared stories with her Grade 1 class about Dr. Martin Luther King. They talked about his famous speech:

"I Have A Dream"

then the students shared their own personal dreams about making the world a better place!



CHARACTER EDUCATION

What Is Honesty?

Honesty is in what you say:

Honesty is speaking the truth

* you don't say things about people that aren't true

* you admit to your actions

Honesty is in how you act:

Honesty means you act in a way that you know is the right thing to do

* not breaking rules to gain an advantage (cheating)

*not taking something that isn't yours (stealing)



"Mud Between The Toes"

Outdoor Education at Forest Valley

'Kids become more connected with nature when just learning in that setting even if the lesson is not about nature...'

The Grade eight *Girl Group* lead by their teachers Ms. Khan attended an outdoor winter day at Forest Valley. The purpose for the trip was to have the girls take part in leadership activities as well as learn how to find their voice while surrounded by the beauty of nature at Forest Valley Outdoor Education Center.

Promoting Literacy and Community Engagement with a visit to the Public Library



Participaction at Kennedy P.S.



What snow storm?
Mrs. Chang took advantage of the
February 2nd snow day to take part in
out- door Phys. Ed classes with
her students.



**JUNIOR GIRLS VOLLEYBALL EXHIBITION GAME
WITH MS. LANTZ & MR. HIU**



The TDSB's 13th Annual Showcase Concert

Mr. Siu
conducts the
Kenney Jazz
Band
Performing:

***"I Got
Rhythm"***

By: George
Gershwin
Arrangement
By: Ralph
Ford



FROM THE CLASSROOM



Mrs. Musgrave and Miss. Cochrane's KGT class is making 3D shape art!

Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Assi's KGT class is busy building towers!



100 DAY OF SCHOOL!



McKinley's Grade 1 class collected 100 items for their celebration!

Miss Gadanidis Grade 5 Winter Art !



GROUNDHOG DAY

WIARTON, Ont. - on February 2nd, One of Canada's celebrity groundhogs predicted a short winter. A crowd of about 100 people erupted in cheers as Ontario's **Wiarthon Willie** emerged from his burrow and did not see his shadow, predicting an early spring.

The small town of Wiarthon, in southern Ontario, was abuzz with Willie's news of an early spring, which went against the forecast of both Nova Scotia's **Shubenacadie Sam** and Pennsylvania's **Punxsutawney Phil**, both predicting six more weeks of winter. At Kennedy PS, Mrs. Kuld's grade 2 class read a picture book about Groundhog's Day. In the story, it is February 2nd and all the animals are tired of winter. But why should the groundhog always be famous for seeing his shadow? Other animals in the story want to try to see their shadows....."



Congratulations Eliza Y. Jasmine W. & Victoria G. for winning the **Remembrance Day Poster Contest**. All three Gr. 5 winners will attend a ceremony at the Scarborough Canadian Legion on February 28th, and their picture will appear in their Legion magazine. Miss. Gadanidis



Grade 6 Outdoor Education Trip To Kearney



Lunar New Year Year of the Ram



Spring 2015, Grades 7-12 School Climate Surveys

Section 169.1 (2.1) of the Education Act and Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 145, Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour, require boards to conduct anonymous school climate surveys of students, staff, and parents at least once every two years. The implementation plan for the school climate surveys has two phases.

Phase 1 (completed in Spring 2014): In 2013-14, students in Grades 4-6 completed the TDSB's online Student School Climate Survey. Schools also invited parents/guardians/caregivers and all school staff to complete the Ministry of Education's School Climate Surveys for parents and staff.

Phase 2: In Spring 2015, students in Grades 7-12 will complete the TDSB's online Student School Climate Survey. Schools will also invite parents/guardians/caregivers and all school staff to complete the TDSB's online School Climate Surveys for parents and staff.

Kennedy P.S. will conduct the School Climate Survey for our grade 7 & 8 students between March 23rd & April 2nd. Thank you Mr. Lucas on overseeing this for our staff & students.



Camp Kearney is a residential summer camp set at the scenic Scarborough Outdoor Education School, north of Huntsville and is owned and operated by TDSB. Engaging programs accommodate campers in grades 3 through 12. All of the programs incorporate a balance of environmental ethics, wilderness experience and fun!! Camp Kearney is not only a great place to be for the summer but it can also be a life changing experience.

Some of the great in-camp activities include, canoeing, kayaking, arts and crafts, high/low ropes, swimming, archery, hiking and camping! The canoe and back-packing programs teach the campers how to pack, plan and be trippers for life. The Camp Kearney programs run for 8, 15 and 22 days with camp starting on July 6, 2015. For registration and program dates please visit our website: <http://www.campkearney.com>

Parents' Information Nights will be held at: (7:30-8:30 pm)

Wednesday, Feb. 11. Blantyre PS, 290 Blantyre Avenue. (Library)

Wed, Feb. 25. William Tredway P.S., 112 Sedgemount Dr. (Room 8)

Wed, March 25. John McCrae P.S., 431 McCowan Rd. (Library)

Wednesday, April 8. Kennedy P.S., 20 Elmfield Crescent. (Staffroom)

campkearney.com