



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

May 2016
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The spring term continues to move along at a fast and furious pace with yet another incredibly busy and exciting month. On the courts, our Dolphins were involved in several exciting volleyball and badminton tournaments. The athletes represented the school well, bringing home several banners and displaying excellent sportsmanship. In preparation for **Education Week**, we have several very exciting events scheduled including the Spring Concert led by Mr. Siu and an in school Dance show organized by Mrs. Kuld, Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Sugumar; Add to these initiatives, the Band's trip to Ottawa to perform at 'Music Fest' with Mr. Siu and Ms. Cohen; Gr. 7 & 8 student visit to Centennial College with Mr. Downward; Grade 1's work with the 'Scientist In The School'; Grade 2's 'tdsbCreates' dance event with Ms. Lantz and Mrs. Sugumar; Ms. Saleh's Book Fair; Track and Field day lead by Mr. Lucas; Intermediate; Gauss Math Contest lead by Mrs. Mohamed; Robotics Club with Ms. Saleh and Mrs. Chang; and Career Day with Mrs. Chan and Mrs. Tarascio, it's easy to see that May will certainly be filled with the usual positive energy and enthusiasm that is Kennedy.

In the classrooms, everyone is involved with Public Speaking and the upcoming Speech Competitions, while the Grades 3 & 6 staff and students are busy preparing for the upcoming EQAO assessment. At the same time, our school continues to focus on Social Justice issues as the Intermediate classes are working to organize a Social Justice Fair with a delegation representing our school at the May 25th 'Tikun Olam' Board event. As part of full-day kindergarten, each year our school surveys parents for their interest in a fee-based before- and after-school program for kindergarten students. Based on this year's survey, there has been some interest in the before and afterschool program. Keep an eye out for more information to follow.

Finally I'd like to remind you that Monday May 23rd is Victoria Day and therefore school will be closed.

Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon , Principal

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Please join us for:

Kennedy School Council Meeting

Wednesday May 18th 2016

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Staffroom

Everyone welcome!



Please Save the Date.....

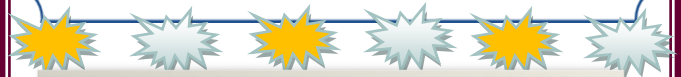
Please join us for:

Admit One

Spring Concert 2016 EARWORM

Admit One

Toronto Chinese United Church
Tuesday May 3rd
7:00 – 8:00 P. M.
Cost: \$5.00



Upcoming May Dates

2nd - 6th: Education Week: "Achieving Excellence Promoting Well Being"

3rd: Junior Speech Arts Competition at Sir John A. McDonald

3rd: Spring Concert, Toronto Chinese United Church 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

4th: Mr. Downward & Gr. 7/8 student reps @ Centennial College

5th: Grades 6 - Grade 8 Career Day

6th: Grades 3 – 8 The Incredible Speediness of Jaime Cavanaugh Presentation

6th: Grades 2 – 8 Track and Field events

9th: School Eco Audit

11th - 13th: Kennedy Jazz Band at 'Music Fest' in Ottawa

13th: ACSA after school program is closed

16th: Area Track and Field events @ Birchmount

18th: Grades 6 - 8 Gauss Math contest; Anne Frank Play pm

19th: Grades 7 & 8 Social Justice Fair

23rd: Victoria Day - School Closed

25th: Kennedy presents @ Board's Social Justice Fair 5050 Young 5:30 – 7:00 pm



FROM THE CLASSROOM

May 2nd—6th Education Week 2016

This year's theme: "Achieving Excellence Promoting Well Being"!

MINDFUL MOMENT!



During Education Week, Education Minister Liz Sandals is encouraging schools to promote **Well - Being** as a priority in our schools. Minister Sandals states that: "Ontario is committed to helping students build on the knowledge and skills associated with positive well being so they will become economically productive and actively engaged citizens". Kennedy P.S. promotes healthy safe and caring environment through our Mental Health initiatives and **Mindful Moment Practice**.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS!

In honour of Education Week, Kennedy P.S. is proud to host the Roseneath Theatre production of: *The Incredible Speediness of Jaimie Cavanaugh*. The play teaches students about empathy and aims to bring awareness to issues related to: Learning Disabilities, ADHD, Identity, Imagination, Self-Advocacy, Mental Health and Wellness.



