



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November/December
2016

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NOVEMBER



Happy Fall to you all! Not only does this part of the term signal a time for Progress Reports and interviews, it also marks the passage through the seasons, as we were reminded by Daylight savings time which took place on Saturday, November 6th.

It was great to see so many parents at our fall interviews, We hope that you continue to strengthen your partnership and **communication with your child's teachers as the year progresses.**

Many activities continue to take place throughout the term including: Photo re-take Day; rehearsal for our Winter Concert, and the **"Aboriginal" month school awareness initiative organized by Mrs. Mohamed and her students.**

Staff and students came together on November 11th to deliver a very powerful service to honour Remembrance Day and those who gave their lives for Peace! Thank you to Mr. Siu, Mr. Borges, Mrs. Kuld, Mrs. Tkatchuk, Corporal Tsui and everyone who organized the service. And to Ms. Gadanidis, and Mrs. Johnson for the beautiful display in our foyer.

Our strong athletic presence continues this season as the Kennedy Dolphins assisted by Ms. Khan & Mrs. Johnson (Junior boys); Mr. Hui (Intermediate girls); and Ms. Lantz (Junior girls) are busy with Volleyball practice, exhibition games and area competitions. **Soon Intermediate girls' basketball will begin with Mr. Hui.**

Our Literacy and Numeracy foci continue to be a priority at the school. Staff continue to deliver curriculum that meets and supports student achievement and well being needs and in turn, Kennedy students continue to experience and receive high quality instruction as they develop criteria for success.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Winter Concert which will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016 between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m..

Please visit our website at:

schools.tdsb.on.ca/Kennedy

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Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon

Principal





Rep Day: M.P. Arnold Chan meets with grade 7 & 8 Students

Rep Day is a nationwide civic education initiative that connects elected representatives with students for a dialogue on current political issues and to develop a better understanding of the role elected officials hold.

During his visit at Kennedy P.S., M.P. Chang was asked to share his journey to becoming an MP, his goals while in office, change he wishes to make and the issues he considers most important.

The students were extremely interested in gaining knowledge about:

- ◇ What the Federal Government is currently doing to reconcile what has been done and continues to happen right up until today to our First Nations people?
- ◇ M.P. Chang's thoughts on electoral reform.
- ◇ Why is the Liberal Party leaning towards legalizing Marijuana, and how Canadians would benefit from this?
- ◇ What else can be done in Ottawa to support Toronto Mayor John Tory's vision for Smart Track?

Progress Reports and Parent Teacher Interview

On Monday November 14th, students brought home their Fall Progress Report. When reviewing and celebrating **your child's report card**, please engage in dialogue with your child about their learning skills and achievement. This is an opportunity to discuss strategies to identify strengths and areas for improvement.

Here are three strategies that can **help your child's results improve by 2% or more:**

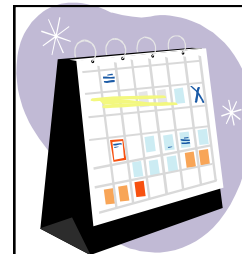
- 1) Arrive early for class
- 2) Attend school each day
- 3) Complete all home-work when assigned.



Upcoming December Dates



- 1st: Me To We Club : Bake Sale
- 2nd: P.A. Day no school for students
- 6th: White Ribbon Campaign
- 6th: KGT classes at Ripley's Aquarium**
- 12th - 20th: Holiday Food Drive
- 13th: Winter Concert
- 22nd: Heritage Meal Day for students who placed an order
- 23rd: Recognition assemblies
- 23rd: Last day of school



AROUND THE SCHOOL

Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week:

20 - 26 November 2016

A caring, safe, and accepting school climate is essential for student achievement and well-being. In order to reach their full potential, students must feel safe, included and engaged.

In partnership with Toronto Police, Kennedy P.S. hosted officers Claudia Bednarczyk and Michelle Gillespie from 42 Division who came in to help build and sustain a positive school climate, raise Bullying Awareness and Prevention education and promote inclusion, respect and positive learning environments at our school.

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans

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Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



ME TO WE CLUB

Hi Everyone, we are: Karen, Abigail, Audrey, Eliza, Tivona, Nicole, Bi Yao, Emily, and Hayley, Me To We Club Members! We are so inspired from our visit to WE DAY **and we can't wait to get started on our new cause. Recently we were selling SPC cards** to help the hurricane victims in Haiti through the Red Cross. Now we want to learn more about Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip who also performed at WE DAY. He has inoperable brain cancer and his dying wish is to bring attention to our Indigenous population here in Canada. In particular, he talked about the horrors of the Residential Schools that are a sad part of our history. So we hope to bring attention to that cause in order to bring justice and reconciliation to our indigenous peoples.

