



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

October, 2015

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October serves as a time for renewal and celebrations for a number of faith groups including Islamic Heritage Month, Diwali and Sukkot. It also marks the passage through the seasons, as we are reminded by Thanksgiving. We hope that everyone had taken some time to enjoy the changing season and to celebrate with family and loved ones.

As a school, we continue to focus on Student achievement and Well Being as we continue to demonstrate our commitment to improving student achievement and to providing excellent programs and intervention strategies that enable all our students to achieve success. We continue to use student achievements to examine both the strength and needs of our programs; allowing us to refine our teaching practice.

Hopefully many of you were able to attend the Family of Schools Transition to High School sessions with our Guidance counsellor. We also wish to remind you that we look forward to seeing those of you who have signed up for our Nov. 4th Parent workshop on 'Mental Health' with our Settlement Worker Susan Shi. Due to the overwhelming responses we have over 60 participants and as a result, the sessions are now closed.

Safety in our school remains a priority and creating positive school cultures, caring for our students and supporting teachers has always been in the forefront of our attention. Our staff and students attended safety presentations with our Police Liaison officers where they talked about: community helpers; traffic safety; safety rules at home; when to call 911; internet safety; and bullying and criminal offences. We thank you for helping us to maintain an effective Safe Arrival and we remind you to keep calling the school when your child is absent as well as to sign your child in or out if you have appointments throughout the day. Thank you for supporting our students' safety and well-being.

Finally, we began our partnership with the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto and this term we have four Teacher Candidates who have joined Mrs. Gabrysz's Grade 1 class; and Mrs. Csombok's and Mr. Pollard's Grade 6 classes.

Please visit our website at:

**schools.tdsb.on.ca/Kennedy *Follow me on
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Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon

Principal





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HELPFUL TIPS FOR
PARENT FROM OUR
GUIDANCE
DEPARTMENT



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD AT
HOME

Please Save the Date.....

Please join us for:

***Kennedy School Council
Meeting***

Wednesday November 18, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Staffroom

Everyone welcome!



- ◇ Tell me 1 thing that you learned today.
- ◇ What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- ◇ How were you helpful today?
- ◇ What happened today that made you laugh?
- ◇ What did you do at recess today?
- ◇ Tell me 3 things that happened today.
- ◇ Who did you sit beside at lunch?
- ◇ Name one thing you'd change at school.
- ◇ If you could only have one class for the whole day, what would it be?
- ◇ Who would you like to be friends with?
- ◇ What is your goal for tomorrow?
- ◇ What are you most proud today?
- ◇ What challenges did you faced today?