Anti-Bullying Presentation With the Toronto Marlies

In February, several classes went to the Ricoh Centre to cheer on the Toronto Marlies. This month, our school hosted goalie Antoine Bibeau who came to speak about his experiences with bullying. Bibeau delivered a message about resilience, character and overcoming obstacles. He told the students that determination, perseverance and having a positive outlook helped him overcome negative comments and cyber bullying. He presented the school and fan Ivan Yang with a hockey stick that was signed by the entire Toronto team!





Character Development

April - Co-Operation

May- Integrity

June - Perseverance



Earth Day



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On Friday, April 22nd students from across Toronto were encouraged to help rejuvenate our city's green spaces by picking up litter in their school yard or neighbourhood park. **Kennedy P.S. staff and students** took the challenge and joined our Family of Schools to support the **“Clean Toronto Together”** Initiative.

In return our school received the following note from our community:



On behalf of the Heathwood Community, I want to thank Kennedy staff and students for their contribution to the Community clean-up on April 22. When several residents joined me the following day, it was obvious that you all had done a great job. We completed the work in other parts of the Community on Saturday.

Our City Councillor, Jim Karygiannis also managed to send the mechanical sweeper on Friday to clean all the streets.

Great Team Work Everyone! Denis Lanoue

April 12 has been proclaimed as Girls' Government Day!

Kennedy students Jessica Zhang, Joey Zhuo, Lily Cao and Anson Wu have been working with M.P.P. Soo Wong on an incredible opportunity for girls to have greater participation in the political process and Girls Government. These 4 young ladies will focus on equity among genders with regard to salary in the workplace.

Dear M.P.P. Soo Wong,

I had so much fun at Queen's Park! I learned so many new things about the government that I didn't know. I definitely would like to go back and experience the whole thing again. The debate was so great and interesting, it actually was a lot more interesting than I thought it would be! It must be nerve racking to talk in front of all those politicians sometimes, for sure I know that I would get nervous. Thank you so much for treating us to an amazing lunch it was pretty good! I am really excited to be working on the gender age gap equity project with you. Again thank you for giving us the once in a lifetime opportunity to be able and go down to Queen's Park. -Jessica

Dear M.P.P. Soo Wong,

Thanks for last Tuesday! I had a lot of fun that day and I'm pretty sure everyone else had such an amazing time at Queen's Park too. Last Tuesday was one of the best days of my life and it was a great experience for me. I learned so many new things when I was at Queen's Park and the questions period was so exciting! For the whole duration of the period, I was sitting straight up in my seat, not wanting to miss a second of it. Of course, this was all thanks to you! If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have been able to go! It must be so cool to be sitting right in the middle of the action! Now that I've learned more about the legislature and everything, it seems so cool to be in public office! Also, thanks a million for treating us to lunch. Thanks again for inviting us to Queen's Park! I can't wait until we see each other to talk more about the project we're doing on gender pay equity. See you then! -Joey :)

Dear M.P.P. Soo Wong,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to go to Queen's Park on Tuesday. It was a lot of fun and I learned so much about the life of a politician, like the legislative debates that happen every day. Being able to see it in real life was an amazing experience that I will never forget, ever. Also, thank you so much for treating us to a wonderful lunch, and for working on this fantastic Girls Government project with us. I can't wait to continue this project and help girls and women find equity in their workplace! ~Lily

Dear M.P.P. Soo Wong,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to participate in the Girls' Government program! It was very educational and it was definitely a pleasure to be there. I learned more about how the legislature works. The debate and questioning periods were very exciting to watch, and was more action-packed than I previously thought it'd be. I wished that we would also be able to see the later debate that was featuring you. I can't imagine you acting like those other politicians! Also, thank you lots for the high-quality lunch! I have never eaten this fancy on a trip before. We're currently working on the campaign for pay equity, and will talk more about it when we meet again. I'm not quite sure just yet, but running for public office seems interesting and will stay at the back of my mind until I'm ready. I enjoyed every second of that day, and it was an honor to be there!

