



Kennedy Clan News



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

November/December
2015

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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 1st.

It was great to see so many parents at the "Caring about Your Children's Mental Health" presentation held earlier this month. At this session, Ms. Luisa Chang, the registered social worker from the Chinese Family Service of Ontario spoke about: children's mental and emotional health; strategies to deal with stress and anxiety; the real meaning of extra curricula; communication with teens; mindfulness and sample relaxations; work with teachers for students' success. Thank you to Susan Shi our Settlement Worker for organizing this opportunity for our parents. Many other activities continue to take place throughout the term including: Photo re-take Day; rehearsal for our Winter Concert, and the "Moovember" initiative hosted by the Student Council.

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 everyone who organized the service.

Our strong athletic presence continues this season as the Kennedy Dolphins assisted by Mr. Hui and Ms. Lantz are busy with Volleyball practice, exhibition games and area competitions.

Our Literacy and Numeracy foci continue to be a priority at the school. Staff continue to deliver curriculum that meets and supports our students' needs and in turn, 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 15th, 2015 between 7:00 p.m and 8:00 p.m.



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Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:
Kennedy School Council Meeting
conversations with:

Counselor Jim Karygiannis
&

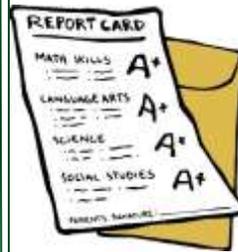
Lisa Ferguson
School Council Chair Timberbank P.S.

Wednesday January 13th, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



In the Staffroom & Library
Everyone welcome!

Progress Reports
and Parent Teacher Interview

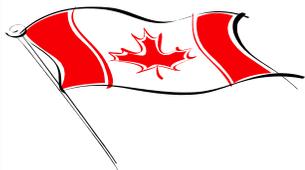


On Thursday December 10th, students will bring home their Fall Progress Report. When reviewing **and celebrating your child's** report card, please engage in dialogue with your child

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 homework when assigned.



WE REMEMBER

On November 11th we held our Remembrance Day Assembly to remember and to honour those who served our country. Our staff and students took part in a presentation that honoured those who gave so much for the freedom we enjoy today and to remember our armed forces who are serving in foreign lands at this time.



TIME FOR THE HOLIDAY GIFT AND TOY DRIVE

Upcoming December/January Dates

December: 1st - 4th : Book Fair open all week

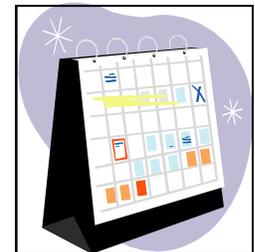


- 1st: Book Fair open till 5:00 p.m.
- 6th - White Ribbon Campaign
- 10th: Progress Reports go home
- 15th - Winter Concert
- 18th - Last day of school

December 21st - January 1st: Winter Break school is closed

January: 4th - First day of school

22nd - P.A. Day no school for students



AROUND THE SCHOOL

DENTAL SCREENING WEEK



Toronto Public Health held their annual dental clinic in early November. The screening assessment was conducted by a dental hygienist to identify children with oral health concerns. Follow up letters were sent home to students who were identified as needing added care.

This year the Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week took place November 15-21, 2015



Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans

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



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL BEING PARENT WORKSHOP



Susan Shi, Louisa Chang and Kennedy P.S. parents discuss effective communication with teens including ways to deal with stress and anxiety in an effort to support their children's well being and success at school.

WHITE BOARDS

T. Shirts



Thank you Ms. Csombok and husband Mr. Dan Smith and Natalie Samaroo from Marketing Development over at Master Card for their generous donation and contribution to Kennedy P.S. The 2 White Boards were quickly placed in good homes and the t-shirts will be distributed in our school community around the holidays.

Thank You!



Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



'MOVE-EMBER'

The Kennedy Student Council organized the November "Move-ember" event to raise awareness for men's health.

The event encourages the Kennedy community to partake in daily physical activities everyday during the month of November. To add to **the fun, each Friday, a 'Golden Moustache' was hidden somewhere around the school with special prizes awarded to the student who found the hidden prize.**

Thank you to Ms. Khan for assisting the Council to organize the event
&
congratulations to all the **'Move-ember' winners.**



Forest Valley Outdoor Education

On Thurs. Nov. 12th, Mrs. Sugamar and Ms.

Johnson's classes went on their very first field trip of the year to Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre. They learned about the growth and changes in animals and the structures they build using the materials in their environment.

