



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

***May 2014***

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## ***PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:***

It is hard to believe how fast the school year is going by. Although there are just over eight weeks until the summer holidays, there is still much teaching and learning to be done. Please encourage your child to continue to participate fully to achieve his or her best through the final part of the school year.

The weeks ahead promise to be very busy for all of us, staff, students and parents. We are getting ready for sports events; spring concerts; fundraising initiatives and graduation, as well as maintaining a rich learning environment for all students.

We are now in the process of finalizing our teaching staff for the next school year. I will inform you of the teaching assignments for 2014-2015 in June.



## ***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!

## Choir News



On Monday, March 31st, the Kimberley/Beaches choir participated in the TDSB Choral Festival. Our choir, made up of 56 students from Grades 3 to 6, performed two songs. One was a set piece that all of the participating choirs sang, called "Child of the Universe". Our second piece was "Obwisana", a song from Ghana. The choir sang and conducted themselves in a way that made their directors, Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Cullen, very proud! The adjudicator, Dr. Caron Daley, had many positive things to say about our wonderful choir! She wrote, *"Congratulations on a very energetic and committed performance! The choristers are engaged and confident. My sense is that this group would be ready for the two-part work in "Obwisana". I like the rhythmic precision and attention to detail - well prepared!"* Dr. Daley also worked with the choir for a few minutes after our performance and we learned a lot in a short time!

Our time singing together wraps up in May, but we have some performing and partying to do first! On Monday, May 5th, we have our annual Choir Picnic on the front lawn of the school; we'll spread out our beach towels, enjoy some sun, and maybe even do some singing! That afternoon, we head off to Main Street Terrace to sing for our neighbours. We have been singing and visiting in the seniors' residence for years and it is one of our favourite events on the choir calendar! On Wednesday and Thursday of that week, we have two school performances; the whole choir will be performing at the Kimberley Spring Concert on May 7th, then the Beaches Concert on May 8th.

Mrs. Comeau and Mrs. Cullen would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our members who have been so committed, and have met every Tuesday at lunch all year. Your singing is a joy to hear, and we hope to welcome you back next year. We want to wish our departing Grade 6 members good luck next year; keep on singing!

## Rm. 205

Grade 3 and 4 students spent 2 weeks creating their own board games, complete with written instructions. First, they looked at the features of different types of board games and studied the instructions. Then, using this information, and what they learned about probability and procedural writing, they designed their own board. After the board was drawn and coloured, they wrote out a complete set of instructions for their game. Finally, they spent the afternoon taking turns in groups playing each other's games – it was a lot of fun for everyone!



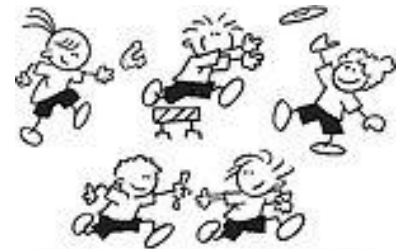
## Track & Field and Houseleague Update

1) *Kimberley & Beaches Track and Field Day - Thursday May 1st*

*a.m. Grade 1-6 running events*

*p.m. Grade 4-6 field events*

Please make sure your child has proper running shoes and clothing, as well as a water bottle, hat and sunscreen for this



event. In case of rain, the event will be held on Friday May 2nd.

This event will determine the Grade 2-6 Track and Field Team which will travel to Birchmount Stadium on May 20th to compete against other schools in our area.

2) The soccer and hockey houseleagues have finished up for the season. It was great to see so many students involved in playing and refereeing. Soon scholockey will return to the pavement before school and we will have a juggling stick club practicing their skills at recesses.

## Lessons From The Day of Pink



- Don't say mean words to people. - Jake Rm. 204
- Be who you want to be – Avani Rm. 204
- No excluding. – Bennett Rm. 206
- Don't laugh at people. – Charlie Rm. 206
- Be a buddy not a bully. – Madison Rm. 210
- What you wear is not who you are.  
– Julio Rm. 210
- It's Good to be different. – Larissa Rm. 208
- Everyone can love and we should respect that.  
– Jill Rm. 207
- Let people express who they are.  
– Jevon Rm. 207
- Always lend a hand no matter what gender or skin colour. – Lyra Rm. 207
- People shouldn't judge you for what you are Wearing. – Zara Rm. 208
- Stand up for people being bullied.  
– Andre Rm. 204
- Bullying is mean. – Addison Rm. 206
- Be nice to people. – William Rm. 206
- You are who you are. – Connor Rm. 210
- Pink is swag no matter what gender. – Robyn Rm. 210
- If you're gay that doesn't mean you're different.  
– Cole Rm. 210



### Spirit Wear On Sale This Month!

Hello Kimberley Parents!!! We are really excited to announce that our new "Spirit Wear" is now available for purchase. The students have decided on a new team name...



