



# Kennedy Clan News



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**October, 2016**

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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, Equity and Well Being as we work to improve student achievement and provide excellent programs and intervention strategies that enable all our students to achieve success. We continue to use student assessments and data to examine both the strength and needs of our programs; allowing us to refine our teaching practice. In addition, we began our partnership with the Faculty of Education at the University of Toronto and this term we have two Teacher Candidates who have joined Mr. Pollard's and Mrs. Csombok's Grade 5/6 classes.

Safety in our school remains a priority and creating positive school culture, 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. This was followed by a very successful Home Safety parent presentation with our Settlement Worker Susan Shi. 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 want to thank the Kennedy community for making our annual B.B.Q., Curriculum Night and Book Fair a success. It was a pleasure to see so many families at our event. We want to remind you that the Fall Progress Reports will be sent home on Monday November 14th and that parent - teacher interviews have been scheduled for Thursday November 17th in the evening and Friday, November 18th in the morning.

**Please visit our website at:**

**[schools.tdsb.on.ca/Kennedy](http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/Kennedy)**

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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

- ◇ 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?

Please Save the Date.....

*Please join us for:*

## ***Kennedy School Council Meeting***

*Wednesday November 14, 2016  
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

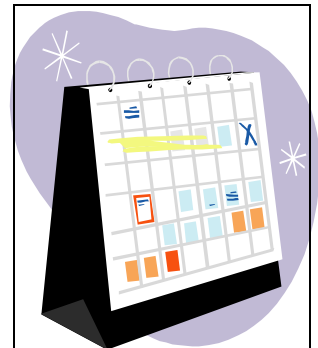


*Staffroom*

*Everyone welcome!*

### Upcoming November Dates

- 3rd: Bullying Presentations with Toronto Police**
- 4th: Take Your Kids to Work day for grade 9 students**
- 4th - 7th Grade 6 trip to Kearney Outdoor Centre**
- 6th: Daylight Saving Ends, move clocks back 1 hour**
- 9th: Gr. 7 & 8 at the Royal Agriculture Fair**
- 11th: Remembrance Day**
- 14th: Progress Reports go home**



**14th: School Council meeting 6:00 at p.m.**

**16th: School Photo Retake Day**

**17th: Parent/Teacher Interview evening 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**18th: Parent/Teacher Interview 8:30 - 12:00 school closed for students**

**24th: School Science Fair 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

**28th: Skills Canada presentation**

**29th: Heritage Lunch: Aboriginal Month (Fish Sticks and Fries)**

**30th: School Band at Jackson's Point**



## Safe School Week

Officer Gillespie and officer Bednarczyk from Toronto Police Service – 42 Division presented

### The Elementary School Safety Program

Discussion focused on home and school safety.



**Safety Patroller Program** This year, we are pleased to run the Safety Patrol Program at Kennedy PS once again. Last week, our 21 Patrollers were trained by Officer Gillespie and Officer Bednarczyk. Our Safety Patrollers are responsible students who are on time for every shift in the morning rain or shine to make sure students arrive safely every day. Our grade 7s are Cici C., Helen H., Yuki L., Cindy Z., Annora L., Victoria G., Melanie L., Victor L. and Ivan Y. Our grade 8s are Anson L., Karen G., Tiffany L., Jason F., Andy L., Edlyn L., Abigail H., Denny W., Sampson Y., Saheen J., Adam S. and Jeff H. By: Mme. Fang



## WE DAY 2016

At the tender age of 12 Craig Kielburger was heartbroken to read in the Toronto Star about the sad journey of many young children halfway around the world who were not allowed to go to school. He decided to take action and make change. He went to school that day and talked to his classmates and together they started a group called Free the Children. Since then he has travelled all over the world, met with Presidents and Prime Ministers and found a way to help children get an education. He is now almost 30 and married but has never stopped helping children. He has another organization called ME to WE which teaches young people that they can help others too.

On Wednesday, October 19th, Mrs. Mohamed and nine members of our ME to WE club joined Craig Kielburger and 20,000 other like-minded youth at the Air Canada Centre for a huge concert called WE DAY. We learned so many ways we can help others. We also were entertained by YOUTUBE superstar, singers, and entertainers like Zendaya who is also a UNAIDS Ambassador, Jason Derulo, Macklemore, Lilly Singh, Connor Franta, Hedley, Jordan Smith, winner of the Voice and Olympic medalist Penny Oleksiak to name a few.

It was an amazing experience for Karen, Abigail, Audrey, Eliza, Tivona, Nicole, Bi Yao, Emily, and Hayley. We are now inspired and can't wait to get started on our new cause.



## HOME SAFETY

Our parent workshop on: **Home Safety** was held on Wednesday, October 26, in the morning.

Our Settlement Worker Susan Shi, organized the session where Officer Gary Gomez from 42 Division presented Safety Awareness to Kennedy parents.

