



KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS

March 2019

Kimberley Jr. PS & Beaches Alternative PS
50 Swanwick Avenue
Toronto, ON
M4E 1Z5



Lilian Hanson
Principal

Natalie Bengert
Kimberley Office Admin.
(416) 393-1450

Tessa Abdull
Beaches Office Admin
(416) 393-1451

Mary Jane McNamara
Superintendent
(416) 396-9188

Michelle Aarts
Trustee
(416) 395-8413

Principal's message:



Just a reminder that March Break is from the 11th to the 15th inclusive.

Wishing you all an enjoyable break!

February has been an exciting month at Kimberley and Beaches Alternative School!

Our **DANCE-A-THON** on February 13th was great fun! Our students and staff showed their moves on the dance floor and raised funds to support school programs and activities such as Scientist in the School and Prologue presentations.

As we start term 2, we continue to reinforce the importance of cohesive approaches at home and school to support our students' achievement. We invite parents to visit:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideNumEn.pdf>

where you can find many practical and fun ideas on how to practice Math at home.

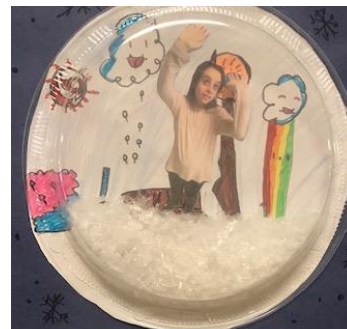
This is also a good time to highlight the learning displayed on our school walls:



<p>IF I WERE TRAPPED IN A SNOW GLOBE</p>	<p>LEARNING GOAL OUR GOAL:</p> <p>We are learning to apply our knowledge of descriptive writing to create an effective fictional story.</p>
	<p>SUCCESS CRITERIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> I can write a good hook/opening! <input type="checkbox"/> I can write a paragraph using correct grammar, capitalization, and punctuation. <input type="checkbox"/> I can write a detailed description of the snow globe using my five senses. <input type="checkbox"/> I can write a conclusion, letting my reader know if my escape plan was successful or not.

Words from Ojibway artist, Daphne Odjig:

"If my work as an artist has somehow helped to open doors between our people and the non-native community, then I am glad. I am even more deeply pleased if it has helped encourage the young people that have followed our generation, to express their pride in our heritage more openly, more joyfully than I would have ever dared to think possible."





KJPS School Council

Please check out the Kimberley School Council Website at www.kimberleyjsc.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, Mar. 25, 2019; 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 if you would like to volunteer for any upcoming events please email us at kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com (of course also feel free to come up and introduce yourself if you see us at school).

EMAIL SIGN UP
Click here to sign up for our email list

Sign up to receive regular email notification and announcements.

Skating

Our last skate day for Kimberley was Tuesday February 26th. Borrowed skates can be returned now or kept until we return from March Break. The skates will be sent to Birchmount HS to be sharpened for next season. Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who helped make both days a great success!!!

Thanks also to our Parent Council who paid for the ice time once again!!!

BAS also finished a fun season of skating. Huge thanks to teachers and parents who made it all possible!



Dance-a-Thon



We danced, we sang, we cheered, and we laughed. Thanks to every one of our sponsors who supported our schools.

We couldn't do some of the things we love to do without the financial support of our community!! We are still waiting to get a final total. Thanks again!!

Co-Ed Volleyball

Thanks to our wonderful parent-coach Megan



Meeds, we were able to offer a co-ed volleyball club. The students have learned the basics, and are now starting to put their skills to use in game situations. Good work everyone!!!

Badminton

Girls and boys interested in playing on the Badminton Team are to keep their ears and eyes open for announcements about try-outs. These will be happening SOON!!! A co-ed team will be chosen before March Break.

Tennis anyone????

The week before March Break, some instructors from the Kew Gardens Tennis Club will be working with our students to teach them the basics of tennis. We are really looking forward this!!! Later on, when the weather improves, they have invited us to go down and use their courts in Kew Gardens. So awesome!!! "Love" this!!!



Rm. 203 Letters To and From Authors

In October, the students in Room 203 began to plan letters to their favourite authors. Using a graphic organizer, they described what they liked about their authors' books, identified their favourite moments in one book, asked a few questions, and asked for advice about writing. Once their planners were finished, they wrote a draft, got some feedback from Mrs. Cullen about how to improve their letters, wrote another draft, and got more feedback! Finally, they typed and printed their final copies, and addressed their envelopes. We sent them off hopefully, to writers like J.K. Rowling, Lemony Snicket, Trenton Lee Stewart, and Kate DiCamillo, to name just a few. And . . . we've received responses! Four of our students have heard from their favourite authors! The first to answer was the writer of the "Harry Potter" series, J.K. Rowling. One student received a picture postcard from Kate DiCamillo, who wrote "The Tale of Despereaux" and "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane". Tony DiTerlizzi who wrote the Spiderwick series also wrote back! We are thrilled that these busy people have taken the time to get in touch with their young readers.



