



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

September was a very busy month at Kimberley/BAS.

Our walls are starting to show our students hard work. It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our first month of school.



Students quickly got involved in classroom activities, as well as in the many extra-curricular opportunities offered by our staff. Thank you to all who attended our Curriculum Night and class meetings. We value the home-school partnership and we encourage ongoing communication. Please don't hesitate to contact your child / children's teacher or the administration with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have throughout the school year. It is our belief that the most effective schools are those who have active partnerships with parents in the education of their children.



Be involved – volunteer, support your school council and attend school events. We hope to see you often throughout the school year.

Our website is up and running! You are able to read our monthly newsletter online, or print your own copies. We invite you to visit it at:

Beaches Alternative P.S.:

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

Kimberley Jr. P.S.:

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It is our hope to have most of our parents elect to read it online instead of receiving the monthly paper-copy. We all know that less paper copies contribute to an environmentally friendly school.

Please note: starting next month paper copies of our monthly newsletter will be sent home only to families who request it. Please return the completed form attached to this newsletter if you wish to continue receiving the paper copies

Head Lice

Each year, in schools and daycares, we deal with the persistent problem of head lice. At Kimberley and BAS we make an effort to schedule school-wide lice checks. We also ask parents to make the effort to check your child's head on a weekly basis. If you need more information and/or alternative treatments please visit the Public Health website (below) or contact Health Connection at (416) 338 7600.

http://www.toronto.ca/health/hl_index.htm

Gardening Club

A huge thank you goes out to those volunteers who tirelessly watered and tended to our many gardens over the summer. The



gardens on the Main Street side of the school as well as the rock garden in the back playground look incredibly beautiful. The vegetable garden is thriving and producing lots of beans and tomatoes for our healthy snack program. It's thanks to these volunteers that everything survived the drought this summer and is looking green and lush. Our volunteers this summer included: Michele Carlyle, Denisse Shelston, Veronica Dooley, Tsugumi Kanno, Kathy Clutterbuck, Doug Kilgore, Jenn Tinker, Shannon Boecker, Stephanie Davies, Erin Green, Darlene Young, Tracy Ennis, Cotee, Vilko Zbogor, Magdalena Sodzawiczny, Jean Feng, and Victoria Morwick.

Please consider volunteering to help with our gardens. Our next garden Weed-a-Thon will be October 30th at 10:00am. Meet at the front of the school with a rake, gardening gloves and a trowel. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Susie Vree at susanna.vree@tdsb.on.ca



Cross Country

We have just over 75 students running in our Primary and Junior Cross Country programs.

Some are running for fitness, while others are training to compete at the Area Finals at Ashbridges Bay on October 6th. Thanks to all the parents who have come out to cheer, or run with the group. We really appreciate the support. And thanks to the coaches who have worked with the students these first few weeks of September.

Terry Fox School Run

On Thursday, both Kimberley and Beaches participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk. We began the day with the Kindergarten students, who ran laps on the field. They were helped by staff, parents and the students in Room 203 and 209. Later that day, the primary students and staff ran or walked around the perimeter of the back field, while the junior students ran the block. Many of our students did not stop running! What a tremendous day!!! Our goal is to raise \$5000. We have reached this goal in

the past, and are sure we can do it again. Sponsor forms are due by Thursday October 6th!!! Let's do it for Terry and for cancer research.



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.

Hallowe'en Walk Around the Block



Our annual *Walk Around the Block* Hallowe'en event will take place on Friday, October 31st at 1:00 p.m. It is a great way to show some fall excitement to our community neighbours. It is also a fun tradition at our schools and it is usually followed by individual class parties at Kimberley and a school-wide event for BAS. With the many extra treats available, **please remember to send in only nut-free items with your children.**

Police Check for Parent Volunteers

We value and appreciate the time and dedication that our parent volunteers have to offer. Thank you for your contributions to our learning community!

Volunteers are required by the TDSB to complete a Police Reference Check. Police Reference Check forms are available in the school office.

Once a reference check has been cleared, your name will be entered into the TDSB Volunteer Data Base. Once cleared, volunteers only need to complete an annual Offence Declaration in order to update their police check status. This is a simple process which is done at the school. It is not a new police reference check and there is no cost. Please see Ms. Logan or Tessa in the office if you have any questions regarding the police check process.

EQAO

Individual EQAO results for students currently in Gr. 4 have been sent home.



Every year we analyze our EQAO results and use them to guide our instruction improvement plans. This is a whole school approach that is not limited to grades 3 and 6. It is our goal to continue striving for academic excellence.

Scholastic Book Fair Update

From... M. GlynWilliams (Librarian)

Thanks to everyone who came and supported this amazing fundraiser. With your help we had a very successful book fair! With the proceeds we are able to purchase new books for the library and provide new resources for the school.

A very special thank you to the student volunteers, your dedication and support helped the book fair run so smoothly.

I hope you are all finding time to read your new books and look forward to seeing everyone again at our next book fair in the spring.



Character Development Attributes

October: Responsibility

Dates To Remember

Cross Country Area Finals	Thursday, October 6
P A Day (No School)	Friday, October 7
Thanksgiving (No School)	Monday, October 10
School Council Meeting (Kimberley)	Monday, October 17
Picture Day - Retakes & Siblings	Thursday, October 27
BAS General Meeting	Thursday, October 27
BAS Halloween Party	Friday, October 28
Halloween Parade	Monday, October 31
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 11
P A Day (No School)	Friday, November 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 2
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 26 - Friday, January 6
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 17
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 20
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 13 - Friday March 17
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 17
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 22
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 9
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 29



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Our monthly newsletter will be posted online at the start of each month. If you wish to continue receiving paper copies, please let us know by completing the form below and submitting it to the office.



We would like to **continue receiving paper copies** of the monthly newsletter

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____