Also keep your ears and noses open, yes, your noses, as we plan to run two more fundraising events this term. Stay tuned for our upcoming Bake Sale and Red Nose Campaign.



ECO SCHOOL UPDATE



Eco club is up and running for the 2016-2017 school year! Our enthusiastic team met to share ideas and make a plan for the year ahead. Each month we will be focusing on a different eco-theme and our events will be related to that theme. You will also hear announcements every Monday with eco-facts related to the monthly theme. Have you gotten a chance to check out **our display area near the office? It's still under construction so check back often to see what's new! Soon teachers and students will be able to drop off their old, useless markers in a bin. Those markers will then be sent to a special recycling facility where the plastic is melted down and turned into fuel. Schools across Canada and the United States participate in the marker recycling program and because of it hundreds of tons of markers don't go into landfills!** By: Ms. Mahoney



Participaction at Kennedy P.S.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair takes place every November in the City of Toronto. During their visit, staff and students had an opportunity to see best in agriculture, local food, and equestrian competitions from across the country.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP

On November 2nd our Student Leadership Team took part in Kennedy's first ever Leadership Camp. Student leaders participated in a half day team-building and leadership-skills building activities. It was a great opportunity to develop their abilities and get to know their strengths.



ROAD SAFETY TIP FROM COUNCILLOR JIM KARYGIANNIS

The City of Toronto Solid Waste Management Services has created a new video to remind students in elementary school (Kindergarten through Grade 5, ages 4 – 11) about the hazards and safety practices when they encounter a garbage/recycling collection vehicle in their school zone.

This video is part of the Division's commitment to develop an outreach campaign to educate children on collection vehicles and how to be safe around them. The three minute video includes safety tips for kids on what to do when they encounter a garbage/recycling collection vehicle in operation on their way to and from school. You may view the video using the link attached.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aNrX4MZxszo>



REMEMBRANCE DAY '2016



A big thank you goes out to Mr. Siu and Mr. Borges who organized the Remembrance Day Ceremony, and to the following classes for their performances:

“In Flanders Fields” by Ms. Kuld’s class
“Poppy”, Remembrance Day” by Ms. Tkatchuk’s class
Jr. Choir - “Homeword Bound”
Playing of the Last Post by Mr. Siu.
Followed by Minute of Silence
Wreath Laying with Corporal Tsui& student Cadets

WE REMEMBER

Across Canada, and in many other countries, people gather on November 11 to honour the courage and devotion of brave men and women who made the supreme sacrifice of dying for their country. The hostilities of the First World War ceased on November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m. the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The following year marked the first observance of a day to remember and honour those who died, as well as to give thanks for the sacrifices of those who came back from serving their country. Since then, Canadians have fought in other conflicts and many have given their lives so that we might enjoy freedom today. They too should be remembered.



CASH ON LINE



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R. Cohen-Fierobon, Principal • L. Teodorio, Vice-Principal



Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that Toronto District School Board will now be offering School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks.

School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments directly into your school's bank account. This allows teachers and secretaries to focus on helping students, and not counting cash. Plus, you get to stay informed of your child's activities and needs!

Powered by REV Group, School Cash Online is the industry leader in school financial management. The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. Schools post their items and activities through the system and assign the relevant fees to your student. You can then choose to purchase these fees online through two different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

You are now able to register – a simple task that takes less than two minutes – by visiting tdsb.schoolcashionline.com or visiting our website at www.tdsb.on.ca and navigating your way to the School Cash Online page. You will need your child's student number, last name and date of birth to register. Should you encounter any difficulties, you can use the parent help desk at 1(866) 961-1800 or by visiting schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support.

In order to assist Parents/Guardians with the registration process the school will be offering support and the use of our lab to complete the on line process. This session will be offered on Friday November 18th between 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Cohen-Fierobon
Principal

Lisa Teodorio
Vice-Principal

THANK YOU

Dear Staff and pupils of Kennedy PS,

Thank you so much for your large donation of food in October!

You cannot imagine how much we appreciate the gifts from our donors. Apart from the material value, it is a huge encouragement to the staff, volunteers and clients at ACSA to receive these indications of caring and support for all that we are doing.

