



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April 2015
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We trust that our Kennedy families have had a very safe and restful March Break and energized and ready to go as we move into the final Term of our school year.

Once again, our various school committees continue to meet, plan and organize valuable programs and initiatives for our students. Many of our Kennedy families took advantage of our Hearing and Vision services. The Dance Club led by Ms. Kuld, Mrs. Sugamar and Mrs. Johnson has been busy planning for our upcoming Dance-a-thon and Dance show; Mr. Sui has been busy planning our Spring Concert; and our Eco team lead by Mr. Hui, Ms. Khan and Mrs. Paschalidis has been busy getting us all ready for our "Earth Hour Participation" and the upcoming Earth Day.

Several classes continue to enjoy a multitude of experiences at Forest Valley, Science Centre and sport tournaments and plans are underway for our grade 8 annual trip to Quebec.

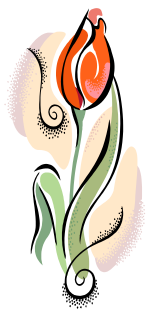
Finally, we are pleased to share that all our grade 8 and Senior Kindergarten graduates were able to take part in our graduation photo opportunity. Packages will be ready for orders shortly and will be handed out in June.

In the classroom, students are busy working on their speech arts units. We will be holding a school wide competition at the Junior as well as the Intermediate levels and Kennedy winners will then compete at our Family of Schools competitions which are scheduled to take place in early May. Technology continues to be a priority at the school and we are proud to share that we have been able to equip our school with additional Wifi throughout the building.

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal

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RhondaCohen***

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@TDSB KennedyPS***



SISTER SCHOOL PROJECT:

The two schools continue to partner up this month. The teachers and students have chosen to focus on a movie review. This is an exciting opportunity for both groups to shed light on different and similar perspectives in both countries as it pertains to Media Literacy.

The groups selected to watch James Cameron's "Avatar", a movie that generates huge discussion about the environment and future space exploration. Classes will explore the role of humanity as we reach the stars and encounter different societies and people we don't understand.

这个月，两所学校的合作仍在继续。肯尼迪小学和闵行实验小学的师生选择将交流的重点放在电影评论上。这是一个非常令人兴奋的机会，能够让双方的师生清楚的看到两个国家对于媒体文化或相同或不同的观点。双方学校选定了詹姆士·卡梅隆导演的作品《阿凡达》，这部电影引发了关于环境及未来空间探索等问题的激烈讨论，当我们抵达星空、细数不同社会及我们所不理解的人时，我们也会在课堂上重新审视人类的角色。

Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:

Kennedy School Council Meeting & Presentation

By: Dr. Karen Gordon

Monday April 27th, 2015

8:00 p.m.



Sir John A. McDonald

2300 Pharmacy Avenue, M1W 1H8

Everyone welcome

**Thank you to the
Heathwood Community for their
generous donation
of badminton nets
and birds.**



Upcoming April Dates

3rd & 6th: Good Friday & Easter Monday - School closed

7th- 30th: Grades 4 & 8 Trends in International Mathematics & Science Studies takes place

8th: Kearney summer Camp Information evening 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

9th: Gr. 5 Co - Ed Volleyball Tournament

14th: Jazz Band performs at Bethune C.I.

17th: Gr. 5's on a trip to Fort York

22nd: Earth Day & School visit by "Hawk Shadow"

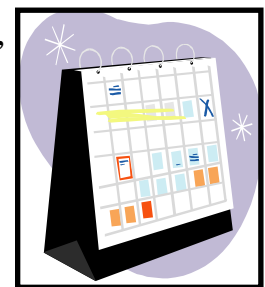
23rd: Gr. 7 & 8 3rd round of Vaccination

23rd: School Dance Show 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

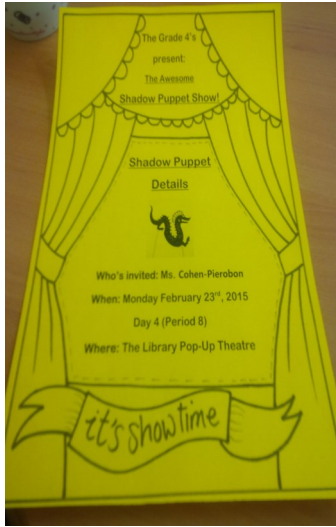
24th: Grade 4's with Scientist in S

27th: School council presentation with Dr. Karen Gordon at Sir John A. McDonald

27th, & 30th: Intermediate and Junior Speech Arts competitions



FROM THE CLASSROOM



The Awesome Shadow Puppet Show!

