



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Welcome back! We trust that our Kennedy families have had a very safe and restful March Break as we move into the final Term of our school year. March proved to be a very exciting and rewarding, full of activities.

Once again, our various school committees met to plan and organize valuable programs and initiatives for our students. Staff and students lead by Ms. Csombok and Mrs. Gabrysz, including Mr. Borges, Ms. T, Ms. Khan, Mr. Chu, Ms. Johnson, Mrs. Mohamed, Ms. Panikian and Mr. Siu organized a tribute to Mr. Pollard celebrating his retirement and contribution to Kennedy P.S. Ms. Saleh and Ms. Johnson organized our first Pizza Lunch; the Eco club has been busy getting us all ready for our "Earth Hour"; Ms. Chang organized our Recognition Assembly and Mr. Siu organized several music performances for our students. In addition, our grade 4 and 5 students enjoyed a visit to the Cadbury chocolate factory while our grade 7 & 8 classes were involved with the Shakespeare workshop. 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 and intermediate levels and we hope that an opportunity will be provided for Kennedy winners to compete at the Learning Centre competitions which will likely take place later in the spring. Technology continues to be a priority at the school and for this reason, every classroom and program has access to the lab and students are enriching their learning by using iPads and chrome books on a sign out bases. For our friends and families celebrating upcoming Holy days we extend our well wishes for a safe and healthy time with families, friends and loved ones.



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Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon **Principal**

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A New Lunch Opportunity is coming to Kennedy on Friday April 21st!



the
Lunch
Lady

The Lunch Lady has been preparing and delivering individually catered hot and cold lunches to children at school since 1993. Serving thousands of children every school day through nearly 50 kitchens, in 5 provinces! The programs are fully compliant with the school nutrition requirements of all Canadian provinces. This includes Ontario's new School Food and Beverage Policy [PPM 150], which the Lunch Lady has been fully compliant with since

September 2010. We ensure that our program always meets the guidelines so that you don't have to worry!

Order forms will be sent home the first week of April and families will have an opportunity to order from a wide range of food choices.

Once the food order and payments are made on line an email confirming the order will follow and then the lunch will be delivered to the school. there will also be an option for parents to drop forms and payments at the school office.

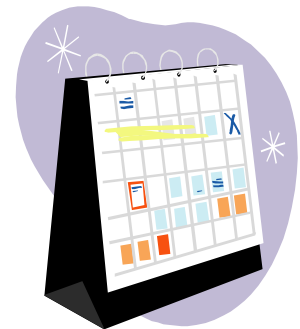
Our first lunch date has been scheduled for Friday, April 21st, 2017, and upon review of our first session, we hope to be able to offer additional dates in May and June!.

Thank you to the Parent Council for helping to facilitate this opportunity for our students!



Upcoming April Dates

- 3rd: Safety Patrollers at the movies**
- 6th: KGT classes at Horton's Tree Farm**
- 7th: Gr. 7 & 8 Immunization round 2**
- 13th: International Day of Pink**
- 13th: Gr. 3 classes at Forest Valley**
- 10th: Trustee Ward meeting at Beverly Glen P.S.**
- 14th: Good Friday - School is closed**
- 17th: Easter Monday - School is closed**
- 19th: Jazz Band at Music Alive**
- 20th: Kennedy Concert Band at Bethune**
- 21st: Lunch Lady lunch**
- 21st: Earth Day Activities**
- 22nd: Earth Day and Ward 20 Eco Fair**
- 27th: Junior classes Speech Arts Competitions**



Kennedy Band performs at Markham Flato theatre

I just wanted to let everyone know that the Kennedy Concert Band shared a successful performance with Markham Concert Band.

On Sunday, March 3rd, the Kennedy Concert Band performed at the Flato Markham theatre where they got to share the stage with the Markham Concert Band. It was extremely touching to watch the seasoned musicians giving live stage coaching to our young musicians.

Congratulations go out to all the young musicians who make up the Kennedy Concert Band for their hard work.

Thank you Mr. Siu, Ms. Cohen and Kennedy Staff for the great support!
Cheers! Linda Pang (Parent)



Jazz Band Festival 2017

Mini Jazz Band & Jazz Choir Festival was held on Tuesday March 28, 2017 at Bethune with Clinician – Colleen Allen to support student performers from Claude Watson, David Lewis and Kennedy P.S.

