

December 2019

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#### PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:

This is our last newsletter for the 2019 calendar year. It is hard to believe how fast the months are going by.

We look forward to this month's celebrations:

- **BAS Winter Feast**
- \* Kimberley Primary Concert
- ✤ Kimberley Kinder Concert

These events are wonderful ways to welcome the Holiday Season. We will also have our traditional gift raffle and food drive this month.



# Celebrate, relax and enjoy time with family and friends!

As we get ready to welcome a new calendar year, we wish you a wonderful holiday break. We also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the partnership between home and the school.

#### **Getting Ready for Winter Weather**



Each year, as winter approaches, we need to make sure our students are ready with the appropriate attire. All students need to have indoor shoes, (that

remain in the school) while boots are appropriate for outside.

Please label all items of clothing, including boots, because many students wear similar clothing and mix-ups do occur. Lost and found clothing is placed on the rack at the bottom of the east stairs, and it is easier to retrieve items that are labeled.

#### **Student Safety**

We remind all parents that student supervision starts at 8:30 am on the pavement at the back of the school. Students must arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 a.m., <u>not</u> before.

At the end of the school day, there is teacher supervision at the back of the school on the pavement under the canopy from 3:30 to 3:45 pm.



As winter approaches and the first part of our school year ends, we invite you to come celebrate and enjoy our students' musical achievements.

We hope you'll be able to attend!

### Beaches Winterfeast and Concert Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, Potluck at 6:00 concert at 7:00

Please arrive with your pot luck item by 5:30. Choir members meet in the library at 6:30



## Kimberley FDK Winter Concert Wednesday December 11th, 5:45 pm

Please drop off your child in their classroom no later than 5:30.

## Kimberley Winter Concert (Gr. 1, 2, 3)

## Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30

Rm. 201, 208, 209, and 210 will be performing. Rooms 203, 204, 205 and 206 will be performing at the Spring Concert.

\*For Kimberley Concert parents and guardians: Please bring your children to the school at approximately <u>6:10</u> so they can get settled in their classroom prior to going on stage for their performance. Choir members meet in the library at 6:00.

#### **Beaches/Kimberley Cafe**

Come and enjoy a tea/coffee with baked goods and celebrate decorating our Xmas tree Dec 5<sup>th</sup> this Thursday! 8:45am-10am, parents and staff welcome! Bring your own mugs and any baking See you there. -Lynelle

## Great-Games-and-Terrific-Toys Raffle!



It's almost time for our annual raffle to begin! The display case in the foyer will soon be filled with wonderful toys, games, books, art supplies, sports equipment and

other fun stuff donated by the teachers and staff members from both Kimberley and Beaches schools. The raffle will begin on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and continue until Tuesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Every class will be given a schedule, so please be sure to check which day is your child's day to buy tickets!



Tickets will cost 50 cents or 3 for \$1.00. The final draws will be made at our holiday assembly on Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

All the money raised from ticket sales will be given to

Centre 55's "Hamper" program. The money is used to help provide our neighbours with over a thousand holiday dinners, toys for children and teenagers, and even pet treats for animals belonging to housebound seniors. In the past, Beaches and Kimberley students have given generously and have made a significant contribution toward helping many families in our community have a happier holiday. That is a tradition we want to continue! See you at the Toy Raffle!

(Mrs. Cullen and Mr. GlynWilliams)

#### Annual Holiday Food Drive

The Grade Ones and Twos will be organizing the collection of non-perishable food items (rice and pasta, canned meats and beans, baby food) to be donated



to Centre 55. They will be donating their "Hampers" to families-in-need in our community. The goal is to have the entire school donating to the food drive. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated! Collection boxes will be located in the main foyer and donations can be placed there at any time, from December 10<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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

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

Once a week, the Kimberley Jr Public School Council sends out information about all School Council supported events, initiatives and school news.

To receive their emails, you must visit the website, and sign-up to join their email list.

You can access the sign up link at: <u>http://www.kimberleysc.com/</u>

#### Next meeting is Monday, January 27, 2020; 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 <u>kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com</u> (of course also feel free to come up and introduce yourself if you see us at school).

#### Kimberley Media & Drama

Grades 1 to 6 are well into creating dramatic scenarios that are being shaped and directed by the students. They are working with others to plan their dramas, and find solutions to problems together. Students are using various media platforms to record and present their work, such as Popplets and mind maps, Keynote presentations, and Google Docs. In Kindergarten, we have continued our exploration of Fiction and Non-Fiction. Using PebbleGo, Bookflix, and various ebook sites, classes are engaging in rich discussions about facts versus fiction. The students are also using interactive media tools to develop skills with letters, numbers, and guided reading.

#### **Rm 204 Trip to Chinatown**

The grade 5/6's in Room 204 recently took a visit to Chinatown to learn about the contributions of Asian culture to our city. They explored the area, taking photographs that highlight the influence in art, architecture, food, and signage, and many other aspects.





## Dates To Remember

P A Day (No School)	Friday, December 6
BAS Winterfeast	Tuesday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberley Kindergarten Concert	Wednesday, December 11th
Kimberley Concert	Thursday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>
Toy Raffle Draw	Friday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> (AM)
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 23 - Friday, January 3
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 17
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 14
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 17
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 16 – Friday March 20
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 10
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 13
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 5
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 25

**Character Development Attributes for December:** Kindness and Caring

*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.