Topics discussed:

- \* Door security
- \* Neighborhood Safety Awareness
- \* Cultural Targeting
- \* Breaking entry prevention





## Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



### CELEBRATING ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Phyllis Webstad, a member of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation in BC, was forced to attend Residential School. She entered the school in 1973 wearing a brand new orange shirt which was immediately confiscated by the staff

and replaced with a uniform. She never saw the shirt again, and began to associate the colour with the traumatic experiences in the school and the loss of language and cultural identity she suffered. In 2013, Webstad transformed her negative experiences into something positive by creating a Nationally recognized Orange Shirt Day.

Celebrated annually on September 30th, this day acknowledges the residential school system in Canada, honours those who survived, and remembers those who did not. It is a day to demonstrate, by wearing orange, that all students matter. Wearing orange shirts on September 30 is a visual reminder of our shared past as Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in Canada, and provides an opportunity for dialogue between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in shaping our shared future.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Our Student Leadership Team organized a food drive in support of the Agincourt Community Services Association. Our students, parents, and staff collected so much food that they had to take our donations in two separate trips! Thank you for all your support and for making a difference in our community!



## ECO SCHOOL UPDATE



On September 27th, Ms. Lantz's grade 2 class went on a field trip to Forest Valley! It was a beautiful, sunny and windy day where the students got to learn and engage in activities related to our unit on air and water. They used pinwheels to show how air movement can create energy. They held the pinwheels high in the sky to find the direction that the wind was coming from, when the pinwheels began to turn they were told this is how energy is created. The class learned how wood chips on pathways can prevent erosion.

Each child shovelled wood chips into a bucket and spread them out on the dirt. They were told this helps prevent erosion of the path and therefore saving the environment. It was a great day had by all!



## Participation at Kennedy

### CROSS COUNTRY MEETS



Competitive cross-country running is an incredibly challenging sport that builds both physical stamina and mental strength. On Thursday, October 13th, our Kennedy's cross-country students from grades 1-8 ran a multi-kilometre race at Thompson Park. They trained long and hard to participate at this race. They used their own time to train with their coaches. Our cross country team should be incredibly proud of their accomplishments. On the day of the race, we were proud to watch our young and talented athletes compete. We were proud to see all of our competitors run as hard as they could, and placed well overall. An astonishing 27 competitors moved on to the East Conference Finals on Thursday, October 20th! On that day a big congratulation goes out to all the students who had to run in the cold, pouring rain. Even in these harsh conditions our runners ran through it and made Kennedy proud. A special congratulations goes out to Gweneth Ma in grade 5 who placed 20th, Rosalyn Tao in grade 6 who placed 23rd and Jason Fang in grade 8 who placed 19th. They will be moving on to the City of Toronto Finals on October 27th. Good luck! A big thanks goes out to our coaches: Mrs. Csombok, Mrs. Mohamed, Mrs. Rego, and Mrs. Tatchuck, and Mr. Hui for diving. By Grant Chen



Way to Go Kennedy P.S. We've Raised \$800 for the Terry Fox foundation



### BORDEN BALL EVENTS



#### Jr. Girls' Bordenball Team - City Champions!!!



On October 6th, the Jr. Girls played in their first ever bordenball conference tournament at Macklin P.S. and were undefeated! The girls then moved on to play in the Grade 5 Division City Finals at Macklin P.S. on Oct. 16 and once again came home with the title of City Champions. These girls showed immense improvement from the beginning to the end of the season. They played with heart, drive, stamina, dedication, and determination.

But above all else, it was their sportsmanship and spirit that made their coaches and Kennedy P.S. really proud! Congratulations to all the girls for their well earned and much deserved success! C. Johnson & D. Ho. Team members: **Gweneth, Jennifer, Niki, Sofia, Angie, Jessica, Elaine, Zoe H., Gloria, Zoe C., Grace, Tina L., Beata, Jenna, Tina**

## Participaction at Kennedy Curriculum Night and book Fair



### KENNEDY P.S. ME TO WE CLUB ATTENDS FREEDOM DAY 2016

On September, 28th, the Kennedy 'Me to We' Club, lead by Mrs. Mohamed joined more than 3,000 students at the annual Freedom Day 2016. Schools from across the Greater Toronto Area and beyond join Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) in an energetic celebration of Canadian rights and freedoms designed to raise awareness about human rights issues and empower youth to take action to make the world a better place.



The program commemorates the work of Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal and his passion for the pursuit of justice. The devastating impact of losing his entire family due to hatred and intolerance motivated him to ensure that future generations learn from the lessons of the past.

Simon Wiesenthal famously said, ***"Freedom is not a gift from heaven - you must fight for it every day."*** Through Freedom Day we hope to inspire the next generation of student leaders to raise their voices in support of justice, freedom and democracy.

### 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.



# HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WEEK

Monday: Fall Colours Spirit Day



Tuesday: Dress as Your Favourite Character Spirit Day



Wednesday: Superhero villain Spirit Day



Thursday: Throwback Thursday Spirit Day



Friday: Black Friday Spirit Day



October 31st! Halloween is Here



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## From the Guidance Department

### Some Suggestions for a successful school year

A new year is like a blank slate – it's a fresh start. Students are encouraged to set new goals for success. They should be thinking about what things they can do this year to help them be as successful as possible. Parents can help by providing encouragement and support at home to help foster good habits. Here's a short list to help get you started:

**Have a positive attitude.** Don't dwell on past mistakes or negative experiences. Don't convince yourself that you can't be good at something. If you find something challenging, find strategies you can use to improve. If you have a problem, talk to someone about it.