Our band performed “Vamonos” featuring Tenor Saxophone soloist Jessie Liang and Trumpet soloist Victoria Gao. They also played “Goodbye my Heart” featuring Alto Saxophone Soloist Aileen Chen.



HONESTY

At Kennedy P.S. Honesty is the Best Policy. In recognition of 'honesty', our character education trait for March, students and staff were encouraged to continue to follow our rules about honesty .

Quotes about Honesty

“The foundation stones for a balanced success are honesty, character, integrity, faith, love and loyalty”. [Zig Ziglar](#)

Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom. [Thomas Jefferson](#)

“We learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters... that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square. [Michelle Obama](#)



Character Development Fairness

January - Teamwork

February - Fairness

March - Honesty

April - Co-Operation



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2013:

The celebration of March 8 as International Women's Day (IWD) recognizes the struggles of women against all forms of discrimination and exploitation, and focuses on the need for global equality, democracy and peace. On International Women's Day, women on all continents, often divided by national boundaries and by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences join in the commemoration of this significant event. IWD is celebrated on March 8, because on that date in 1908, women needle trade workers in New York, reacting against their brutal exploitation, held a demonstration to fight for the right to unionize and demand the right to vote. The success of the rally led to similar rallies in other US cities and in other countries.

Why is International Women's Day important to recognize in Canada?

- In 2005, women earned just 70.5% as much as men.
- 70% of minimum wage earners are women. More than half are immigrant and racialized women.
- Two million adult Canadian workers earn less than \$10/hr. of which two thirds are women (according to Statistics Canada, 2007).

Did you know?

- 51% of Canadian women have been assaulted and 83% of victims of sexual violence are women, while 99% of perpetrators are men.
- Canadian girls represent 79% of the victims of family related sexual assaults reported to Canadian police.
- Rates of sexual offences are highest against girls between the ages of 11 and 14, with the highest rate reported at age 13 (Canadian Center for Justice Statistics, 2005).
- We must be able to support our students in exploring gender violence and to engage in more nuanced conversations around these issues.





ECOSCHOOL UPDATE

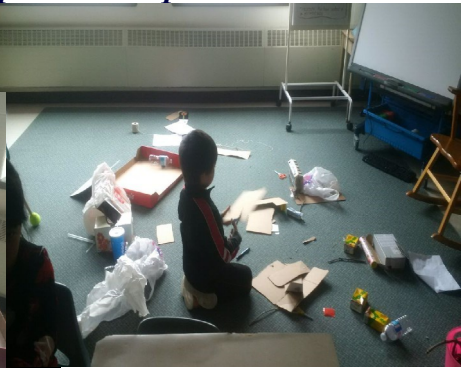


KENNEDY Observes the TDSB's 9th Earth Hour

The world celebrated Earth Hour on Saturday March 25th from 8:30-9:30 pm and the Toronto District School Board once again held its own special Earth Hour on Friday March 24th from 2:00 - 3:00 pm in advance of the annual global Earth Hour. Here at Kennedy P.S. staff and students did their part to mark the occasion doing our part to take up the challenge to raise awareness about climate change and to be electricity-free.

According to WWF's website *"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 create the political space and demand for the large-scale change that will."*

Way to go Kennedy ! From Your local Eco Team



Ms. Lantz grade 2 class is building houses from recycled material



Its Game time in Mrs. Tkatchuk's class



Telling Times in Ms. McKinlay's class



Meditation with Ms. Clarke



Music in the dark



From the Classroom

Kennedy cheers on the Toronto Marlies



TDSB at the Marlies Day: Toronto Marlies vs. Syracuse Crunch win 3-2 in Over time

Thank you Mrs. Chang for Organizing another successful Recognition assembly and congratulations to all the winners!



Kindergarten team celebrates Pancake Tuesday!!!

March Ski Trip



Pink Shirt Day

On **February 22, 2017** we encourage everyone to wear something pink to show that we are all working together to prevent bullying in our schools, in our communities and online. Pink Shirt Day comes from two Nova Scotia high school students, who decided to take a stand against bullying in their own school.

How it Began

Here is a snippet of the Globe & Mail article that describes how Pink Shirt Day began:

"David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied [for wearing a pink shirt]...[They] took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment of a new Grade 9 student by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school.

'I learned that two people can come up with an idea, run with it, and it can do wonders,' says Mr. Price, 17, who organized the pink protest. 'Finally, someone stood up for a weaker kid.'

