



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

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

Fall is definitely here as we witness trees shedding their leaves in response to cooler/shorter days. At school, Fall is a busy season as students and staff have settled into their new classrooms and are now half way through the first term of the academic year.

## **Progress Reports**

Parents play a key role in the success of our students. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming **parent-teacher interviews**. Progress report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, November 13. Here are some questions and tips that you may find useful for the interview.

## **Great Questions to Ask At Parent-Teacher Interviews**

- ▶ What skills does my child need to work on?
- ▶ What activities can we do at home to strengthen those skills?
- ▶ Does my child complete his/her work and assignments efficiently and conscientiously?
- ▶ Is my child facing any struggles in class not related to her/his schoolwork?

## **Interview Tips**

- ☺ Talk to your child about school before the interview. Ask how they think they are doing and how the teacher can help them meet their goals.
- ☺ Make a list of what you want to know before you go into the interview. Knowing what you want to know and writing it down ensures that you don't

forget anything, and that you get the information you need.

☺ Be open and honest; feel free to add your own observations around your child's behaviour, strengths and weaknesses.

☺ Find out what they're learning. Ask curriculum questions, find out what your child has learned and what is coming up in the term ahead. Know the skills your child will need to be successful in the term ahead (i.e. knowing how to multiply and divide fractions).

☺ Ask if your child is completing his/her homework regularly, how long the work assigned should take to complete. The answers to these questions will help you better monitor your child's work habits.

☺ Ask what you can do at home to help your child. Make a commitment to support your child's learning.

## **Attention Kimberley Parents – Regarding Police Checks for Volunteering:**

We have been contacted by our PRC Office (Police Reference Check) to update our list and in doing so we noticed that there were a number of issues. Please ensure that your police check is in good standing and current to the school year as they expire annually. A yearly declaration is needed in order to keep your status clear and active. If you have any questions regarding your PRC status, please contact Ms. Logan at the Kimberley Office.

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.:**

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

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.

***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.

### **Grant From Desjardins**

With a grant proposal to the local Desjardins Insurance office, our school has received a set of Dash coding robots and curriculum guides. The Primary classes will be using these digital devices, along with the Blockly iPad app, to explore math concepts in linear measurement and geometry, as well as coding conventions in Media Literacy classes.



### **Orange Shirt Day**



On Friday, September 28, the Kimberley/Beaches Alternative students, staff, and community observed Orange Shirt Day. The sea of orange shirts visible in the playground at recess was a powerful thing to observe. Classes individually discussed issues and investigated resources around Canada's residential school system. We all came together in the afternoon to honour and remember those who suffered through residential schools and those who were lost. It was a solemn occasion and the students all demonstrated incredible respect. We watched a reading of the book, "Shi-shi-etko", and had quiet time to reflect on the meaning of Orange Shirt Day. It was a very powerful and important day for all of us.





## KJPS School Council

Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at [www.kimberleysc.com](http://www.kimberleysc.com) for school and event updates. On our website 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, November 26, 2018; 6:30PM 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 [kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com) (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.

### Mark your calendars!



- Kimberley Kindergarten Winter Concert - Wednesday, December 5th
- Kimberley Junior Winter Concert – Tuesday, December 11th
- Beaches Winter Feast – Thursday, December 13th

More information to come!  
We look forward to seeing the Kimberley Primary students perform at the Spring Concert.

Ms. Laforet

## Pumpkin Carving and Chili Night



On October 26th the Kimberley School Council hosted the annual Pumpkin Carving and Chili Night. It was a great success with over 80 bowls of chili being served and 60 pumpkins being carved up. Apple bobbing was especially popular, most kids sporting

slightly wet tops or hair in the name of retrieving an apple with some caramel sauce. Thank you to dad/chef Jeff for the fantastic chili and dad Mike Spaulding who donated his own chili, which was enjoyed by many! Also a huge thanks to all the volunteers who turned out, we could not have had this event without your efforts! The winning pumpkin carver numbers are as follows: 6609553, 5108874, 6608992. Please email [jenn.tinker@outlook.com](mailto:jenn.tinker@outlook.com) to coordinate collecting your prize.



## WE Club



Looking for a holiday gift? We Club has exactly what you need!

This month the We Club will be selling Rafiki bracelets. Order forms will be sent home next week and will be due back by Friday November 23rd. The club has decided to donate money raised to India to help provide opportunity to women through training and supports that will increase their income generating skills.

Last month We Club organized a "We Scare Hunger" food drive. We were very successful in collecting many non-perishable food items that were donated to The Grace Pascoe Care Centre - Calvary Food Bank at Calvary Baptist Church. Thank you for your continued support!



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Kimberley/BAS students and staff will gather in the gym at 10:20 a.m. for our Remembrance Day ceremony. Classes will be doing short presentations and we will observe a moment of silence. Parents are welcome to join us for this event.

## Dates To Remember

Picture Day - Retakes & Siblings	Friday, November 2
Remembrance Day Assembly	Friday, November 9
Progress Reports go home	Tuesday November 13
P A Day (No School)	Friday, November 16
BAS General Meeting	Thursday, November 22
KPS Parent Council	Monday, November 26
Kimberley Kindergarten Concert	Wednesday, December 3
P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 7
Kimberley Junior Concert	Tuesday December 11
Beaches Winter Feast	Thursday December 13
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 24 - Friday, January 4
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 15
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 18
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 11 – Friday March 15
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 19
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 22
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 7
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 27



## Character Development Attributes

### November: Empathy

### Kimberley Parents!



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