



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

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## **PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:**

### **Spring is here!!!**

We have already seen our days getting longer and we are now looking forward to warmer days, when we will start working on our school grounds including an exciting new vegetable garden.



Term 1 has gone by in a flash and the next three months will be very busy for the Kimberley and Beaches Alternative community. Please be sure to check the list on the last page and mark your calendars! We will continue to count on your support with the many upcoming initiatives.

### **Planning for September 2013**

We have already begun planning for the next school year. A proposed staffing model is being created based on the staffing allocation we received from the TDSB. (More details to come)

### **EQAO...planning ahead...**

This year our **Grade 3 and 6** students are scheduled to complete EQAO testing from **May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>**. EQAO provide us with meaningful data by measuring our students' achievement in reading, writing and mathematics in relation to Ontario Curriculum expectations. The objective and reliable assessment results are evidence that adds to the current knowledge about student learning and serves as an important tool for improvement at the individual, school, school board and provincial levels. EQAO helps build capacity for the appropriate use of data by providing resources that educators, parents, policy-makers and others in the education community can use to improve learning and teaching.

Please avoid booking appointments; trips; etc during these 2 weeks of EQAO testing.

As a parent, you can help your child prepare for EQAO testing by logging into [www.EQAO.com](http://www.EQAO.com) and searching under the Parent Resources section. Being involved at home is a proven way to help ensure that your child is engaged in their learning!

## Eco Club News

In February, Eco club hosted a Waste Reduction Assembly. Eco club members put on skits informing students about how to sort and dispose of garbage as well as how long various types of garbage take to decompose.



Following the assembly, we started taking pictures of students with litterless lunches and displayed them in our Litterless Lunch Hall of Fame in the foyer. 80 Students who stay for lunch have their picture on the wall. Well done Kimberley/Beaches! By bringing in a litterless lunch, you really help to reduce how much garbage is being produced. Keep up the great work! Try to bring a litterless lunch every day.

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, Kimberley/Beaches held our annual Earth Hour to show our support for our planet. Eco club members hosted an assembly to remind students of the importance of saving electricity. What an “energizing” assembly. Thanks Ecoclub! Other classes wanted to inform our local community about Earth Hour and decided to walk around the neighbourhood with posters reminding local residents to participate in International Earth Hour on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Way to go!

## New Vegetable Garden

This spring, watch for a new garden to emerge at the front of our school. All students will be invited to help in planting and growing a vegetable/herb garden. Throughout the spring months, students will have an opportunity to learn how to grow their own vegetables and hopefully sample some very unusual heirloom varieties (seeds provided by Cubits Organics). **If you are available to help water/tend to the garden during a week in the summer, please contact Susanna Vree at [susanna.vree@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:susanna.vree@tdsb.on.ca) or 416-393-1450.** No gardening experience necessary and all tools/equipment will be provided.

## EARTH WEEK



Starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kimberley/Beaches will be celebrating Earth Week. Each day we will show our support with a little friendly competition.

Students will be asked to wear a specific colour to show their support. The class who wears each colour the most will get to keep the Kimberley/Beaches Cup (made out of recycled material) in their room for the day. Following is a list of Earth Week events and day specific colours:

Tuesday, April 22nd: Earth Day – Green! Annual used book exchange in foyer. **If you have any children’s books that are no longer being read, please consider donating them** to our school book exchange so that every child has a chance to take home a new book (for them). Drop offs can be made any time in the school foyer.

Wednesday, April 23rd: Clean Air Day – White! Walk to school day. Please make every effort to have your child walk, bike or skateboard to school on this day.

Thursday, April 24th: Clean Water Day – Blue! Litterless lunch picnic outside followed by a yard clean up.

Friday, April 25th: Clean Soil Day – Red! Taking our classrooms outside. Teachers will be invited to take their classes outside for some outdoor teaching.

So starting April 22<sup>nd</sup>, let’s show the planet we care by showing our colours!



## Morning Announcers ...our students' voice



We all really enjoy having the responsibility of being a student announcer, and sharing news with the school. "We all have to remember to be at school first thing in the morning and when it's time to say your line, it feels like everyone in the school is watching you."- Emmett. It's always a challenge to see who gets the first announcement; but our strongest readers are there to help. As always with responsibility there are challenges, "sometimes when Ms. Hanson asks us to do a favour, our friends try to convince us not to. We both make sure that we are focused and prepared for anything!" – Sofia and Emma. Most of us are pretty scared to stumble on a word or stop Oh Canada too early? "Everyone else looks so calm, if they're not nervous then why should I be?"- Morgan. If there's a holiday or break, two people have to say the birthdays and that's always a struggle for us. Students have wonderful names but they can be a little hard to pronounce; with a little bit of asking for help and practising... we're good to go! "We really like it when everybody listens to us and when we get to say an announcement."- Travis and Eric. We're proud to be the voice of K/B; we hope to inspire all of the primary students too. "I met two girls Emma and Sofia, who I can look up to. If they are confident about doing announcements, then maybe in a few months I'll be just like them."- Morgan.

