



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Happy March everyone! Once again, our amazing staff continued to plan and deliver great programs and initiatives for our students. We celebrated Groundhog Day, 100 days of school, Flag day and we honoured Black Heritage month both in our Music Department and with a story telling presentation by Arts Express on "Allen Jay and the Underground Railroad". In preparation for Valentine's Day, the Student Council and Gr. 8 students worked with Ms. Khan to organize our 'Candy-Gram' event which helped fundraise for the Quebec Trip. Our Gr. 7 students and Gr. 8 girls had their second round of immunization and several classes attended the TDSB's day at the Marlies cheering on Toronto's hockey team. We'd like to congratulate Mr. Siu and the Concert Band for their amazing performance at the OBA Festival. The band achieved Gold certification playing at the B300 level and they are off to represent our school in Ottawa this May.

In our School Improvement, teachers continue to develop 'Best Practice' in Literacy paying closer attention to reading for meaning and comprehension and over the next three months, there will be opportunities to collaborate, share and review the reading programs. Our kids continue to be recognized in the *TDSB Just Read It Initiative* while Ms. 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. Teodosio, Kennedy P.S. was given 10 LEGO WeDo kits through a First League Robotics initiative, and Mrs. Chang will pilot this program with her grade 5 class. Ultimately, the long term goal is to make this equipment available school wide for the delivery of STEM and Inquiry based learning opportunities.

At this time, we extend our farewell and best wishes to Miss Lee, Ms. Mahoney, & Ms. Wong who completed their assignments in our Kindergarten classes. And we now welcome back Mrs. Doell, Mrs. Rego and Mrs. Palmer who are returning to Kindergarten following their leaves.

We would like to remind you that the school will be closed March 14th -18th for the March Break and March 25th & 28th for Good Friday and Easter Monday. Enjoy your time off, we look forward to seeing everyone back energized for spring and the final stretch of the 2015- 2016 school year.



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Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal

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Please Save the Date.....

March 10th

2016 THURSDAY

Doors open at 5:00 pm
Movie starts at 5:30 pm

\$2 Tickets on sale
from March 7 - 10

come to:

MOVIE NIGHT

@Kennedy DS

Lots of concession stand snacks!

Bring your own comfy chair!

THE PEANUTS MOVIE

by SCHULZ

\$2 TICKETS

ONLY 400 TICKETS

STUDENTS FROM K - GR. 5 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO ATTEND THE SHOW
幼儿园至5年 学生必 由成人陪同参加 活

On February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag flew for the very first time. This February 15, 2016, marked the 51st



anniversary of *National Flag Day* in Canada when we celebrate this enduring emblem of what it means to be a proud Canadian. To mark the occasion, Kennedy student leaders lead by Mr. Borges, Ms. Cohen and Ms. Teodosio joined Counsellors Jim Karygiannis; Mike Del Grande; M.P.P. Soo Wong; and M.P. Arnold Chan in a *Community Flag Raising Ceremony*. The event was held on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at the L'Amoreaux Community Recreation Centre. Kennedy student representative Masaya Chan was chosen to help raise the flag followed by speeches and the singing of O' Canada.

Upcoming March Dates

4th: Grades 4, 4/5, 5 & Safety Patrollers at the Movies

8th: Grade 8 Girls IBM for International Women's Day

9th: Dental Health Parent Workshop with Susan Shi

10th: Movie Night 5:00

11th: Recognition Assemblies

11th: TDSB Earth Hour 2:00- 3:00 pm.