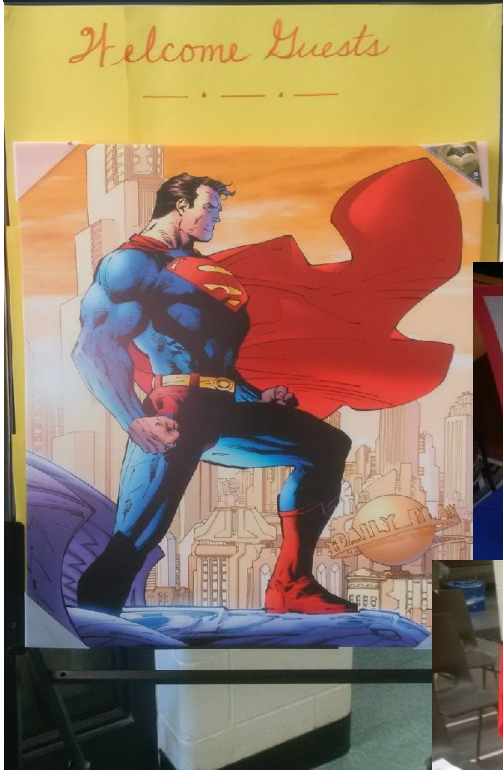
So Mr. Shepherd and some other headed off to a discount store and bought 50 pink tank tops. They sent out message to schoolmates that night, and the next morning they hauled the shirts to school in a plastic bag.

As they stood in the foyer handing out the shirts, the bullied boy walked in. His face spoke volumes. 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' Mr. Price recalled.

The bullies were never heard from again."



Fairwell Mr. Pollard



SUPERMAN

Mr. Pollard's Retirement assembly was attended by our MPP Soo Wong, Counsellor Jim Karygiannis and M.P. Arnold Chan. In addition, several administrators and colleagues whom Mr.

Pollard has worked with throughout his career came by to celebrate with us. Mrs. Jean Kennedy Campbell, whose family settled the land that the school is on and for whom it is named after was also present at the ceremony. She is a dear friend of Mr. Pollard and of our school and has attended many school performances over the last 30 years. It goes without saying that the entire staff and student population was on hand on the big day!

The event included several student performances including music from our multi-award winning band, some special songs by our choir, a dance performance, a favourite poem, a fun skit by the older students, and the presentation of an official retirement book with pages designed by each class in the school. The event was captured by the Scarborough Mirror and can be viewed on <http://www.insidetoronto.com/news-story/7187959-scarborough-school-icon-retires-after-50-year-teaching-career/>





Selina and Jessica

Reading Buddies

Kennedy graduates currently attending grade 9 at Bethune read with our Grade 1 students.



Ms. Teodosio sharing a moment with Matthew and Gong



Sabrina & Anson Matthew and Colby



Congratulations to the grade 7 and 8 students who went to the William Lyon McKenzie secondary school on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017. They competed in 15 chemistry, biology, physics, engineering, computer, and math based challenges.

The following students came home with medals!:

BRONZE:

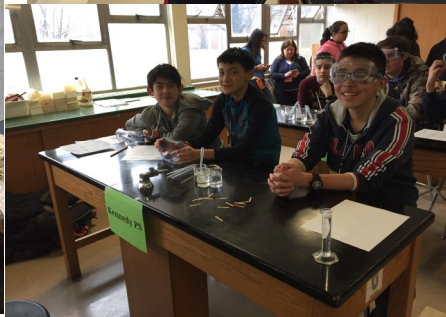
Grant Chen, Edlyn Li and Sky Song for the mathematics competition.

SILVER:

Audrey Zhang, and Prosper Huang for physics competition.

GOLD:

Anson Huang, Anson Liang, and Adam Sun for chemistry competition



Kennedy Student is Recognized at Queen's Park!

On March 28, ME TO WE group and I went to Queen Park to attend the ceremony of Imagine a Canada. When we arrived Queen Park, we met Ontario Premier, Kathleen Wynne and we took a photo with her. Then, we went in. Before the ceremony, we started a 50 minutes group discussion about the First Nations people, Residential schools, reconciliation and our country's future. After that, the ceremony started and I felt excited and nervous about the ceremony as I needed to do a presentation in front of the guests. All winners received their prizes and started their speeches. Well, I thought I did my best in the presentation. After the ceremony, we have eaten a great luncheon and went back to school. by: Hayley Wong



Meeting with Ontario Premier
Kathleen Wynne



Congratulations Hayley Wong and recipients!



The Prize