Upcoming November Dates

1st: Daylight Saving Ends—Move clocks back 1 hour

2nd - 10th: Dental Screening Week

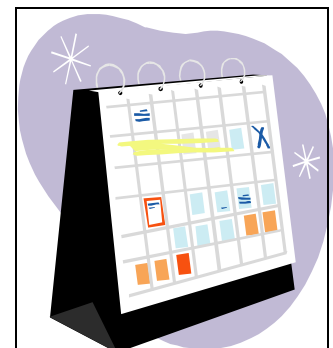
4th: Take Your Kids to Work day

11th: Remembrance Day

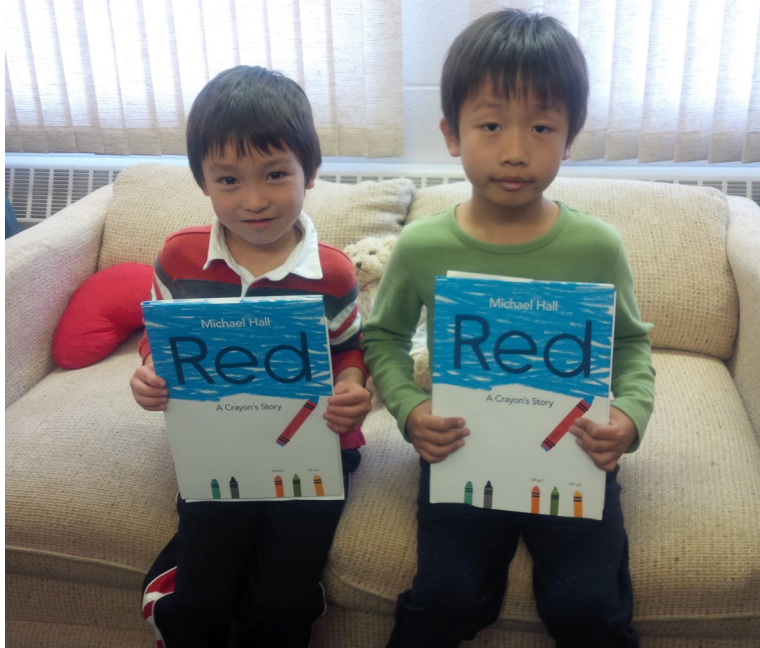
13th: P.A. Day - school closed for students

18th: School Photo Retake Day

18th: School Council meeting 6:00-7:00



Congratulations go out to Nathan Lin and Raymond Huang in Mrs. Buick's grade 1 class. Winners of the Just Read It Contest.



The Elementary School Safety Program

Officer Gillespie and officer Bednarczyk from Toronto Police Service – 42 Division presented the following topics:

JK/SK Traffic Safety Rule with Elmer the Safety Elephant

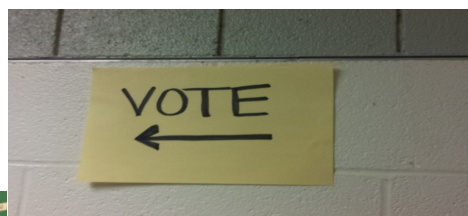
Grades 1 – 4 Personal Safety at home, school and community

Grades 5– 8 Internet Safety & Bullying



Kennedy P.S. students learned about the Election Process . They followed the debates and reviewed issues related to the Federal Elections . On Monday, October 19th they cast their ballots!

Student Vote





Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



The Toronto District School Board affirms its recognition of: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH and the International Day of The Girl



In October 1929, some women in Canada won the right to be recognized as "persons" by law, with the right to hold public office. Many women, including Indigenous, Black, Asian and other racialized women remained ineligible until decades later because of racism. Today women continue to be on the front lines of social justice, creating positive change in their lives, their communities, in Canada and the world!

October is an occasion to both celebrate victories and recognize the inequalities that still exist, while reaffirming our commitment to achieving full equality and social justice for all women in Canada and the world. The United Nations declared October 11, 2012, the world's first *International Day of the Girl*. This day aims to make a difference in the lives of girls and young women as citizens and powerful voices for change within their families, their communities and their nations.

At Kennedy P.S. we take pride in our *'Young Women On The Move'* students and staff who continue to raise awareness around equity and bring about changes for local and global social justice causes.



ECOSCHOOL UPDATE



A Forest Frolic with Room 105



On Tuesday, October 27th our kindergarten class had a couple of special visitors! Christine and Samantha from the Island Natural Science School came to spend the day outdoors learning with us. We started by recording what we knew about the forest on chart paper. After a quick snack we headed out to the forest, clipboards in hand! We made many exciting discoveries and wrote about what we saw. We were most excited about some tiny purple flowers we found hiding under the leaves. We loved watching the beautiful leaves float down to the ground,

too! We heard the crunching of the leaves under our feet and the birds singing above us. We found big leaves, small leaves, red leaves and yellow leaves. We couldn't resist jumping in the leaves on our way back to school! It was a beautiful day to be outside and we were so fortunate to have Christine and Samantha join us. We can't wait to get out to the forest again soon! Ms. Mahoney



Participation at Kennedy

It was a beautiful, chilly Autumn day, perfect for the traditional Thomson Park Cross Country meet on Scarborough ! Once again Kennedy athletes achieved great personal goals as they moved on to Conference Finals while staff cheered them on. Congratulations to Gweneth Ma Gr. 4 Mr. Hui, Victor Lai Gr. 6 Mr. Pollard, Kate Su Gr. 7 Mr. Downward, Jessie Cao Gr.7 Mrs. Mohamed, Justin Lin Gr. 8 Ms. Khan. For making it all the way to city Finals! Thank you Mrs. Morgante, Miss. Mahoney and Mrs. Mohamed.