Mr. Downward's grade 4 class in partnership with Ms. Saleh our teacher-librarian teamed up to learn about the Science unit "Light and Sound". The final project was to put on a shadow puppet production for the kindergarten classes.

Thanks to our amazing Volunteer Miss Gail who visits our SK students every week and reads wonderful stories to them!

Miss Gail encourages the students to talk about their favourite parts of the stories and discusses the characters in the story. She has helped the SK students develop confidence whenever they read independently or in a group. :)



Remembrance Day Poster Awards at the Legion

The Annual Literary and Poster Award at the Royal Legion Branch #614 was held on Saturday, February 28th. Three grade 5 students: Victoria Gao, including their teacher Miss. Gadanidis were on hand to receive the award.

Mr. & Mrs. Gao wish to express their special thanks to Ms. Gadanidis for her tremendous effort in coaching the students, co-ordinating the participation of this contest. They also thank Ms. Cohen for her support.



Participating in this kind of contest has profound meaning to us, to the students and to the community. It is also part of character education where the students gain valuable experiences, and learn about how lucky they are to be able to live in this peaceful time. They learn to remember not only those who have fallen, but also those who are currently serving in Canada's military.





Character Development

April - Co-Operation

May- Integrity

June - Perseverance



The **International Day of Pink** is a day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.

The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity and challenging rigid gender roles - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other.



On March 4th, four girls from the Young Women on the Move went to Spirales Banquet Hall. We heard many inspiring young women speakers share their stories about how they have or are planning to make a difference in the world. Many of the speeches were powerful and motivational. The speakers are great role models for those who don't have a voice or whose voices are not as loud. There was also a "Top Twenty Under Twenty" contest, which recognizes young people under the age of twenty that made a significant contribution in STEM Canada. STEM stands for Science Technology Engineering Mathematics. These young girls had something interesting and inspiring to share about their lives. We were also given an engineering and a scientific challenge to solve at our table. They weren't as easy as we thought, but we tried our best and worked as a team. Last but, not least, although we were pretty shy, we had a very special hip hop dance experience from the Mayhem Brothers!! They got us up and moving! It was a fun and a great learning experience for all of us. Christy & Jessie



On Friday, March 27, 2015 Kenney PS took part in the seventh annual **Earth Hour**. Between 2:00—3:00, Staff and students were very creative in finding ways to reduce their use of electricity in an effort to help beat last year's electricity reduction of 21% during the TDSB **Earth Hour!**



Kennedy's KITE Club presents...

ECO-LITERACY TEACHER RESOURCE - Issue #2

TOPIC: Solar Panels - An alternate power source

ONLINE ARTICLES

"Renewable Solar"

http://www.eia.gov/kids/energy.cfm?page=solar_home-basics

MULTIMEDIA RESOURCE

VIDEO: Solar Power - How it works

http://youtu.be/c1yirT_WqMs

Participation at Kennedy P.S.