The Cougars!! The Spirit Wear was a real hit last year, and this year will be even better as the new logo, as shown, 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!!

**- Samples will be available in the foyer before and after school.**

**- Online sales only**

**- Go to [on.milkinschool.ca](http://on.milkinschool.ca)**

**- Register your child if you are not already registered**

**- Got to "Place an Order" then click on the "Supplies" tab to get to the Spirit Wear order page**

**- Credit Card payment only**

**- Sales are open now until Sunday May 11th.**

### Upcoming Event

### Family Fun Night and Silent Auction



SAVE the DATE - Thursday, June 12th, 2014!

Planning is underway for this year's Family Fun Night. If you are interested in helping out with the planning committee or would like to donate an item for the silent auction please contact Lisa Lemon at [lisaflemon@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaflemon@hotmail.com).

You don't want to miss out on this end of the year Kimberley tradition. Expect all of the usual food, and fun with some added surprises.

### Kimberley PS & BAS Healthy Snack Program Fundraising

We are pleased to announce that thanks to your generous contributions, so far, our Final Round of Fundraising has raised \$1500!!

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.*

### Family Movie Night ~ Monster's University

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Family Movie Night! In April, we showed Monsters University. We had another



great turn out for this event and everyone had a blast! A big shout out goes to all the parent volunteers, and to those who helped to clean up after the event. Movie nights have been a great community building event this year, and we plan on hosting many more next year. Watch for September's newsletter for our Movie Night to kick off the new school year!



## Kimberley/Beaches Prologue Group

The Prologue group is awesome! It is so awesome because we got to go to the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People to see a bunch of cool previews of plays and we got free food and drinks! Some of the plays were really funny and made everyone in the audience laugh! After the preview, we were given a catalogue with a bunch of plays. The 11 students in the Prologue group got to pick two to three plays that we wanted to come to our school. We had to choose plays for all grades from Kindergarten to Grade 6, and we had a budget we had to stick to. If you're in the Prologue group, when the play comes to your school you get to talk to the performers and that is a really good experience. The performers are really nice and if you want you can bring them water and food. If they want help with un-packing their stuff you can un-pack it with them and you get to see all the cool props that they bring with them. Make sure to join the Prologue group next year if you're interested; you will have a lot of fun!

*The Prologue Group would like to thank the Kimberley and Beaches Parent Council for donating all of the funds and making these amazing performances possible.*

## Rumpelstiltskin by the Nearly World Famous Dufflebag Theatre!



**These are favourite parts from some kids in our school!**

*"My favourite part was when Rumpelstiltskin fell out of the window!"*

Maya, Gr. 2

*"My favourite part was when Rumpelstiltskin said he licked 209's and 102's desks!"* Jill, GR.6.

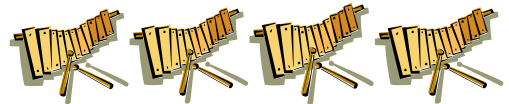


*"My favourite part was when the queen slammed the door in the narrator's face."* Misa, Gr.2.

Article by Praveen, Caitlin (Rm. 207) and Matthew (Rm. 209)

## Volunteers needed to work on the Mental Health Awareness Committee

Kimberley P.S. is looking for parent volunteers to work on a committee to promote Mental Health Awareness. Please contact Ms. Hanson if you are interested in participating in this committee.