Ms. McKinlay's Grade 1 Class is Working with Patterns & Beads



Our Kindergarten Students Learn & Play!



Mrs. Chan and her Grade 5 students were caught integrating their Language lesson with the Arts. This was their attempt at making 'Shrunken Heads' with apples.

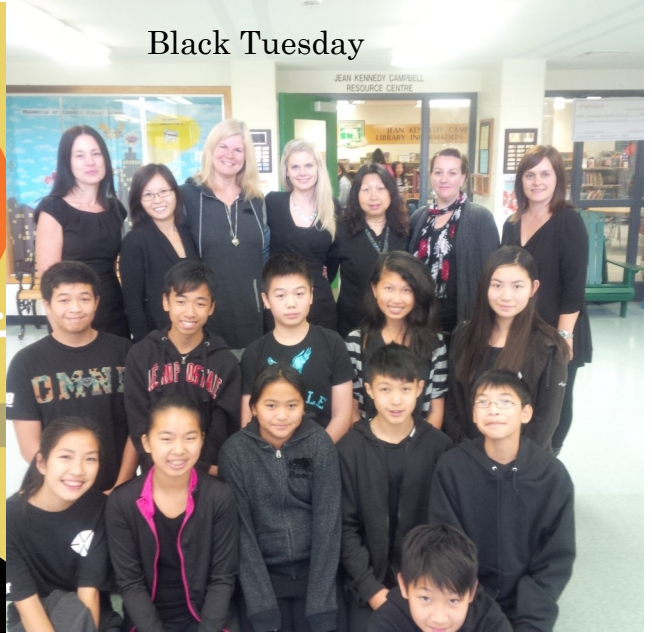


HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK.

Monday was wear Autumn/Fall colours.



Black Tuesday



Wilderness and Animal Thursday



Witches and Wizards Wednesday!



FRIDAY: HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE KENNEDY STAFF

FALL PROGRESS REPORTS

尊敬的家长/监护人：

我们写信给您旨在告诉您安省小学教师联盟 (ETFO) 和加拿大联盟公务人员 (CUPE)

目前正在进行的全省范围合法临时性罢工示威 (总工) 的持续影响。前者代表 TDSB 小学教师，后者代表我们学校的支持人员。

ETFO 已指示小学教师停止填写成绩单，或完成进度报告。因此，我们无法按预定计划在 11 月 6 日至 12 日之间发放幼儿园至八年级的小学成绩单。 如果与 **ETFO** 达成临时协议，则情况可能有所改变。

ETFO 已指示小学教师停止就进度报告与家长/监护人进行面谈，除非教师确实担忧学生的学习进度。

从 10 月 28

日星期三开始，小学教师也将不监督自愿性课外活动 (例如，体育运动和俱乐部)。许多小学课后和课外活动也将取消或延期。

我们关注于让学校对学生和教职工保持开放且对其安全，以确保以后能够继续学习。我们在监视我们学校的情况，并评估此次事件在健康和安全方面对学生、教职工和访客造成的任何影响。

我们期望尽快与这些联盟签订新的雇用合同，以使学校恢复常规。我们致力于随时向您通知此事件的动态。 请继续访问 www.tdsb.on.ca/labour 了解更多信息。

此致！

Robin Pilkey

董事会主席

Donna Quan

教育主任

Our Kindergarten Play Area is almost ready to host and entertain our students!!!!



Helpful tips to avoid the flu:

- Get your flu shot
- Wash your hands often
- Cover your cough/sneeze
- Stay home if you're sick

Visit toronto.ca/health to find a free flu clinic near you

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