SKI DAY



SPIRIT WEEK

MYTHICAL MONDAY

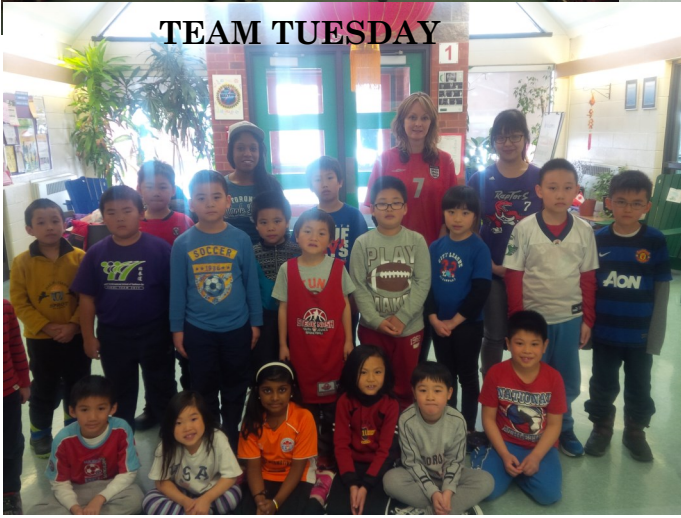
TWIN THURSDAY



WESTERN WEDNESDAY



TEAM TUESDAY



FROM THE CLASSROOM



S.T.E.M. In the Classroom!

On April 15th, Grade 7 & 8 students will spend the day engaged in the **Economics for Success** Junior Achievement Program. This full-school day teaches:

- Identifying and determining what is success
- Balancing a budget on minimum wage
- How to ace a job interview and highlight the skills one already has
- Preparing for the future starts early

.... And more S.T.E.M.

"Kennedy Builders"

Look out engineers! Our first ever Junior *FIRST*® LEGO® League (Jr.FLL®) is coming! 6 students from grades 1-3 have been chosen to participate in a Lego club program commencing later this year.

Junior *FIRST*® LEGO® League (Jr.FLL®) captures young children's curiosity and directs it toward discovering the wonders of science and technology. This program features a real-world scientific concept to be explored through research, teamwork, construction, and imagination. Students will be able to

- ✓ Design and build a challenge-related model using LEGO® components
- ✓ Create a *Show Me* Poster and practice presentation skills
- ✓ Explore challenges facing today's scientists
- ✓ Discover real-world math and science
- ✓ Begin developing teamwork skills
- ✓ Choose to participate in expos and showcases

Wynne Chang



Congratulations goes out to the intermediate boys basketball team! The boys travelled to Sir Alexander Mackenzie yesterday afternoon to play in a basketball tournament. Their hard work and determination earned them the title of Tournament Champions. The boys played stellar defence against Mackenzie and Cliffside. Special recognition goes to Aaron for getting his teammates involved and making a winning basket with only a few seconds left on the clock. Overall, all of the boys on the team played with heart and sportsmanship.

You guys made Kennedy proud! Special thanks goes out to Ms. Khan and Mr. Downward for driving the boys to the tournament. Mr. Hui



The Fraser Institute Report is out:

The Fraser Institute Report Card Results were recently published in the Toronto Sun. Once again, Kennedy P.S. is at # 1 among a few Elementary Public School in the entire GTA with a perfect score of 10.0.

Maintaining such a record is certainly not a small challenge. Our congratulations go to the students and staff who worked hard for this achievement. We are proud to have such a high rated elementary school as part of the Heathwood Community.

Denis Lanoue, President Heathwood Ratepayers

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Mrs. Kuld's Grade 2 class worked on classification of animals!!!

Winter Play Day and 'Bonhome Carnanval'



Extra Curricular Activities

The Kennedy Jazz band continues to shine!

On Tuesday, April 14, they will be performing at Bethune CI Mini Jazz Band Festival.

We wish to share some more great news! Our concert band attended the Ontario Band Association Band Festival in early February and we were awarded the rising star award and an excellence in band development award. Since we've achieved such a high standard of playing we were invited to participate in the National Musicfest Canada. It is an invite-only festival and not all elementary schools would be invited, and certainly not in our class of repertoire.

We wish to thank Superintendent of Education for ER18 Beth Veale for funding this event.

THE 2015 PAN AM/PARA PAN AM GAMES

This Spring, some 30 schools in the TDSB, involving students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, are participating in the Pan AM/Para Pan AM Art Project to create artworks that will be displayed in the Pan AM athletes' village. The artworks will be seen by people from many countries at various sport venues during the Games this summer.

Kennedy P.S. is one of the schools participating in this exciting Art Project in collaboration with the Pan AM/Para Pan AM Games, the City of Toronto Archives and the TDSB Arts Department.

