



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

September 2016

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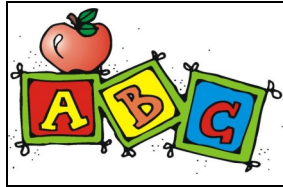
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We have successfully started the 2016-2017 school year! A great deal of hard work went into preparing our school for our students. Many thanks to Ms. Lamanna and Mrs. Ko for taking care of our new registrations, Mr. Aprile and our custodial staff for making our school sparkle, and the teachers and support staff who spent many hours preparing their classrooms.

Throughout the month of September, the Kennedy staff have been busy with school opening initiatives ensuring a safe, welcoming and motivating learning environment for our students. We completed our Welcome Back and Expectations Assemblies, two Fire Drills, a Hold and Secure Drill, kilometer Club, Cross Country training, Borden Ball tournament and the annual Terry Fox Run.

As a school, we continue to focus on The Toronto District School Board Vision of Learning which places Student Achievement; Equity and Well-Being as Key priorities. These initiatives will integrate on Digital Technology; Stem; Literacy; Numeracy; Safe Schools; Character Development; Mental Health; & Daily Physical Activity, to build capacity and high caliber programs. We will implement the new Kindergarten curriculum and Math Strategy and continue to promote the 'Mind Up' curriculum to enhance social, emotional and self-regulatory strategies and skills.

Once again, we are proud to maintain a partnership with our local Universities. We continue to host Teacher Candidates from the University of Toronto, Tyndale College and Niagara University and in addition, local high school Co-Op students continue to assist in many of our classrooms.

At Kennedy P.S. we believe that the education of your child can be enriched to the fullest extent when there is close ongoing communication between the home and the school. Our newsletter, *The Kennedy Clan News*, will give us an opportunity to communicate with you and keep you informed. Look for our newsletter to be posted on our website at the end of

each month. For your convenience, our school website is updated regularly. In addition to a brand new look, the website offers information on our programs, Board initiatives and upcoming events. You may visit our website at: schools.tdsb.on.ca/kennedy. We are excited about this school year and are looking to celebrate many wonderful milestones with our entire Kennedy Community.



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Rhonda Cohen-Pierobon Principal



Please Join The

Please join us for:

Kennedy School Council Meeting

Monday September 26th 2016
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Staffroom

Child minding are available

Everyone welcome!



CURRICULUM NIGHT



Community BBQ & Curriculum Night

Thursday October 6th, 2016

5:30-8:00 pm

Please join us for a Meet and Greet

Community BBQ

Teacher Presentations in Classrooms

Grade 8 Bake Sale & Thanksgiving Food Drive

Book Fair in the Library

5:30 – 6:30 pm Community BBQ Tickets sold for \$5.00
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bo includes: choice of hamburger, hotdog or veggie burger and include chips
and a bottle of water

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Upcoming October/November Dates

September

26th: School Council Meeting 6:00 - 7:00

27th: Grade 2 on a trip to Forest Valley

27th: Grade 1's and 1/2's at Pingles Apple Orchard

28th: Grade 7 & 8 At Freedom Day

30th: Orange Shirt Day Spirit Day

October

1st: Grade 7 & 8 Concert Band at Agincourt C.I.

3rd- 6th: Thanks Giving Food Drive

4th: School Photo Day

6th: Curriculum Night and Community B.B.Q.

7th: Board wide PA Day School closed for students

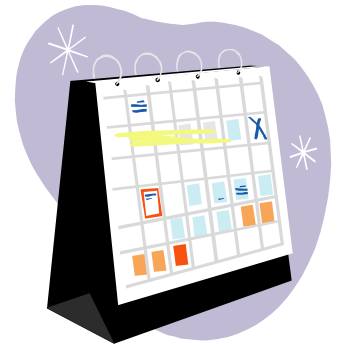
10th: Thanksgiving Day - School Closed

13th: Cross country Meet at Thompson Park

17th: Gr. 7 and Gr. 8 girls Immunization

19th: Grade 7 & 8 at We Day Event

19th: Transition to High school Parent Information Sessions 7:00



Welcome to Guidance



My name is Elysa Tarascio and I will be your child's Guidance Counsellor this year. I would like to give you a brief overview of the Guidance program and tell you a little about my role. The Guidance curriculum is divided into three sections: student development, interpersonal development, and career development. The goals of this program for intermediate students are to help them:

- acquire the skills they need for lifelong learning (goal setting, cognitive awareness, organizational skills, time management, understanding how they learn and monitoring their own progress)
- develop the skills they need to work cooperatively with others and care about others (demonstrating self-discipline, taking responsibility for their own behavior, problem-solving, and global citizenship)
- gain an understanding of the choices available to them in the world of work and help them make informed decisions based on their interests and abilities (transitions from elementary to secondary, career awareness, goal setting, and pathways)

My Role: I will be coming into classrooms in the fall to introduce myself and talk to your children about guidance and how they can access individual help. As part of the program I will be preparing activities for Grade 6s and intermediate students to complete throughout the year on topics such as mindfulness, stress and anxiety, study skills, time management, goal setting, character education, bullying, and Essential Skills. I will work closely with the Grade 8s to help them choose secondary schools and courses. I will present parent information sessions about secondary school in October/November. Please keep reading newsletter alerts to find out when these sessions will be held and when secondary school information will be sent home, as it is very important to keep informed about options and deadlines.

I will be posting articles regularly in the school newsletter on topics of interest to parents. If needed, I am also available to speak with parents individually. If you would like to book an appointment, please call the school as I am servicing five schools and may not always be on site. I look forward to working with your child this year and to meeting with you later in the year.

High School Information

Most of our Grade 8 students will be attending Dr. Norman Bethune next year, as this is their *home* school. However, there are other opportunities within TDSB that might be of interest to your child.

Many of the programs require students to take an entrance

Dr. Norman Bethune's evening will be held in November. A notice will be sent home with all Grade 8 students when the exact date has been published.

The link below lists all TDSB high schools and the programs offered including dates/times of information nights, deadlines & the application processes.

Link for High School Information Nights <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/GoingtoHighSchool/OpenHousesandInformation->



Grade 7 & 8 Parents

Please join us for:

Transition to High school Presentation

Wednesday October 19, 2016

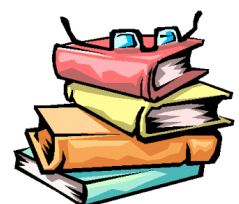
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

In the Staffroom

Mandarin / Cantonese Interpreter

Child minding are available

Everyone welcome!





Character Development

September - Respect

October - Responsibility

November - Empathy

December - Kindness & Caring



Participation at Kennedy P.S.

Terry Fox Run

The Terry Fox walk will take place on Thursday Sept 29.th. Staff and students will gather in the gym for a short video on Terry's Cause. Followed by a school wide walk through the forest and out to the Mary Ward pond. The older kids will be encouraged to run around the pond 3 times and the younger grades once or twice. We are asking the students to contribute a **Toonie for Terry**, to support Cancer Research. Each student will receive a frizzy upon completion of the walk. Thank you to the Terry Fox committee: Mrs. Mohamed, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Hui and



ECOSCHOOL UPDATE



The Kennedy Friendship Bench

To further support our Anti - Bullying philosophy, staff and students lead by Ms. Tse , have come together to help put bullying to an end creating a 'Friendship Bench' to symbolize a safe place for Kennedy students who can use it when they are in need of a friend.



Congratulations Kennedy P.S. on Maintaining a Gold Certificate!

Our successes:

- * Involvement and dedication of teachers & students
- * Well displayed ECO Bulletin board and ECO focus signs
- * Updated school Eco binder with Gr. 1 to 8 Ecological Literacy
- * Well looked after school grounds and gardens
- * Conducting the Kennedy Waste Audit
- * Pairing up garbage cans and recycling bins
- * Excellent Earth Day Assembly
- * Spring school and park clean-up
- * Monthly Eco Schools update in the *Kennedy Clan* newsletter
- * Our very successful walk /bike to school initiative
- * Launched the boomerang lunch campaign
- * Composting with the 'Green Bin' in the staff room
- * The waste reduction campaigns in classes

We have many wonderful things planned for this year as we strive for platinum!

**Well Done Kennedy
Keep Moving Forward!**

Participation at Kennedy P.S.

INTRODUCING..... The 2016-2017 Kennedy Student Council

Masaya Chan
Secretary

Muhammad Hassan
Qureshi- Vice President



Grant Chen
President

Edlyn Li
Treasurer

It's back to school time... Welcome to Homework Help!

Homework Help is a free online math resource for students in grades 7-10. Homework Help provides free, live, one-on-one tutoring from Ontario teachers, Sunday to Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Homework Help is funded by the Ontario Government and administered by TVOs Independent Learning Centre.