They played two really fun games outside called 'Wooly Worms' and 'Ants'. Despite the overcast sky and periodic drizzles of rain, Everyone had a very memorable and great time.



ECO SCHOOL UPDATE



As per the city's request landscapers were in to remove one dead tree from our school site. At the same time, they planted 1 new tree and two rows of shrubs totalling 77 new greenery to our schoolyard.



Enjoying the Outdoors and an Extended Recess



on a very warm Fall Day!



Participaction at Kennedy P.S. Holiday Food Drive!

Who: Kennedy Community

Purpose: To help stock food for the Agincourt Community Food Bank

When: Monday, December 7th — Tuesday, December 15th, 2015

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 condensed milk. Etc..



Working on an awesome model of Ancient Egypt!



2 Intermediate classes have been selected to take part in **CAMERAreach**, A joint collaboration with TDSB's Arts department and Gallery44. Representing Kennedy P.S. will be **Mrs. Mohamed's Gr. 7/8 class** and **Ms. Khan's Grade 8 class** who will take part in a 5 day photography Residency. Please check visit the website for more information: <https://gallery44.org/cameralinks> -



Join us at the Scholastic Book Fair!

Monday November 30th - Friday December 4th (Friday PM Only)

Please help support the book fair!

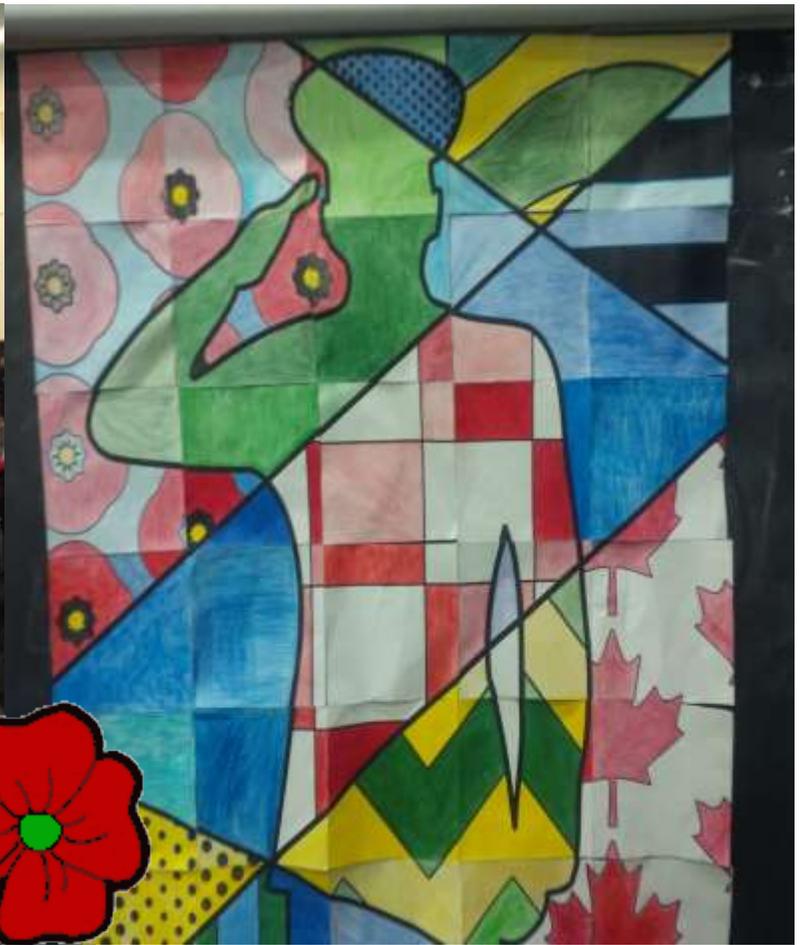
A large portion of the money goes toward buying books for classrooms and the library.

Come to the Book Fair with your child any day Monday - Thursday after school until 4:00 pm or send money to school with your child.

Please note:

The Book Fair will remain open till 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1st before Chinese Classes begin!