13th: Daylight Savings Begins

14th - 18th: March Break school closed

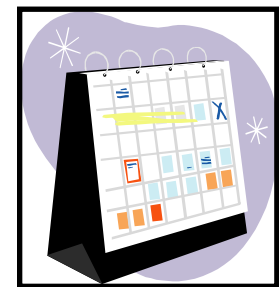
19th: World Earth Hour 8:00 - 9:00 pm

22nd: Gr. 8 & SK Graduation Photo Day

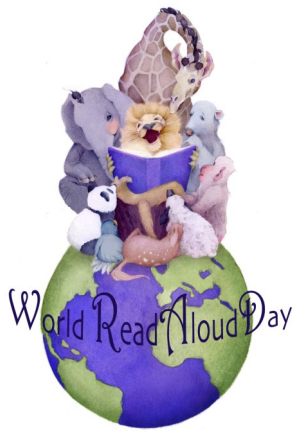
23rd: Bully Prevention Assembly

25th & 28th: Good Friday & Easter Monday school closed

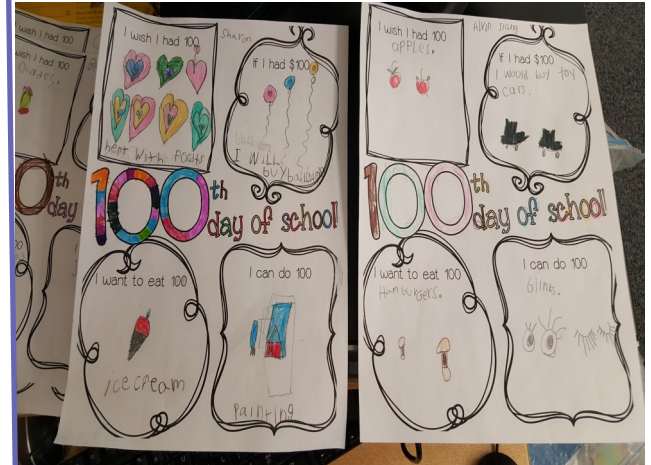
30th & 31st: Tour Of Humanity Presentations



FROM THE CLASSROOM



On Wednesday February 24th, Miss Saleh invited staff & students to take part in: **World Read Aloud Day** to motivate kids to read and to promote the importance of literacy across our school.



ON FEBRUARY 10 WE CELEBRATED 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Scarborough Legion Awards Ceremony

On Saturday February 20, 2016, we were at The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 614, Poster Contest Awards Ceremony. Three students from Kennedy were given certificates and some prize money. Jessie in Grade 3 was awarded the third place certificate for the Primary grade colour poster competition; Monica in Grade 6 was awarded second place for the Junior black and white poster; Eliza in Grade 6 was awarded first place for the Junior colour poster. Over 100 posters were submitted to the Scarborough Legion, so we were lucky to have three students from our school place in the top three positions! We also found out that Branch 614 sponsors many programs, such as track and field, video contests and many more. The Legion is not government funded and the veterans volunteered their time for this special ceremony.



Thanks to our parents and the teachers, Mr. Pollard and Ms. Gadanidis, who supported us by attending this event on the weekend.
By Eliza and Monica



Character Development



January - Teamwork

February - Fairness

March - Honesty

April - Co-Operation



BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

Kennedy staff and students welcomed a story teller from **Arts Express** who brought to life the stories of "Allen Jay and the Underground Railroad" by Marlene Targ Brill and "Viola Desmond Won't be Budged" by Jody Nyasha Warner.



International Women's Day

On Tuesday March 8th, our grade eight girls have been invited to celebrate:

International Womens' Day at IBM where they will get to meet the president, and work with an amazing and inspiring group of IBM women on 'techie' areas. The goal of the event is to inspire female students

to consider taking math, sciences, technology and engineering.

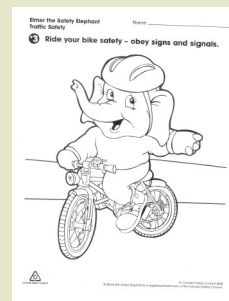


EARTH HOUR 2016

TDSB Earth Hour will be held on Friday March 11th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm to raise awareness about climate change and to challenge all schools and offices for one hour to be as electricity-free as they can manage

"Turning off lights for one hour won't solve climate change. But the strong collective message generated by people around the world turning off their lights together helps WWF build awareness of our need to reduce energy use and the contributions that citizenship action that has created for change.

Kennedy P.S. has applied to have a skills-based '**cycling education program**' in the spring to educate students on bike safety and riding skills. We also hope to install additional bike racks in an effort to promote a healthier environment, increase the health of staff and students and prevent traffic congestion.



At the same time, our Kindergarten classes will spend time with our Community School Liaison Officer Bednarczyk learning about road and bicycle safety

Participation at Kennedy P.S.