**Set Goals.** If you create a realistic goal and write it down, you are more likely to achieve it.

**Be kind and respectful.** Be willing to work with others. This is a very important skill. Be willing to listen and be open to new ideas. Share your own great ideas with others and participate in group or team activities. Don't put others down. We're all in this together.

**Ask a lot of questions.** If you don't understand a concept or you need more information – ask the teacher to clarify. That's what they're there for!

**Be on time.** Come to school on time and hand in work on time! Punctuality is a key habit of success.

**Be organized.** Use a planner to organize your time. Make sure your workspace is clutter-free and that you have a method of filing away work/notes that works for you so you can find things easily. Take care of important tasks first. Good organization helps to prevent stress from building up.

**Review materials daily and discuss new concepts.** This helps to solidify your learning and ensure that you understand new ideas. Parents, ask specific questions to get your child to tell you about what they're learning in class.

**Take care of your mental and physical health.** Get lots of sleep (at least 8 hours a night), eat healthy foods, and get exercise every day. This helps to give you energy and allows your brain to focus.

**Venture out of your comfort zone.** Try something new this year. Push yourself to join a try out for a team, join a club, make a new friend, participate in an activity. You might surprise yourself.

**Make sure you have balance in your life.** You need time to play and have fun. This is important for your mental health. Everyone needs time to do something they enjoy. And **Relax.** Find strategies to help you relax when you're feeling stressed. Try deep breathing, listening to calming music, take a walk, draw, talk to someone – really anything that helps you calm down and makes you happy. Being calm and happy helps you deal with stress more effectively.

**Should you have any questions about this article, the guidance program in general, or specific needs of your child, please feel free to contact me at [elysa.tarascio@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:elysa.tarascio@tdsb.on.ca).**

**Early Years Services**



**"ParentSmart" & "StudentSmart"**

2017 program schedule:

Dates	Time	Language for parent group
Jan 23 - Mar 6	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Mandarin
Mar 20 - May 1		Cantonese
May 8 - Jun 19		Mandarin
Sep 11 - Oct 23		Cantonese
Oct 30 - Dec 7		Mandarin

**FREE**

**"ParentSmart" Course**

**Topics Include:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Parenting & Positive Guidance
- Effective Communication Skills
- Nutrition
- Ontario Education System
- How to support your child get ready for kindergarten
- Sharing experience and support each other



**"StudentSmart" Course**

For children between 3 - 6 years old and their parent **MUST** participate in the ParentSmart course.

**Content:**

- Promote and enhance your child's skills in the area of cognitive, social, language and self-help
- Equip your child getting ready to school
- Parent-child interactive activity time

**Language:** English

**Location:** CICS Immigrant Resource Centre  
2330 Midland Ave (Midland & 401)

For registration, please come in person at the locations below:  
2330 Midland Ave. **OR** 3850 Finch Ave. E. #403

For more information, please call 416-292-7510 ext. 124



**學前兒童教育服務部**



**「精明好家長」暨「活潑好學生」課程**

**免費**

2017 年課程時間一覽表

日期	時間	語言 (家長課程)
1月23日-3月6日	早上 9:30-11:30	國語
3月20日-5月1日		廣東話
5月8日-6月19日		國語
9月11日-10月23日		廣東話
10月30日-12月7日		國語

**「精明好家長」課程**

**內容:**

- 兒童身心發展
- 管教原則與技巧
- 安省教育制度
- 經驗分享及互相支持
- 兒童營養
- 與子女溝通技巧
- 預備子女入學

**「活潑好學生」活動課室**

參加資格: 3歲至6歲兒童及其家長必須同時參加「精明好家長」課程

**內容:**

- 培育兒童的社交、語言及學習能力
- 提升兒童對學校規律、及集體生活之適應
- 親子互動學習時間

**語言:** 英語

**地點:** 華語處移民資源中心-2330 Midland Ave. (Midland 夾 401 公路)

**報名請親臨:**

2330 Midland Ave. 或 3850 Finch Ave. E. 403 室

**Model Schools Paediatric Health Clinic**  
Chester Le Jr Public School  
201 Chester Le Blvd.

**Making healthcare more accessible to children**

**Who can attend the paediatric clinic?**

- Students from surrounding schools and their siblings up to grade 8
- Children registered in the Parent and Family Literacy Centres
- Students from other 11518 schools who have been referred to the clinic for specific services

**To make an appointment, call 647-532-1729**



安保健診所  
At Chester Le Jr Public School  
West York, Ontario

# SWONG MPP SCARBOROUGH - AGINCOURT READING CIRCLE



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15, 2016  
TO SATURDAY MAY 13, 2017**

**1:30PM - 3:00PM**

For children from JK to Grade 6  
Parents must sign their children in and out each week.

For More Information: Phone: 416-297-6568 Email: swong.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org