



<u> April 2018</u>

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Principal's message: 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 our exciting 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.

With the warmer weather, we ask parents to make arrangements to drop off and pick up their children outside, preferably at the back of the school or Kindergarten yard. All parents are asked to report to the main office when entering the school during school hours.

Planning for September 2018

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)

Community Centre 55 provides third party Before & After care in the school for FDK's and School Age (grade 1-6) children following the TDSB schedule.

For more information please contact Sarah Allen directly at:

sarah@centre55.com or <u>416-691-1113 x 231</u>

EQAO...planning ahead...

This year our Grade 3 and 6 students are scheduled to complete EQAO testing from May 22nd to June 4th. EQAO provides us with meaningful data by measuring our students' achievement in reading, writing and math 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 <u>www.EQAO.com</u> 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!

International Day of Pink

On April 11 we celebrate The International Day of Pink. A day of action, born when a youth in a high school in Cambridge, Nova Scotia was bullied because he wore a pink shirt to 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-based bullying, homophobia and transphobia.

The International Day of Pink is more than just a symbol of a shared belief in celebrating diversity - it's also a commitment to being open minded, to being understanding of differences and to learning to respect each other. At Kimberley and Beaches we certainly hope to have strong participation and show that we care.

We count on our school community to wear pink on April 11.

Please Join Us In Supporting Day of Pink

Kimberley/Beaches along with many other schools in the TDSB will be supporting this very important movement.



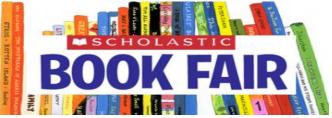
Our students and staff will be wearing pink in support of diversity, and will be participating in events and activities that will engage our community to challenge gender stereotypes.

Please join us in the school yard on April 11 at 1:00 for our schoolwide celebration as we gather to join our messages of anti-bullying and support for differences.

You can read and/or download our monthly newsletter: Beaches Alternative P.S. -<u>http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/beachesalternative</u> Kimberley Jr. P.S. -<u>http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/kimberley</u>

<u>Scholastic Book Fair</u>

For Kimberley & Beaches!



Tue. Apr. 24 3:30 – 5:00 Wed. Apr. 25 8:30 – 5:00 Thur. Apr. 26 8:30 – 6:00 Fri. Apr. 27 8:30 – 4:30

We look forward to seeing you at our Scholastic Book Fair and thank you in advance for supporting this very important fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books for your spring and summer reading, while helping the school obtain new resources Sincerely,

M. GlynWilliams Teacher-Librarian



Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at <u>www.kimberleysc.com</u> for school and event updates. On our web site you'll see:

- Information on what the School Council's role is and how we can help you
- Information on fund raising efforts, what are we raising money for and how

Next meeting is Monday, April 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the school library. Free child care for school age children is available.

If you have any questions to ask; issues to raise; or you would like to volunteer for any upcoming events please email us at <u>kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com</u> (of course also feel free to come up and introduce yourself if you see us at school).



Don't forget to sign up to receive regular email notification and announcements.



Parents' Night Out!

4th Annual Kimberley/Beaches Fundraiser

FRIDAY APRIL 27th, 2018

7:30 pm at The Balmy Beach Club

360 Lake Front (foot of Beech Ave.)

MUSIC Dancing with DJ Mike silent Auction Lucky Draw ;)

Tickets \$25

SUPPORT OUR KIDS and HAVE SOME FUN!

To Buy Tickets, Contact:

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Beaches Lynelle Forscutt lynelleandmarien@yahoo.com

All welcome but ya gotta be 19!!!



Earth Week

Starting Monday, April 16th, 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 materials) in their room for the day. Following is a list of Earth Week events and day specific colours:

<u>Monday, April 16th</u>: Clean Air Day - <u>White</u>! Walk to school day. Please make every effort to have your child walk, bike or skateboard to school on this day. When we walk instead of drive, we help reduce air pollution.

<u>Tuesday, April 17th</u>: Plant a Garden Day -<u>Brown</u>! Ecoclub will be going to each class and helping each student to plant a vegetable seed to take home. The more we grow our own food the less we depend on vehicles to transport our food.

<u>Wednesday, April 18th</u>: Kimberley/Beaches Earth Day - <u>Green!</u> Outdoor litterless lunch picnic, with lemonade stand and bake sale, followed by a yard clean up. Please bring your own cup and money to purchase lemonade and baked goods in support of our gardening initiatives.

<u>Thursday, April 19th</u>: Save a Tree Day - <u>Black</u>! Our annual used book exchange will take place. Every child will be able to take home a used

book that is new to them. By exchanging books we save trees from being cut down.

<u>Friday, April 20th</u>: Clean Water Day - <u>Blue</u>! To finish up our Earth Week we will be wearing blue to remind us not to waste water and to keep our water clean.

Donations are needed for Earth Week to be a success. Please drop off used books in the boxes in the foyer outside of the gym starting the first week in April. Also, donations of baked goods can be dropped off on the large table in the foyer on April 18th for our annual bake sale. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Dates To Remember

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| Easter Monday (Holiday) | Monday, April 2 |
| Day of Pink | Wednesday April 11 |
| Earth Week | April 16-20 |
| Scholastic Book Fair | April 23-26 |
| BAS General Meeting | Wednesday April 25 |
| Gr.4-6 School Track Day | Wednesday April 25 |
| Prologue Performance | Thursday April 26 |
| Parents Night Out! | Friday April 27 |
| KPS Parent Council | Monday April 30 |
| Kimberley Jr. Concert | Tuesday, May 8 |
| BAS Opera | Thursday, May 10 |
| Victoria Day (Holiday) | Monday, May 21 |
| EQAO Gr. 3 & 6 | May 22 - June 1 |
| Pizza Lunch | Wednesday, May 30 |
| BAS General Meeting | Thursday, May 31 |
| P A Day (No School) | Friday, June 8 |
| BAS Gr. 6 Graduation | Monday, June 25 |
| Kimberley Gr. 6 Graduation | Wednesday, June 27 |
| Last Day of School | Thursday, June 28 |
| Chargester Development Attributes | |

<u>Character Development Attributes</u> <u>April- Co-operation</u>