Sincerely, Anson



ON THE COURT

Congratulations to our Junior Co-Ed Badminton Team and to their coaches Mrs. Le, Miss. Lee and Mrs. Tsui for their 1st place win at the Conference Championship!



**Way
To Go
Dolphins!!!**



Senior Badminton

Congratulations to BOTH the Grade 7 and Grade 8 Badminton teams who both came first in their pools at an all-day tournament held at Samuel Hearn middle school in Mid April. After winning their pools, Both of the grade 7 and 8 teams advanced to compete in the Conference finals. The teams gave it their all during their final games, but it was not enough to defeat their opponents, and they brought home the blue banner to Kennedy, as this year's Division Two Conference Finalists! Excellent work this year boys and girls, you all made Kennedy and your coaches, very proud.

Ms. McDougall,
Ms. Tsui



Beach Volleyball



Do you think dolphins can only play in water? Well, dolphins can play in sand too! In March, the Kennedy Dolphin's co-ed beach volleyball team blazed a trail through their first ever Beach Volleyball Tournament! 9 games, and many wins and loses later, the team emerged vic-

torious, claiming the title "Consolation Finalists", bringing home a plaque for the school. Thank you to Ms. McDougall and Ms. Johnson for all their wonderful coaching!

Congratulations go out to the Senior Co-Ed Volleyball team who played outstanding volleyball at this year's tournament. The team advanced to the finals but unfortunately were defeated in the end. We are so proud of how well you played and for your exceptional skill development throughout the season. Hold your heads up high and be proud of your accomplishments. Also, a big thank you goes out to Mrs. Fang for driving the team. Ms. McDougall and Mrs. Johnson.

SPEECH ARTS



Congratulation to this year's Junior Speech Arts Winners:

- * Anson Wang Gr. 4
"Rainforest Destruction"
- * Jayden Yip Gr. 5 "Life"
- * Prosper Huang Gr. 6
"Why Hillary Clinton will Trump Trump"
- * Tivona Mwangi Gr. 6
"Dos and Don'ts of Web Technology"

Tivona is our overall School Winner. She will be moving on to represent Kennedy P.S. on May 3 at the Family of School competition. Thank you Ms. Csombok for organizing the event.



Congratulation to this year's Intermediate Speech Arts Winners:

- * Tyler Lau Gr. 7 "Why The U.S. Should Not Use Predator Drones"
- * Saheen Jeyarajah Gr. 7 "Why We Should Let In Syrian Refugees"
- * Lily Cao Gr. 8 "The Rights of First Nations"
- * Colby Ma Gr. 8 "Why Technology is Horrible For Humanity"

All 4 winners moved on to represent Kennedy P.S. at the April 26th, Family of School Competition.

**Congratulations go out to Tyler Lau
on his 3rd place win!**

Thank you Mrs. Mohamed and Mrs. Tarascio for organizing the event.



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Dance! Dance! Dance!



On April 21st the dance company Groove Theory came to teach the grade 1-8 students. Dance Instructor Ria was awesome. The kids learned many different ways to move and fully enjoyed their time. Some of their favorite moves were pretending they were zombies and animals. Everyone had a great time and a special thanks to Mr. Lucas for organizing the day.



Grade 5's Disaster Assistance Showcase

Our Grade 5's took part in a Robotics Design Project where they had to create a machine using LEGO parts to help save a Mini-figure who is sadly trapped under rubble. We had a showcase for the rest of the school to show off our coding and building skills. Great work Grade 5s! Ms. Chang and Ms. Saleh



Gauss Math Contest

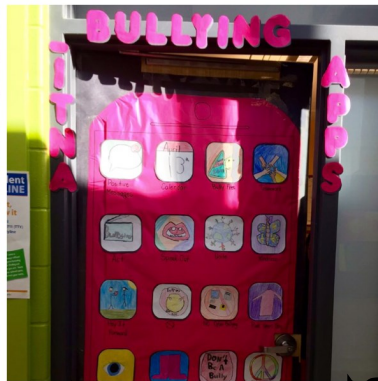
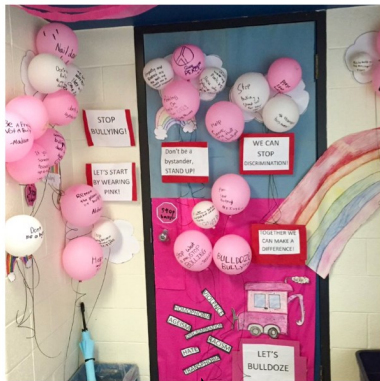
Classes continue to do great work in numeracy across the curriculum. Grades 6 - 8 students are preparing for the: **Gauss Math Contest**. Sponsored by the University of Waterloo Mathematics: The Gauss Contests is an opportunity for students to have fun and to develop math problem solving skills.