REMEMBRANCE DAY '2015



MUSIC AT KENNEDY

On Wednesday November 25th, our Grade 8 students participated in the

DR. NORMAN BETHUNE CI ELEMENTARY MUSIC RETREAT DAY 2015

**THE JACKSON'S POINT CONFERENCE
CENTRE**

JACKSON'S POINT, ONTARIO

*Conductor – Sharon Fitzsimmins
&*

Professional Musicians for all
Master Class sessions

The common band composition played was:
Celtic Air & Dance by: Michael Sweeney. This
two part work uses the two Celtic folks songs; The
Parting Glass and Tha Mi Sgith (A Fairy's Love
Song)

It is available to listen to at [http://
www.jwpepper.com/Celtic-Air-and-
Dance/10033567.item#.VjomzLfnu70](http://www.jwpepper.com/Celtic-Air-and-Dance/10033567.item#.VjomzLfnu70)

On Nov.6th, the intermediate students went to the Ontario Provincial Honour Band (OPHB) concert hosted by Agincourt C.I. The players in the honour band are high school students from all across Ontario, they met and prepared this spectacular concert in one and a half day! Kennedy students were, as always on their best behaviour, some were excited that they could be playing in the same band if they practised hard enough. The concert featured world renown percussion ensemble TorQ.



THANK YOU

A big 'Thank You' goes out
to Counsellor Jim Karygiannis

The Kennedy P.S. community wishes to thank Mr. Karygiannis and team for making Safety a priority! Thank you for posting the

**'Please
Slow Down
Signs'**

on our lawn and
in our school area.
We appreciate
your ongoing
support!



Thank You

Rotary Club of Agincourt

Kenney Public school staff and

Students wish to
thank you for your
generous donation of
Mittens! With your
support we will be
able to keep many
hands warm this
winter.



SISTER SCHOOL

Gifts from Minhang Experimental Primary School -MEPS (Jing Cheng campus)
Translated by Yiqi
Edited by Yishin

Art works from MEPS.

The paper-cut spray dyeing – also known as engraved paper, is a type of hollow art that is one of the most ancient Han Chinese folk arts. It stands for auspiciousness and propitiousness.

The scraping wax painting - The scraping wax paintings titled “painting my favorite corner of the alma mater” **are made as a farewell gift to the students’ alma mater**” when they are about to leave school at the end of fifth grade.

Gourd facial makeup - Gourd is a traditional Chinese folk auspicious patterns, which is widely used and loved because its homonyms "Fu" and "lv" mean “good fortune”. Its original prototype came from the most primitive "life preserver", which was used in the fish-men's daily lives on both sides of the middle and lower area of “Huang-he” river.

Blue porcelain- Blue porcelain, which is also called blue and white porcelain, is a Chinese ceramic treasure. It is one of the major Chinese porcelains and belongs to the family of under-glazed ceramic.

闵行区实验小学（景城校区）交流作品简介

一、剪纸喷染

剪纸，又叫刻纸，是一种镂空艺术。是中国汉族最古老的民间艺术之一。吉祥喜庆的寓意。我们通过剪纸作品在白布上作防染，再用染料装进喷壶，对着白布和剪纸作品喷印，被剪纸作品遮挡的部分，布依旧是白色，而其他地方就被染色了。这也是学生在学习过扎染和蜡染之后的创新作品。

二、刮蜡画

这是五年级的学生在毕业前夕留给母校的礼物——

《画画我最喜欢的母校一角》，即将告别学习、生活了五年的校园，有留恋不舍，都化为深深的祝福，展现在一幅幅作品上。学生用刮蜡纸和刮蜡笔坐在校园的各个角落，写生他们心中最美的母校一角。

三、葫芦脸谱

葫芦是中国民间一种传统的吉祥纹样，因其谐音“福”和“禄”。所以被广泛的运用和喜爱。它的最初雏形来源于黄河中下游两岸渔民的日常生活中打渔时最原始的“救生圈”，有的作为酒器用来盛酒用。后来，为了美观好看，或者说是为了作为记号，便在葫芦上刻画各种图案，此后逐渐改进，最终热爱戏剧的人将脸谱刻画到上面，形成了现今别具一格的工艺美术品。而为了再教学中广泛运用，我们又用纸浆制作成葫芦造型在上面进行脸谱的创作。

四、青花瓷

青花瓷又称白地青花瓷，常简称青花，中华陶瓷烧制工艺的珍品。是中国瓷器的主流品种之一，属釉下彩瓷。青花瓷是用含氧化钴的钴矿为原料，在陶瓷坯体上描绘纹饰



Winter concert

Kennedy Music Presents:

The Music Within us - Winter Concert

Tuesday, December 15th
7:00PM – 8:00PM

Toronto Chinese United Church
3300 Kennedy Road, Scarborough,

Draw tickets for a chance to win wonderful prizes,
will be available for purchase the night of the concert
All proceeds will go towards subsidizing the **“MusicFest Nationals”**
Any monetary donations to support our Music program
would be greatly appreciated.

Grand opening ceremony for our playground