Mr. Hui's Grade 5 class had the opportunity to create a multi-media triptych onto wooden panels, using photo-transferring techniques, paint and collage. Mr. Hui's students worked with the theme of teamwork and self-identity – both past & present. The heart represents the core of sports – the passion, dedication and endurance. The electrical activity of the heart from an electrocardiogram (EKG or ECG) is represented across the artwork using drinking straws to create a textured effect. The final artwork is titled, "Adrenaline Rush: Pulse of the Athlete".

Prior to the Pan AM Games in July 2015, the TDSB student works will be displayed at an exhibition during Doors Open Toronto [on May 23, 2015](#) at Toronto's City Hall.



Community Happenings

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are writing to ask you your assistance concerning student safety – a paramount concern to everyone in the Kennedy Public School community. Ensuring students arrive and leave school safely requires everyone's participation. Preventing dangerous traffic congestion on Elmfield Crescent and in our parking lot will help maintain a safe school site.

If necessary, students may be dropped off or picked up at the school. However, walking to school is a healthy alternative to being driven to school. As always, we strongly encourage our students to seek out healthy lifestyle options whenever possible.

Your co-operation in complying with our requests is essential. While it may appear inconvenient, we will not compromise the safety of our students. If you have any questions, please phone the school at 416-396-6410.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Ms. R. Cohen-Pierobon Mrs. D. Loftus Tierney
Principal Vice Principal

亲爱的家长/监护人:

我们写信想就学生安全这一肯尼迪小学社区每个人都一直非常关注的问题得到您的协助。确保学生安全到达和离开学校需要每个人的参与。防止Elmfield街和学校停车场危险的交通挤塞情况，将有助于维护学校周边的安全。

如有必要，可驾车接送学生。然而，步行上校比坐车上学更有益于健康。一如既往，我们强烈鼓励学生只要有可能总是选择健康的生活方式。

您的合作并听从我们的要求是至关重要的。似乎会对你不便，但我们不能以损害学生的安全为代价。如果您有任何疑问，请致电学校。电话号码416-396-6410。

谢谢你对这个重要问题的帮助。

诚挚的，

Ms. R. Cohen-Pierobon Mrs. D. Loftus Tierney
校长 副校长



家長講座

你家裡有 12-18 歲的青少年嗎?

主題: 與青少年子女溝通

這是一個兩小時關於家長如何與其子女有效溝通的互動工作坊

演講嘉賓: Sandy Choi, 公共衛生部護士

講座以粵語進行, 費用全免, 並設小食

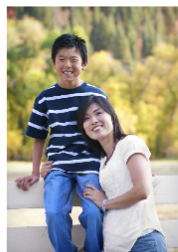
日期: 2015年4月22日, 星期三

時間: 晚上 6:00 - 8:00

地址: 康福心理健康協會士嘉堡辦公室 3320
Midland Avenue, Suite 201, Scarborough

講座包括以下內容:

- 青春過程中的正常發展變化
- 青少年面對的身體, 情緒, 行為, 和社會壓力
- 關於藥物的事實和誤解, 以及如何防止濫用藥物
- 與孩子溝通的有效策略
- 如果你認為你孩子有濫用藥物, 該怎麼辦處理



在安省, 每 5 個兒童和青少年中就有 1 個會出現精神健康問題。

報名登記:

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HONG FOOK MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION



Parent and Caregiver Night

Do you have a teen at home age 12 to 18?

Topic: "Connecting With Your Teens"

A two-hour interactive workshop on how to improve communication between parents/caregivers and their teens

Guest Speaker: Sandy Choi, Public Health Nurse

Language: Conducted in Cantonese.

This is a free event. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: April 22, 2015 (Wednesday)

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Hong Fook Scarborough Office
3320 Midland Ave, Suite 201, Scarborough

The workshop covers the following topics:

- Normal developmental changes that occur during adolescence
- Physical, emotional, behavioural, and social pressure teenagers experience
- Facts and myths about substances and how to prevent substance misuse
- Strategies to encourage communication between parents and teenagers
- What to do if you think your teenager is under the influence of substances



1 in 5 Ontario children and youth has a mental health problem.

To Register:

Ping Chen (Youth Outreach Worker) at 416-493-4242 ext 5281 or rchen@hongfook.ca

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