



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

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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 their 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 spring concerts; fundraising initiatives; Island School overnight trip; EQAO and graduation, as well as maintaining a rich learning environment for all students.

I also take this opportunity to thank all parents and community volunteers for their support and hard work. Our volunteers have been very busy supporting sports events; Eco-School initiatives; tutoring; field trip supervision; Scientists in the School; Snack and many other enrichment opportunities for our students. We are fortunate to have such enthusiastic support from our community.



We are currently in the process of finalizing our teaching staff for the next school year. I will inform you of the teaching assignments for 2016-2017 in June.

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child or know of a child in the Kimberley district who was born in 2012, it is now time to register for Junior Kindergarten. Please contact the school at 416-393-1450 for more information.

EQAO



Students in grades 3 and 6 will be writing provincial assessments in Reading, Writing and Mathematics starting the last week of May. These tests come from the provincial Education Quality and Accountability Office and are administered by grade 3 and 6 teachers. This year, the assessments will take place from **Tuesday, May 25th to Wednesday, June 8th**. Once again, we remind parents that it is important that students attend school every day during the assessment. If possible, please try to arrange appointments outside of the testing period. We appreciate your cooperation.

As a parent, you can help your child prepare for EQAO testing by logging into 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!

Panoramic School Photo



On Wednesday, May 25th in the afternoon, we will be taking a panoramic photo of all our students and staff.

Cell Phones & Other Electronic Devices

At our last *Caring & Safe School Committee* meeting we discussed a number of recent concerns regarding students using their cell phones and other electronic devices in school. The following recommendations were made:



- Remind students (and their parents/guardians) that children must have their communication device turned off during the school day, as stated in our Code of Respect and Behaviour. This includes recesses and lunch.
- Amend the Code of Respect and Behaviour to state that all electronic devices must be powered off and out of sight during the entire school day.

We count on everyone's support in reinforcing the expectations. We will work closely with our students in encouraging them to be physically active during outdoor recesses.

Lost & Found



Please clearly label lunch boxes; coats; shoes and sweaters with your child's name and homeroom. Every month a huge number of clothing items end up in our Lost & Found. Unclaimed items are donated or disposed at the end of each month.

Clothing Drive



Thank you so much to Kimberley and Beaches for their generous clothing donations to support building a school, 'Hope Academy', for girls in Guatemala. The boys are allowed to go school so our foundation Work, Play, Love decided we would

build a private school to allow the girls from our orphanage and nearby villages to attend. All the clothing will be sold and proceeds given to the building of this school.



Beaches Alternative School

Spring Concert

*Kindergarten to Grade 6
performing*



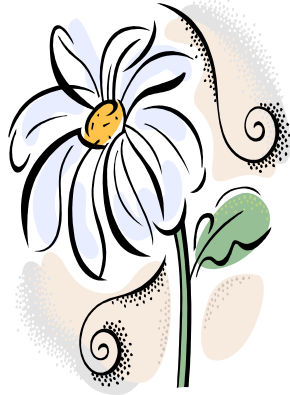
**Thursday, May 12,
6:30pm**



Kimberley Public School

(in the gym)

Come to our Spring Concert!



Wednesday, May 11

Grades 4 – 6 2:45 - 3:30

Grades 1 - 3 6:30 - 7:15



In The Gym



We have a new Scooter Board Hockey set to play with in the gym! Thank you Kimberley Parent Council for providing the funds to buy our awesome new Hockey set! Here's what some of the kids are saying about our new game:

- "You can be competitive but you don't get hurt! It's awesome!" –Tori Gr. 6
- "It is a great way to develop upper and lower body strength while having fun!" – Hazel Gr. 5
- "It's a lot of fun and makes your legs really sore." –Arion Gr. 6
- "I love how we push back to go fast!"— Maddison Gr. 2
- "I like it because we go zooming fast!" – Willow Gr. 3

In Health Class

We will be teaching the expectations from the "Human Development and Sexual Health" curriculum. These discussions will be age appropriate. This week a pamphlet will be going home with every child to let parents know about the topics being addressed.



Dates To Remember

School Track and Field Day	Fri. May 6
Kimberley Spring Concert	Wed. May 11
BAS Spring Concert	Thu. May 12
Kimberley Pizza Lunch	Fri. May 13
Island School BAS Gr.5/6	May 16-18
Island School Kimberley Gr.5/6	May 18-20
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Mon. May 23
Birchmount Track Meet Gr. 3-6	Tues. May 24
EQAO Grades 3 and 6	May 25-June 8
Kimberley School Council	Mon. May 30
Family Fun Fair	Thu. June 9
P A Day (No School)	Fri. June 10
BAS Grade 6 Graduation	Thu. June 23
Kimberley Grade 6 Graduation	Tue. June 28
Last Day of School	Wed. June 29



May's Character Attribute is Integrity

