



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

April 2016
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We trust that our Kennedy families have had a very safe and restful March Break and that everyone is 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 their upcoming Dance show; Mr. Sui has been busy with our band and preparing for our Spring Concert; and our Eco team lead by Mr. Hui, Ms. Csombok, Mrs. Le and Miss Mahoney had been busy getting us all ready for "Earth Hour", Earth Day, and our upcoming Audit.

Our sport teams continue to practice both here at school and in tournaments around the system. Currently, Ms. McDougal, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Hui and Mrs. Tsui are coaching volleyball and badminton, and Mr. Lucas is planning a dance session for all our students. Classes continue to benefit from a multitude of presentations and excursions. Grade 6's are planning their April trip to Kearney Outdoor Education Centre, the band is organizing their trip to Ottawa while the grade 8's are finalizing their plans for the annual trip to Quebec.

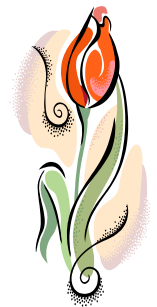
Finally, we are pleased to share that all our grade 8 and Senior Kindergarten graduates were able to take part in our graduation photo opportunity. Packages will be ready for orders shortly and will be handed out in June.

In the classroom, students are busy working on 'Speech Art. We will be holding a school wide competition at the Junior and Intermediate levels Kennedy winners will then compete at our Family of Schools competitions which are scheduled to take place in early May.

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal

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Sister School Update:

Principal Rhonda, Mr. Pollard and Mrs. Csombok continue to demonstrate enthusiasm about future partnerships via activities and Skype options between MEPS and KPS student ambassadors and school staff.

Principal Rhonda and Mr. Pollard suggested that perhaps in the next Skype meeting, students from both schools could engage in fun, interactive or collaborative activities around the theme of folklores. This might require some preparation and inputs from both sides. One of the suggestions that Mr. Pollard had was to invite children from both schools to start preparing and sharing folklores and legends from their own countries and cultures. These folklores could be related to the earth, the sun, the moon etc., which are all common themes in both countries.

姊妹学校关系近展情况:

朗达校长，波拉德先生和琼博克太太以极大的热情继续组织MEPS and KPS两校的学生大使和学校工作人员通过Skype和活动进一步加深伙伴关系。

朗达校长和波拉德先生建议，下次的Skype会议上，来自两校的学生可以做一些围绕民间传说的有趣，互动或合作的活动。这需要一些准备和听取双方的意见。波拉德先生的建议之一是邀请来自两校的孩子们开始准备和分享自己国家和文化的民间传说和传奇。这些民间传说可涉及两国共同的主题，如地球、太阳、月亮等。

Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:

Kennedy School Council

Tuesday April 5th, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Staffroom

Everyone welcome



Thank you to Mrs. Jean Kennedy Campbell for her very generous donations towards our school library and grade 8 graduation.

Upcoming April Dates



1st: Kindergarten Bus Safety Presentation all day

5th: Junior Speech Arts competition

5th: Senior beach volleyball tournament

6th: Grades 5 & Ms. Teodosio at Invention Convention Fair

8th: ACSA after school program closed

9th: Remembrance Day poster Provincial Awards

11th - 14th: Grade 6 trip to Kearney Outdoor Education

12th: 4 Grade 8 girls Ms. Khan & Ms. Cohen at Queens Park with M. P.P. Soo Wong for Girls' Government event.

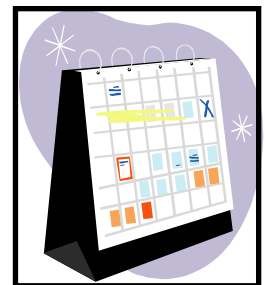
13th: International Day of Pink

15th: P. A, Day—School closed for students

18th: Speech Arts competition

18th: Senior badminton tournament

22nd: Earth Day & Gr. 6 band at Music Alive Fest



FROM THE CLASSROOM

Scientist in School



As part of the grade 1 science unit on structures the students in Mrs. Tsui's class examined the strength of paper stools while Ms. McKinlay's grade 1 class made bird feeders out of pinecones, lard and sunflower seeds.

Our Newspaper Stools



TOUR FOR HUMANITY



This exciting educational initiative, presented by Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, is a fully self-contained mobile classroom that educates students in a highly interactive environment. The Tour for Humanity inspires and empowers students to raise their voices and take action against hate to help make the world a better place. This unique project, designed to initiate discussion on critical human rights issues, offered our students the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics in Canadian history including the Indian Residential Schools System and the systemic internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. The goal of the workshop was to enhance the students' ability to become proactive members of society by influencing positive change.



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Character Development

April - Co-Operation

May- Integrity

June - Perseverance



Girls Government

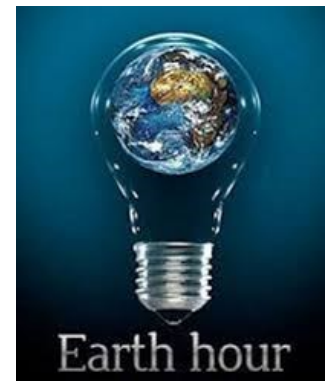
M.P.P. Soo Wong has been working with the grade 8 girls at Kennedy P.S. to discuss [Equal Voice](#), which has been working hard to roll out a youth engagement program called Girls Government across the province and country. Girls Government is a non-partisan initiative MPP Cheri DiNovo, Parkdale-High Park, founded in 2008 designed to give young women in grade 8 space to be engaged politically, and to develop a lasting interest in politics. Girls selected from local schools have the opportunity to work directly with their MPP to develop a policy initiative and learn ways to effectively push that policy initiative forward. As this program is about government, the girls decide – through lively democratic debate – which issue they would like to tackle. This program culminates in April when the girls visit Queen’s Park, host a press conference and discuss their issue with relevant officials. As well, there is an optional trip to Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

4 representatives of our grade 8 girls will join Ms. Cohen, Ms. Khan and M.P.P. Wong in this year’s Equal Voice which is looking to convene all Girls Government programs at Queen’s Park on **Tuesday, April 12** to commemorate April 12, 1917, when An Act to amend the Ontario Election Act was passed beginning to give women the vote in Ontario and to set the clock on the countdown to the 100th anniversary of that milestone in April 2017.