Girls Junior Volleyball



The junior volleyball team travelled to Alexmuir P.S. yesterday to compete in a tournament. The girls managed to finish first in the round robin but unfortunately fell short in the finals. Perseverance, teamwork, fairness were just some of the many character traits the girls has demonstrated on and off the court. Mr. Hui and Ms. Lantz are truly proud of each and every one of the players and the accomplishments they have made this season. Congratulations Girls!



Physical
Education
In The Gym!



Mr. Siu conducts the Kennedy Concert Band all the way to a **Gold Certificate** performing at the B300 level. Next stop... OTTAWA!!!

THE ONTARIO BAND ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL



AROUND THE SCHOOL

CAMERAreach Photography Project with Gallery 44

The students in Mrs. Mohamed and Ms. Khan's classes were invited by TDSB Arts & CAMERAreach to collaborate with a professional photographer from Gallery44 on a 5-day photography residency that explores the theme of *PROXIMITIES* through the art of photography. The students' final work was included in the CameraLinks exhibition at Gallery44 from February 11th to 27th, 2016.



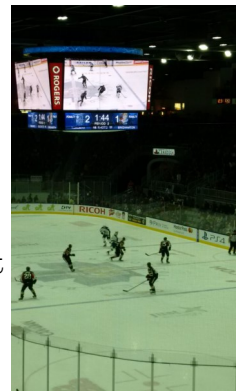
Under the leadership of Ms. Teodosio, Kennedy P.S. has been given the opportunity to integrate LEGO WeDo robotics equipment into the curriculum in order to support STEM pedagogy and provide meaningful, engaging and relevant learning experiences to our students. The school was given 10 LEGO WeDo kits through a First League Robotics initiative which have been assigned to Mrs. Chang's and her grade 5 students. The class has agreed to pilot the program and integrate the robotics equipment into the curriculum to support STEM pedagogy in the classroom. The long term goal is to make this equipment available school wide for the delivery of STEM/ Inquiry-based learning opportunities.

TDSB Day with the Toronto Marlies

Several classes attended the TDSB/TFSS Day with the Toronto Marlies. On Wednesday, February 24th Kennedy students celebrated hockey season and join thousands of others to cheer on the



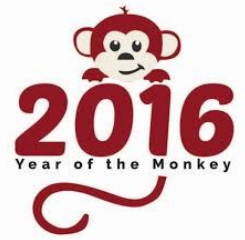
Toronto Marlies at the Ricoh Coliseum. The event showcased our national sport as our Marlies wrapped up a 2-1 win over the Binghamton Senators.



The second round of Immunization for grade 7 students and grade 8 girls is now complete!



Lunar New Year Year of the monkey



Dear parents/guardians:

You are invited to our workshop on **Children's Dental Health** that will be held on **Wednesay, March 9, 2016 from 9:00am to 11:00am in Staff Lounge.**

At this session, Ms. Qing Zhang, the public health nurse from the Toronto Public Health will give us a presentation covering the following areas:

how to help your child have healthy teeth

caring for teeth and gums

preventing tooth disease

finding low-cost and free dental care

The workshop will be delivered in Mandarin.

Please feel free to contact your School Settlement Worker, Susan at 647-296-5903 if you have further questions or need more information.

To register for this session, please fill out the tear off section below and return it to the school by Wednesday, Mar. 2, 2016.

尊敬的家长/监护人：

邀请你参加2016年3月9日星期三上午9:00至11:00点在学校教师休息室举办的关注孩子牙齿健康讲座。

本次讲座由多伦多卫生局护士Zhang Qing主讲。她将和我们一起讨论下述问题：

如何使你的孩子有健康的牙齿

牙齿与牙龈的护理

预防牙病

免费与低收费牙医

讲座语言：普通话。

如需进一步信息，请与学校安居服务员苏珊联系 647-296-5903。

报名参加讲座，请填写划线以下部分，裁下并于2016年3月2日星期三之前将其交回学校。---

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Parent workshop at Kennedy Public School, Wednesday, Mar. 9, 2016 (9:00-11:00am).

Student's Name: _____ Room #: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

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