## Greenhouse Trip



The Beaches Grade 5/6 class visited a greenhouse as part of their structures unit for science. The class examined structures that can be found in nature that make plants

strong. They examined leaves, stems, branches and roots in order to see how plants stay stable in extreme climate situations. From the greenhouse, the students moved to a computer lab where they applied their finding in nature



order to design a bridge that could be used by people.



## Day of Pink - April 9<sup>th</sup>

The Toronto District School Board is encouraging students and staff to take part in the international Day of Pink to combat bullying.



*"Show your support against bullying and for tolerance,"*

At Kimberley and Beaches we certainly hope to have strong participation and show that we care. Wearing something pink on the second Wednesday of April has been an annual event that started when students from Nova Scotia witnessed a gay student wearing a pink shirt being bullied at their school. His fellow students decided to stand up to bullying; and hundreds of students came to school wearing pink to show support for diversity and stopping discrimination, gender-bullying and homophobia. We invite everyone (schools, businesses and community organizations) to make a difference and participate.

The goal of DayofPink.org is to bring this message across the world, through an international day of action that anyone can take part in. We encourage groups to not only wear pink in support of diversity, but to also hold events and activities that will engage their community and challenge gender stereotypes.

We Count on our school community to wear pink on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Scholastic Book Fair



**Mon. April 7 3:30 – 4:30**  
**Tues. April 8 8:30 – 4:30**  
**Wed. April 9 8:30 – 6:00**  
**Thur. April 10 8:30 – 4:30**

Back by popular demand! You are invited to stop by and purchase the latest and greatest in children's books. This is a great opportunity to get books for Spring and Summer reading while helping the school obtain new resources.

You will find hundreds of quality books with a wide variety of titles for all reading levels. *Parents, while you're at the fair enter our Family Event Draw to win \$50 worth of books \$25 for your family and \$25 for your child's classroom.* The draw will be held on Thursday morning.

I look forward to seeing you at our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this very important fundraiser. Mostly, thank you for believing in books and the importance reading has for your child's future.

Sincerely,

**M. GlynWilliams**

**\*If you are able to volunteer please let me know ☺\***

**Kimberley**

**School Council News**

## Spirit Wear On Sale This Month!



Hello Kimberley Parents!!! We are really excited to announce that our new "Spirit Wear" will be available for purchase next month. The

students have decided on a new team mascot... The Cougars!! The Spirit Wear was a real hit last year, and this year will be even better as the new logo, as shown below, will be part of the design. Make sure to place your order early, these cool t-shirts, hoodies, sweat pants and shorts will sell out fast.

## Snack Program Fundraising

We are excited to offer you the opportunity to contribute to the Snack Program -- a letter will be going out in the next week. This will be our last round of fundraising for the year and we are hoping to be able to offer snack until the end of the year. We were super excited when you contributed \$3500.00 in our January round - YEAH Parents!!! As you know, we are busy preparing and giving out fruit and vegetables during the morning recess to our kindergarten to grade 6 students in Kimberley and Beaches. We have ten hard working volunteers and your kids are still eating 13 cases of produce a week. Wow!! This produce averages around \$350 a week and we receive the produce at wholesale from Courage Foods. Remember, we couldn't offer this program without you!



*Thank you to our partner, Courage Foods Ltd., located at 946 Kingston Rd. Toronto, ON, is a specialty food store. From fresh local produce to fresh baked goods, both sweet and savoury, all the way to daily prepared foods. A unique food store with a warm and friendly atmosphere.*