Safe School Week

Kennedy P.S. continues to work closely with Toronto Police to promote and maintain School Safety and Community Support. Once again this year, Community School Liaison Officer Bednarczyk From 42 Division will visit the classes at Kennedy Public School to talk about traffic safety, how to safely cross the road, the importance of having to watch out for vehicles on the road and the need to wear a helmet when riding their bike.

Ryan's Law, 2015

Ryan's Law, 2015 (Ensuring Asthma Friendly Schools) was recently passed by the Ontario Legislature. This legislation supports the safety and well-being of students with asthma and requires that:

With parent's or guardian's permission, students be allowed to carry their asthma medication.

Students 16 years or older, are not required to have parent's or guardian's permission to carry asthma medication.

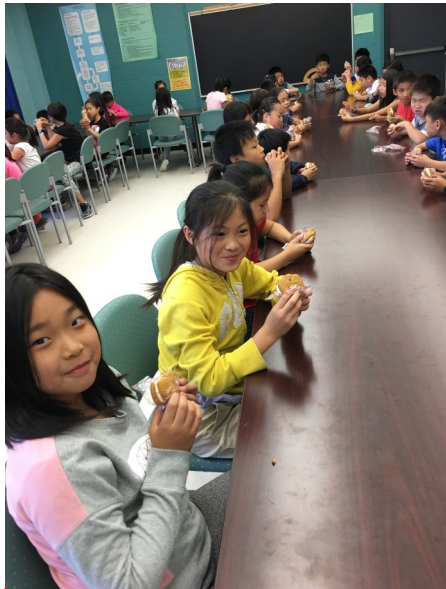
Tips for Parents -

How to Improve Your Child's Attendance:

- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly;
- Discuss with your child what happened at school each day;
- Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise;
- Help your child prepare for the next school day;
- Avoid family trips or doctor's appointments during school hours;
- Support school rules and consequences for being late or absent;
- Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed; and
- Make sure your child stays home only when he/she is sick with a fever, vomiting or with a doctor's note.

Kennedy On Goings!!!

Keeping Cool On The Hot Days!!



X Country at Kennedy

Mrs. Mohamed, Mrs. Csombok, Mrs. Rego and Mr. Tkatchuk have been coaching Primary, Junior and Intermediate students, getting them ready for Cross Country Meets which will take place on October 13th at Thomson Park.



KM CLUB Supports Our Daily Physical Activity Initiative



Our annual Kilometre Club is taking place during morning recess. Students walk or run a route to collect popsicle sticks after each lap. Winners will be declared in October.



Coming Soon!

Join us at the:

2016 Scholastic Book Fair!

Monday October 3rd -

Thursday October 6th

Please help support the book fair!

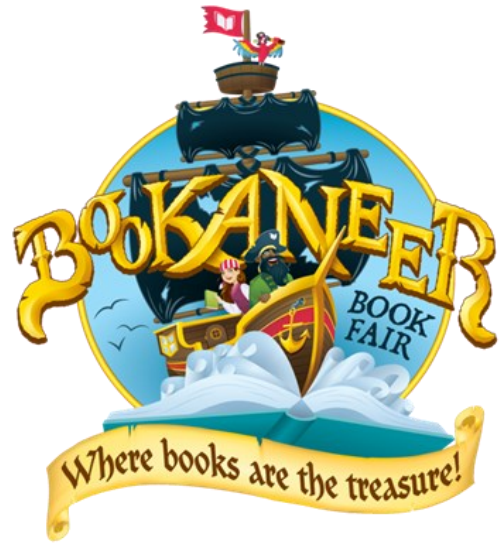
A large portion of the money goes toward buying books for classrooms and the library!

你的孩子如何能在书展买到书:

1. 您的孩子可以把钱带来学校
2. 从周一到周四放学后直到下午4时, 你和你的孩子能来参加我们的书展



FAMILY EVENT:
BBQ Curriculum Night
Thursday October 6th
Book Fair Open:
5:30pm – 8:00pm



Remember to submit your ballots from the back of your flyer, for your chance to WIN!!

星期四10月06日放学后 (从下午5点半到晚上8点) 来参观我们的书展, 你和你的孩子教室将有机会赢到50元到我们的书展购买书籍!

Thanks Giving Food Drive

The Student Leadership group lead by Mr. Borges and Ms. Chan plan to run a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** the week of Monday October 3rd to Thursday October 6th. Students can drop off food items during this 4 day blitz and on the evening of Thursday, October 6th during our Curriculum Night and Community B.B.Q. event. On Friday, Oct 7th a delivery will be made on behalf of the Kennedy Community to ACSA: Agincourt Community Association Food Bank.