Using Earth Hour to catch up on our Reading!

On Friday, March 11, 2016 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](#)!



Participation at Kennedy P.S.

CELEBRATING GREEK HERITAGE MONTH



Police officer Claudia Bednarczyk and her partner officer Michelle Gillespie visited the Kindergarten classes to deliver a safety presentation and remind the students about road safety now that it is getting warmer outside.

Road Safety



Ms. Johnson and Ms. McDougall would like to recognize the Senior girls Volleyball team, and thank them for all of their dedication and perseverance, during this year's season. After 2 months of unrelenting 7:45am practices, the girls' hard work and dedication paid off, as they placed **FIRST** in the round robin portion of their tournament - defeating all of the teams they faced. Unfortunately, the girls lost in the finals, to a very strong, and loud team from Stirling! Excellent work this year girls. You made everyone proud!



AROUND THE SCHOOL

Remembrance Day Poster Awards at the Legion



The Annual Royal Legion Branch #614 Literary and Poster Award was held on Saturday, February 20th. Congratulations go out to Jessie Zoi in Gr. 3 who placed 3rd at the branch level for her colour picture; Monica Zhuo in Gr. 6 who came in 2nd at the branch level for her black and white submission; and Eliza Yip in Gr. 6 who came in 1st place branch, district, zone and 2nd place at the provincial level. We wish to express a special

thank you to Ms. Gadanidis for her tremendous effort in coaching the students, and promoting a love for the art! 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.

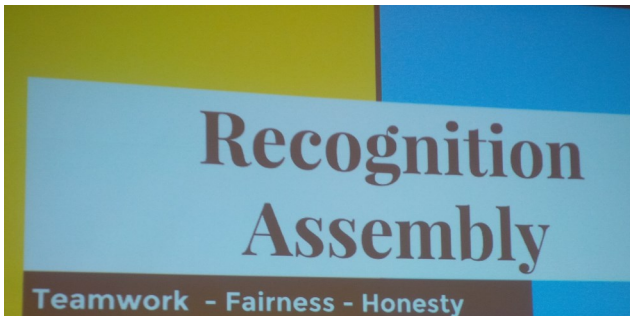


Children's Dental Health

A big thank you goes out to our Settlement Worker Mrs. Susan Shi for inviting Ms. Qing Zhang, the public health nurse from Toronto Public Health to present to our parents on the importance of Dental Health.

At the session, parents received information on:

1. How to help your child have healthy teeth
2. Caring for teeth and gums preventing tooth disease
3. Finding low-cost and free dental care



Our Spring Recognition Assembly was held on Friday, March 11th. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to Ms. Fang and Ms. Chang for coordinating this event!



Music at Kennedy

February was a busy and exciting month for the music program at Kennedy. We participated in the Ontario Band Association's Concert Band Festival and received a gold rating from 2 of the top band adjudicators in North America, granting us an invitation to perform at the Musicfest Nationals competition in May. At the same festival, Mr. Siu also received an excellence in band development award as well as the St. John's Repertoire Selection Award.

Two weeks after that, the band competed at the Kiwanis Music Festival at Sir John A. Macdonald, they went up against some of the best schools in the GTA. The band performed flawlessly and placed first in their class, receiving The Platinum Award.

Later that week, we received news from CARAS (Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences) that Kennedy P.S. applied and received the MusiCounts Band-Aid Grant of \$10,000. We're excited to use the money to acquire more and better quality instruments so that students can continue to thrive in Music! Mr. Siu



Our New Instruments have already been put to good use.



SCHOOL CLOTHING

Dear Parents/Guardians and Kennedy Students

Are you proud to be a Kennedy P.S. student or Parent? If you would like to represent Kennedy P.S. here is your chance!

You can support our school spirit by purchasing Kennedy school clothing. We are pleased to offer a variety of choices in clothing and sizes including children, youth and adult sizes!

Please fill out the attached order form and include your child's name and class room and send in either: exact cash (no change is given) or a cheque made out to 'Kennedy PS'.

Please send the Payment back in the envelope provided by: **THURSDAY APRIL 14, 2016.** Deliver should take about 3 weeks to arrive once orders are placed.

You may contact the school at 416-396-6410 should you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

亲爱的家长/监护人和肯尼迪学生:

你为是肯尼迪小学的学生或家长自豪吗? 如果你想代表肯尼迪小学, 这里有个机会 !

您可以通过购买肯尼迪校服来支持我们的学校精神。我们很高兴提供多种选择的服装, 包括孩子, 青少年和成人的尺寸!

请填写附加的订单, 写上您孩子的姓名和教室, 同时交上如数的现金 (不找补) 或支付给 'Kennedy PS' 的支票。

请将付款放入提供的信封, 于**2016年4月14日星期四**之前交回学校。订单完成后大约3个星期到货。如果您有任何疑问, 可以联系 学校416-396-6410。

感谢你一如既往的支持。