## Valentine's Day Dance-A-Thon

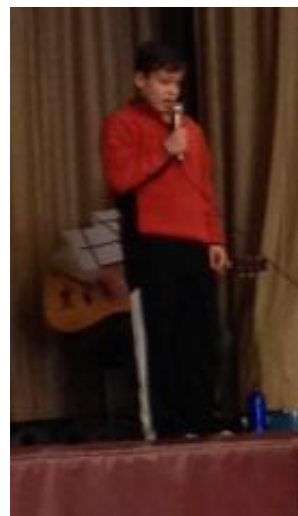
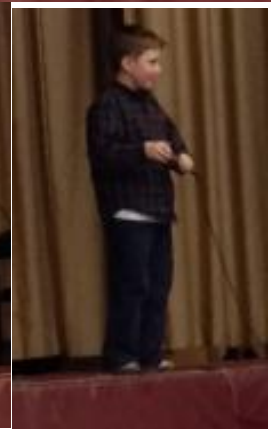
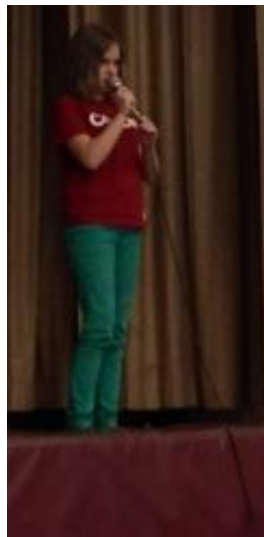
Thank you to all of the parents and students who participated and raised funds for our school at this year's Dance-a-thon. Thanks as well to Ms. Mummery for all her help to organize this event and for providing some great tunes! This year we raised over \$2,500!!! These funds will be used for school enhancements such as: Scientists in the School, Skating Days, Visiting Artists, and Technology Needs.



## Talent Show!

By: Sofia and Emma Rm.207

Kimberly and Beaches had their annual talent show! More than 30 students from grades one to six participated in auditions. The students who got through practiced very hard. On Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, they performed in front of the whole school, and many of them were alone, which is hard to do. Some of the acts included dance, singing, comedy, music and. They all worked very hard and we hope to see them and other students at auditions next year!

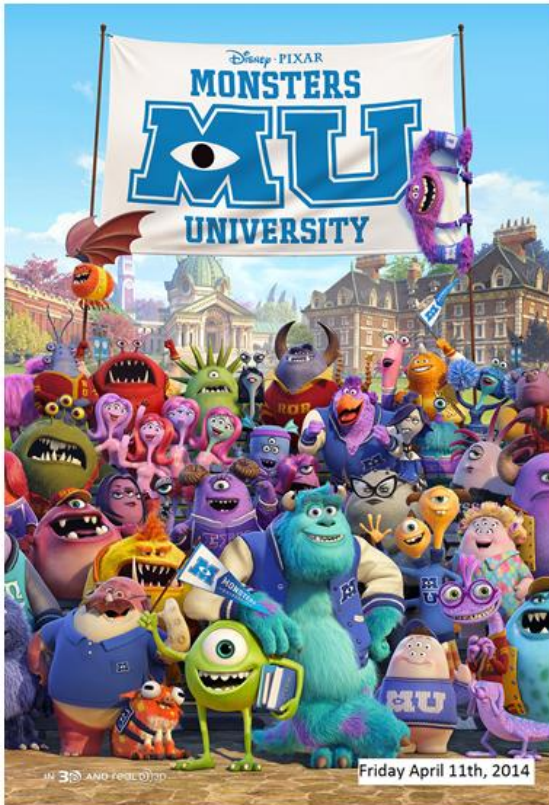


## Character Development Attributes

### April: Co-Operation

#### Dates To Remember

Performance: Rumpelstiltskin	Wednesday, April 9
International Day of Pink	Wednesday, April 9
Scholastic Book Fair	Mon. April 7-Fri. April 10
Movie Night	Friday, April 11
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 18
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 21
Earth Week	Tues. April 22 – Fri. April 25
Earth Day / Book Exchange	Tuesday, April 22
School Picnic and Clean-up	Thursday, April 24
BAS General Meeting	Thursday, April 24
Kimberley Parent Council	Monday, April 28
BAS Family Day	Wednesday, April 30
Kimberly Spring Concert	Wednesday, May 7
BAS Spring Concert	Thursday May 8
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 19
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 6
Last Day of School	Friday, June 27



### Join us for Family Movie Night at Kimberley Public School

Organized by the Kimberley Public School Parent Council

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open at 6pm

Movie Starts at 6:30

This Month's Movie: Monsters University!

Located at 50 Swanwick Ave, in the Gym

Bring something soft to sit on, your favorite stuffed animal,  
and wear your PJ's if you wish.

Pizza, Juice & Popcorn will be available to purchase

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

This is a Free event, but we are taking donations of non-perishable food items  
to benefit the Daily Bread Food Bank.