



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

***September 2013***

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## **PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:**



Welcome back for another great year of learning at Kimberley Jr/Beaches Alternative School! I hope that you had a refreshing and relaxing summer. We start the school year with a few staff changes and we encourage you to refer to the attached staff list. We all value the communication between home and school as a key factor in ensuring success for our students. We look forward to engaging and supporting our students as they embrace new challenges and celebrate achievements.

The TDSB and the Ministry will be carefully tracking all primary class sizes. Reorganization may have to take place during the month of September in order to comply with the classroom "cap" ruling. I will keep you posted on any new developments.

Please check the Special Dates section at the end of this newsletter to ensure that you don't miss a single important event!

**Lunch Time:** All Kimberley students will eat lunch in the gym while the Beaches students will continue to eat in the foyer. Please **send a note** if your child is going out for lunch as he/she cannot be permitted to go without parental permission.

**Dismissal Time:** There may be times when your child has to stay after school at his/her teacher's request. When this happens, dismissal is at 3:45, not 3:30 pm.

**Safe Schools:** In keeping with Toronto District School Board policies, we will have a lockdown and 3 fire drill practices during the fall months. The students will be prepared for each of these events by their teachers.

- **Safe Arrival**

Should your child be absent from school for any reason, please call the school no later than 8:45 a.m. at the following numbers:



Kimberley Jr. P. S.	416-393-1450
Beaches Alternative	416-393-1451

Answering services are available for your convenience to leave messages during off-hours. Should no information concerning your child's absence be received, a call home or to work will be made to ascertain your child's whereabouts. Thank you for ensuring your child's safe arrival.

- **Non-Prescription and Prescription Medication**



No staff member is allowed to administer non-prescriptive medication to any student. If a prescription medication is requested to be administered during school hours, a form will be sent home for you to fill in. Depending on the age of the child and the circumstances, permission will be given to office staff who will then administer the medication. The medication must have a prescription with dosage, time, date and doctor's name on it and will be stored in the principal's office.

- **Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards**

These items cannot be ridden on school property. We encourage all students to walk to school, as we have very limited space for storing scooters/skateboards. Bikes should be stored outside in the bike rack. A lock for your bike is strongly recommended. The school cannot be responsible for items that are lost or damaged. We advocate for the use of safety gear, including a helmet, if riding a bike, scooter or skateboard to school.

- **Parent Council**

Greater parent involvement in education is one of the key strategies of the Ministry of Education to improve student achievement. Being on the School Council is one of the many ways to support this initiative.

The Parent Councils of both Kimberley and Beaches are made up of parents and teachers, where the goal is to act as an advisory body that supports activities that benefit the students in all areas of the Curriculum. This often involves fund-raising and parent input by way of recommendations and school/community matters to the principal or the Board of Education.

The Parent Council meets every month.

**Kimberley parents:** please refer to additional school council information attached to this newsletter.

- **Information Package**



Attached with this newsletter you will find an information sheet and lunchroom form. Please complete these forms accordingly and return them to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**.

- **No Child Without**



**MedicAlert**

Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's "No Child Without" program which ensures that children from Junior Kindergarten up to 14 years of age with medical conditions, allergies, or special needs are protected by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 and 14. Parents who have children with a medical condition, allergy or who are required to take medication should consider this program for their child. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

If your child is already in this program and there have been changes to their medical condition or medications contact MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

- **Raising Good Sports**



You can teach your youngster to be a good sport by being one yourself. When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

You can read and/or download a copy of our monthly newsletter from our websites:

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/kimberley>

<http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/beachesalternative>

It is posted online on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

## Character Development Attributes

### September: RESPECT

#### Dates To Remember

Pizza in the Park (BAS)	Thursday, September 12
Curriculum Night (Kimberley)	Thursday, September 19
Gr.5/6 Island School (BAS)	September 23-25
General Meeting (BAS)	Tuesday, September 24
Terry Fox Run	Thursday, September 26
Picture Day	Tuesday, October 1
P A Day (No School)	Friday, October 11
Thanksgiving (No School)	Monday, October 14
Hallowe'en Parade	Thursday, October 31
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 8
Gr. 5/6 Island School (Kimberley)	November 11-14
P A Day (No School)	Friday, November 15
Picture Day - Retakes & Siblings	Monday, November 18
Winter Feast (BAS)	Thursday, December 5
Winter Concert (Kimberley)	Wednesday, December 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 20
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 24
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 17
P A Day (No School)	Friday, March 7
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 10 – Friday March 14
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 21
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 19
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 6
Last Day of School	Friday, June 27



***There are students with severe and life-threatening allergies to peanuts and nuts:  
Please do not use peanut or nut products when sending food into the school.***