Gauss Math Competition



Community Happenings

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK



On Wednesday April 13th Kennedy P.S celebrated the International Day of Pink. All classes took part in a school wide door decorating contest where students and teachers decorated their classroom doors with an anti-bullying theme. Everyone came together and showed their support to put an end to bullying by wearing pink and decorating their doors. All the doors looked amazing and it was difficult to choose a winner. In the end 4 classrooms won pizza parties. Winners were Mrs.Le's and Ms.Cockrane's Kindergarten class, Ms.Lantz's grade 2 class, Ms.Tse's grade 4 class, and Mrs.Mohamed's grade 7 class.

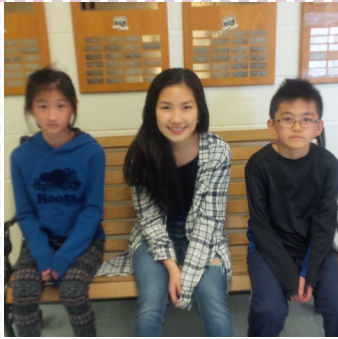
SCHOOL BUS AND ROAD SAFETY



On Friday March 24th the Kindergarten classes enjoyed safety presentations from Police officer Claudia Bednarczyk. Children received important tips on road safety, were reminded of the importance of staying on the sidewalk when outside, and staying buckled up when in a moving vehicle. We had the chance to ask questions to officer Claudia and watch a video clip about safety. Ms. Rego



GOOD NEWS STORIES



Congratulation go out to Joyce Chen in Ms. Khan's class for her illustration titled 'On A Walk'. and Mad-am Fang's grade 5 students: Jessie Chen whose poem: *Mes meilleures amies* (My best friends) and Jayden Yip with the poem on 'Canada' their submission have been selected to be published in Urban Voices /L'echo de la Ville 2016.



We are very proud of Joyce, Jessie and Jayden's accomplishments and for having their work included in this year's collections of poems and illustrations by students across the TDSB.

They are invited to a ceremony to celebrate the publication of Urban Voices /L'echo de la Ville 2016 on June 9th at the Scarborough civic Centre where they will be given the opportunity to read their poem and receive a personalized copy of this year's publication.

Thank you Kiwanis Club for your Generous Donation!



Kennedy Public School greatly appreciates the generous donation to our music program. We were delighted to hear that our performance was prepared well enough to have made an impression and impact to the team of adjudicators. The \$200 gift we used to fund our rehearse-athon on May 9th in preparations for our performance at MusicFest Canada Nationals which will be held in Ottawa in early May.

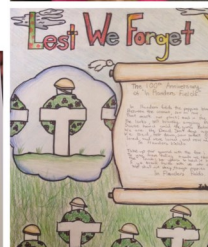
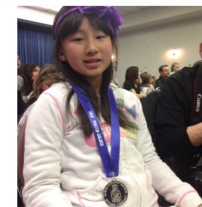
TDSB/ Centennial College Grade 7/8 College Experience

On Wednesday May 4th, 12 Grade 7 and 8 students will join Mr. Downward in an exciting TDSB/Centennial College partnership where they will be given the opportunity to experience a variety of on-campus programs and services.

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This 1 day experience aims to raise awareness of post-secondary options and career opportunities available through the Ontario college system, and to inform decision making as students and their parents or guardians begin planning for secondary school.

Royal Canadian Legion Awards



On April 9, 2016, Gr. 6 Student, Eliza Yip was honoured by members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 11, in East Toronto for coming in first place in the Provincial Awards.

Eliza received a medal and three additional certificates for her Remembrance Day Poster,