Our overriding aim is to assist families and individuals in Scarborough so they can enjoy a better quality of life, and attain greater opportunities for employment and personal independence. We operate in various locations, with an expanding list of programs, in order to accomplish this goal.

Thank you again for your gift, and compassion. You are supporting those people in our community who need it most.

Sincerely

Eric Cheung
Operations Manager

Thank you to Mrs. Wong for the generous donation of \$100,000. The funds will go towards class supplies for Mrs. Gabrysz's Grade 1 class

亲爱的家长/监护人,

TOBS (多伦多教育局) 已经推出了 "School Cash Online" (学费在线支付系统), 让各位家长和监护人能够简单、安全、便利地支付孩子的各项学校费用, 包括学生行李费、毕业纪念册和书店旅行的费用。School Cash Online 系统 开始投入使用。

学校向您孩子收取的各项费用都将在 School Cash Online 系统上, 注册之后, 您可以选择使用借记卡或信用卡购买学习用品或支付活动费用。如果您有任何新的学习用品需要购买, 您可以通过系统及时了解, 您的孩子如有任何学校活动需要付费时, 您也可以这样通过该系统获得通知。

注册使用 School Cash Online 系统, 您需要首先登录网站 <http://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com> 选择 "Get Started Today (今天开始注册使用)", 并完成注册的二个步骤。有关注册过程的更多信息, 请参阅随附的手册。注册完成后, 系统若有任何关于学习用品和活动的信息时, 您将透过电子邮件收到通知。

如果您对注册过程或 School Cash Online 系统的使用有任何疑问, 请选择 School Cash Online 系统网页上方的 "Get Help(寻求帮助)"。您也可以通过电话号码 1-866-961-1800 或电子邮件 parenthelp@tdsb.on.ca 联系 School Cash Online 系统的家长服务帮助平台 (Parent Help Desk)。这一服务平台旨在帮助家长/监护人完成注册, 找回密码, 登录账户或处理各项支付事宜。

为了帮助家长/监护人完成学费在线支付系统的注册, 学校将于 11 月 18 日星期五上午 9:00 至下午 3:00 在电脑室向家长提供协助。

敬上,

R. Cohen-Fierobon
Principal

L. Teodorio
Vice-Principal

MUSIC

On Wednesday November 30th, our Grade 8 students participated in the

DR. NORMAN BETHUNE CI

ELEMENTARY MUSIC RETREAT
DAY 2016

THE JACKSON'S POINT CONFERENCE CENTRE

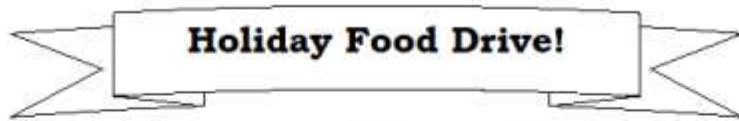
JACKSON'S POINT, ONTARIO Conductor – Colin Clarke

&

Professional Musicians for all Master Class sessions

The common band composition played was: *The Second Storm* by Robert W. Smith. This composition is a musical interpretation of Hurricane Ivan that severely affected RWSmith's home state of Florida in 2004. A recording of it is available at the link: <http://www.jwpepper.com/Second-Storm/2481119.item#.WC8sXrIrIps>

Holiday Food Drive!



Who: Kennedy Community
Purpose: To help stock food for the Agincourt Community Food Bank
When: Monday, December 12th — Wednesday, December 21st, 2016
Items that are needed:

- baby formula & food
- beans, lentils, canned fruits & vegetables
- canned fish & meat, cans of soup or hearty stew,
- dried pasta, tomato sauce, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, rice
- canned, powdered or Tetra Pak cartons of milk, etc.

No candy, sweets, or expired food
You can drop off your food in your classrooms.
Don't forget to bring your food!

Thanks You Mr. Borges,
 Ms. Murray , Mrs. Chan
 and the
 Student Leadership Group
 for running this
 annual campaign.

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谁: 肯尼迪小学的学生
目的: 帮助爱静阁社区食物银行募集食物
时间: 12月12日星期一至2016年12月21日星期三
我们建议你捐赠以下食物:

- 婴儿配方奶粉和食品
- 豆类, 扁豆. 罐头水果和蔬菜
- 罐头鱼及肉类的汤或罐头炖肉
- 干面条和番茄酱, 通心粉和奶酪, 花生酱, 大米
- 罐头, 粉状或纸包的牛奶

不要捐赠糖果, 甜食, 或过期食品
请把食物放在教室的捐赠箱内
请不要忘记带你的食物!