Dear Owen,

Thank you very much for your letter. I'm sorry to say that I now receive so much mail that I cannot answer every piece individually, much as I would like to. However, I love receiving feedback from readers and I try and read as much as I can.

I have been very busy working on the *Fantastic Beasts* series of films, for which I'm writing the scripts. The second in the series, *The Crimes of Grindelwald* is now showing in cinemas. The play, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, on which I have collaborated is now showing in theatres.

I hope to write another children's book one day and there really aren't many spare hours in the day at the moment. Even so, the fact that people take the time and trouble to write means a great deal to me, so thank you once again for your letter and for being such a fan of "Harry's."

With very best wishes,

J.K. Rowling



January 28, 2019

Dear Griffin,

Thank you so much for your lovely letter, I am happy to hear that you enjoyed *The Spiderwick Chronicles*. I certainly enjoyed spinning the *Spiderwick* tales with Holly Black.

To answer your question, the idea for *Spiderwick* started long ago; I created a field guide to fantastical creatures when I was twelve, called "Gondawanaland." I was introduced to goblins and fairies at a very young age through fairy tales read to me by my mom, like those of the Brothers Grimm and Andrew Lang. When I first started to think about making the field guide into a book, I was not satisfied with my technical ability, so I took a lot of life-drawing classes and frequented the Museum of Natural History where I copied many of the mounted animal specimens. It was here I began to think about goblins and fairies viewed through the eye of a naturalist as in *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You*. I based Arthur Spiderwick's character on one of my favorite artists, Arthur Rackham.

As for coming up with story ideas - the truth is there are times when I get stumped too, where I do not feel inspired or very imaginative. Often, I return to the place that sparks my mind—the great outdoors. Being in nature both stimulates my brain and helps me process. From hikes in the woods to walks on the beach, the endless textures, patterns, and colors in our outdoor world is the most amazing, overwhelming inspiration one could hope for. I also find motivation from reading stories and copying art from masters. Whether I'm reading Beatrix Potter's *Jeremy Fisher* or rendering an alien from *The Art of Star Wars* there are many things in books that rouse my imagination. The most important advice I can give you is to never give up.

If you want to know more, you can always check out www.diterlizzi.com to see what's going on with me.

Thank you and keep reading and writing!

from the studio of
TONY DiTERLIZZI
PO Box 442 • Amherst, MA • 01004

www.katedicamillo.com

MINNEAPOLIS

JAN 28 2019



HI NATALIE,
THANK YOU FOR
BELIEVING IN THE
POWER OF STORIES.
I HOPE YOU WILL
KEEP READING.
YOUR FRIEND,

00299-2300

Black History Month in Rm. 209

Lincoln Alexander was a lawyer and the first black member of the Parliament. He was Lieutenant Governor Ontario.

Mary Ann Shadd was the second black woman to earn a law degree. She started a school for kids of all races. She started a newspaper called the Provincial Freeman for African Americans.

Willie O'Ree was born in 1935. He was the first black person to play in the NHL. He was brave to do that.



Viola Desmond, Born and raised in Halifax, Viola Desmond went to jail because she went to

Viola Desmond in 1946 she challenged racial segregation at a cinema in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia by refusing to leave a whites-only area of the Roseland theatre.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dash and Dot Coding

Rm 202

Three students from Ms. Van Wonderen's class (Kian, Tristan and Mohamed) came to teach the us how to use an app called Blockly to code. We learned how to make the robot move, turn and speak.

Thank you to room 208 for teaching us.
Ryla, Austin and Day Jean!



Rm. 208

Dash the robot
Dash is a robot to teach kids how to program and code. It can do extraordinary things. I can make it go all the way down the hall. It can help kids to measure the width and length of things.

Addison



Dates To Remember

March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 11 – Friday March 15
BAS General Meeting	Thursday, March 21
KPS Parent Council	Monday, March 25
Pizza Lunch	Wednesday, March 27
Performance by Sheldon Casavant	Friday, March 29
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
BAS Gr. 6 Graduation	Tuesday, June 25
KPS Gr. 6 Graduation	Wednesday, June 26
Last Day of School	Thursday, June 27



Character Development Attributes March: Honesty



Kimberley Parents!

**NOW
AVAILABLE**

Make online payments with
SchoolCashOnline

- ✓ Field trips
- ✓ Sports Events
- ✓ Activity Fees

Register at <http://tdsb.schoolcasonline.com>

KEVGROUP
School Cash Simplified