



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

September 2015

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:



Welcome back for another great year of learning at Kimberley Jr/Beaches Alternative School! I hope that you had a fun and relaxing summer. We value the communication between home and school as a key factor in ensuring success for our students. A staff list is attached for your reference. We look forward to engaging and supporting our students as they embrace new challenges and celebrate achievements.

As we start a new school year, the TDSB and the Ministry will be carefully tracking class sizes during the first weeks of September. Reorganization may have to take place during the month of September in order to comply with the "cap" ruling for primary classes. I will keep you posted on any new developments.

Please remember to check the Special Dates section at the end of this newsletter.

Dismissal Time: There may be times when your child has to stay after school at his/her teacher's request. When this happens, dismissal is at 3:45, not 3:30 pm.

Safe Schools: In keeping with Toronto District School Board policies, we will have a lockdown and 3 fire drill practices during the fall months. The students will be prepared for each of these events by their teachers.

Safe Arrival

Should your child be absent from school for any reason, please call the school no later than 8:45 a.m. at the following numbers:



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| Kimberley Jr. P. S. | 416-393-1450 |
| Beaches Alternative | 416-393-1451 |


Answering services are available for your convenience to leave messages during off-hours. Should no information concerning your child's absence be received, automated calls home or to work numbers will be made to ascertain your child's whereabouts. Thank you for ensuring your child's safe arrival.

Caring and Safe School Environment

The staff at Kimberley/BAS is committed to creating a caring and safe learning environment for your child and we count on your collaboration

- Students are supervised by adults from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- All visitors to the school (including parents) are requested to check in at the office.

Non-Prescription & Prescription Medication

No staff member is allowed to administer non-prescriptive medication to any student.  If a prescription medication is requested to be administered during school hours, a form will be sent home for you to fill in. Depending on the age of the child and the circumstances, permission will be given to office staff who will then administer the medication. The medication must have a prescription with dosage, time, date and doctor's name on it and will be stored in the principal's office.

Scooters, Bikes and Skateboards

These items cannot be ridden on school property. We encourage all students to walk to school, as we have no space for storing scooters/skateboards. Bikes should be stored outside in the bike rack. A lock for your bike is strongly recommended. The school cannot be responsible for items that are lost or damaged. We advocate for the use of safety gear, including a helmet, if riding a bike, scooter or skateboard to school.

Parent Council

Greater parent involvement in education is one of the key strategies of the Ministry of Education to improve student achievement. Being on the School Council is one of the many ways to support this initiative.

The Parent Councils of both Kimberley and Beaches are made up of parents and teachers, where the goal is to act as an advisory body that supports activities that benefit the students in all areas of the Curriculum. This often involves fund-raising and parent input by way of recommendations to the principal or the Board of Education.

The Parent Council meets every month.

Kimberley parents: please refer to additional school council information attached to this newsletter.



Information Package (Sent home on the first school day)


Please complete these forms accordingly and return them to your child's teacher no later than **Friday, September 11th**.



Our school is involved in the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation's "No Child Without" program which ensures that children from Junior Kindergarten up to 14 years of age with medical conditions, allergies, or special needs are protected by the Canadian MedicAlert Foundation. There is no cost for students who attend our school and are between the ages of 4 and 14. Parents who have children with a medical condition, allergy or who are required to take medication should consider this program for their child. A child's MedicAlert identification can alert staff, friends, coaches and others about your child's medical condition should an emergency occur.

If your child is already in this program and there have been changes to their medical condition or medications contact MedicAlert at 1-800-668-1507 to update your child's file.

Raising Good Sports

You can teach your youngster to be a good sport by being one yourself. 

When you attend a game, clap and cheer for players who try hard, even if they're on the other team. You'll help your youngster learn to be gracious to everyone in the game.

You can read and/or download a copy of our monthly newsletter from our websites:

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

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

It is posted online on the 1st of each month.

Character Development Attributes

September: RESPECT

Dates To Remember

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| School Council Meeting (Kimberley) | Monday, September 28 |
| Picture Day | Wednesday, September 30 |
| P A Day (No School) | Friday, October 11 |
| Thanksgiving (No School) | Monday, October 12 |
| Picture Day - Retakes & Siblings | Thursday, October 29 |
| Remembrance Day Assembly | Wednesday, November 11 |
| P A Day (No School) | Friday, November 13 |
| Winter Break (Holiday) | Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1 |
| P A Day (No School) | Friday, January 22 |
| P A Day (No School) | Friday, February 12 |
| Family Day (No School) | Monday, February 15 |
| March Break (Holiday) | Monday, March 14 – Friday March 18 |
| Good Friday (Holiday) | Friday, March 25 |
| Easter Monday (Holiday) | Monday, March 28 |
| Victoria Day (Holiday) | Monday, May 23 |
| P A Day (No School) | Friday, June 10 |
| Last Day of School | Friday, June 29 |



***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.***