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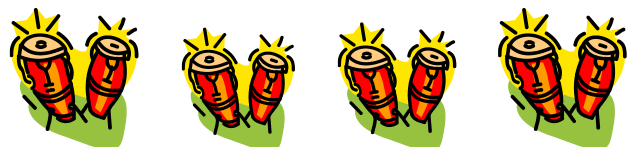
*Spring Concert*

*& Bake Sale*

**Thursday, May 8, 6:30pm**  
*Kindergarten to Grade 6 performing*

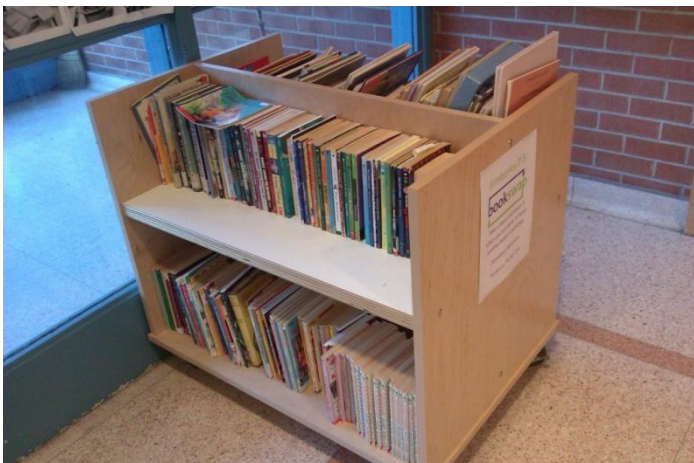


**\*Skill Swap Winners will be Announced\***



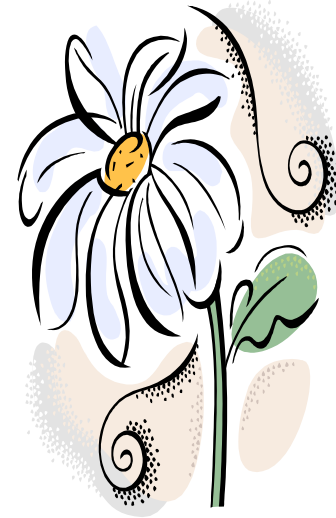
## Earth Week News

What an amazing week of Earth Week activities. To kick off our Earth Week Ecoclub held a Used Book Exchange where every child got to pick out a new book. Thank you so much to everyone who brought in books! Each child had a smile on their face as they left with that perfect book. A big thank you also goes out to the Jones family for the donation of a Book Swap on wheels that will be permanently housed in our foyer. Please feel free to pick up a book to bring home and bring it back when you are finished with it. Thank you Jones family for this amazing mini library! Our Earth Week continued with a walk-to-school day as well as a litterless lunch picnic outside followed by a yard clean up. Ecoclub did a fantastic job at raising money for our new vegetable garden by selling lemonade and baked goods. Thank you to all of those who participated in our Earth Week activities and showed their support for the planet by wearing our theme day colours.



## Kimberley Spring Concert & Bake Sale

Wednesday, May 7  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



*Grades 1 to 6 performing*

*Hope to see you there!*



## Character Development Attributes

### May: Integrity

#### Dates To Remember

K&B School Track and Field Day	Thursday, May 1
Kimberly Spring Concert	Wednesday, May 7
BAS Spring Concert	Thursday May 8
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 19
Track & Field Area Meet	Tuesday, May 20
Kimberley Parent Council	Monday, May 26
B.A.S. General Meeting	Tuesday, May 27
Track & Field Area Finals	Tuesday, May 27
EQAO Grades 3 and 6	May 26- 30
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 6
Track and Field City Finals	Tuesday, June 10
Kimberley Family Fun Night	Thursday, June 12
Kimberley Grade 6 Graduation	Wednesday, June 25
Beaches Grade 6 Graduation	Thursday, June 26
Last Day of School	Friday, June 27



#### Teaching Our Children About Personal Space and Safety Tips

The early years of our children's school careers are exciting times for exploration, socializing and acquiring new skills. As our children learn to interact with their peers and new adults, they also have an opportunity to learn about themselves. The skill of respecting and understanding one's personal space and boundaries is something that children learn at school and at home.

Parents/Guardians and Caregivers of children age 3 to 6  
Please join us for an engaging and interactive evening

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:30P.M.**

**KIMBERLEY JR. P.S. AND BEACHES ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

In this workshop, Gaela Mintz, TDSB Social Worker with the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Office, will talk about how parents/guardians can teach children about boundaries and how schools strive to teach children about personal safety.



#### News from East Toronto Village Children's Center

The Child care Centre will be having an Open House/Carnival with lots of fun activities.

Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

@ 43 Kimberley Ave.

*East Toronto Village Children's Centre is a licenced non-profit child care centre that has been serving our community for 30 years.*

