



# ***KIMBERLEY-BEACHES NEWS***

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## **Principal's Message**

September was a very busy month at Kimberley/BAS. It has been exciting for us to see the ongoing improvements to our school grounds. We are still working through the transition into the Full Day Kindergarten and we thank you for your support as we implement the many changes to our school routines.

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of our first month of school. Students quickly got involved in classroom activities, as well as in the many extra-curricular opportunities offered by our staff. Thank you to all who attended our Curriculum Night and class meetings. We value the home-school partnership and we encourage ongoing communication. Please don't hesitate to contact your child / children's teacher or the administration with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have throughout the school year. It is our belief that the most effective schools are those who have active partnerships with parents in the education of their children. Be involved – volunteer, support your school council and attend school events. We hope to see you often throughout the school year.

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>

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**Please note:** starting next month paper copies of our monthly newsletter will be sent home only to families who request it. Please return the completed form attached to this newsletter if you wish to continue receiving the paper copies

## **EQAO**

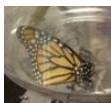
Individual EQAO results for students currently in Gr. 4 have been sent home this month.



Every year we analyze our EQAO results and use them to guide our instruction improvement plans. This is a whole school approach that is not limited to grades 3 and 6. It is our goal to continue striving for academic excellence.

## Butterflies at Kimberley P.S.

By Larissa



Our class in room 202 had a Monarch butterfly chrysalis. It was a black and yellow caterpillar before it turned into the chrysalis. The chrysalis was green and had golden dots on it. It was beautiful. After 13 days it turned into a butterfly. It needed flower nectar to eat. We let the butterfly go. It will start the journey to Mexico.



## Hallowe'en Walk Around the Block



Our annual *Walk Around the Block* Hallowe'en event will take place on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. It is a great way to show some fall excitement to our community neighbours. It is also a fun tradition at our schools and it is usually followed by individual class parties at Kimberley and a school-wide event for BAS. With the many extra treats available, **please remember to send in only nut-free items with your children.**

## Head Lice

Each year, in schools and daycares, we deal with the persistent problem of head lice. At Kimberley and BAS we make an effort to schedule school-wide lice checks. We also ask parents to make the effort to check your child's head on a weekly basis. If you need more information and/or alternative treatments please visit the Public Health website (below) or contact Health Connection at (416) 338 7600. [http://www.toronto.ca/health/hl\\_index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/hl_index.htm)

## Police Check for Parent Volunteers

We value and appreciate the time and dedication that our parent volunteers have to offer. Thank you for your contributions to our learning community!

Volunteers are required by the TDSB to complete a Police Reference Check. Police Reference Check forms are available in the school office.

Once a reference check has been cleared, your name will be entered into the TDSB Volunteer Data Base. Once cleared, volunteers only need to complete an annual Offence Declaration in order to update their police check status. This is a simple process which is done at the school. It is not a new police reference check and there is no cost. Please see Ms. Logan or Tessa in the office if you have any questions regarding the police check process.

## Scholastic Book Fair Update

From... M. GlynWilliams (Librarian)

Thanks to everyone who came and supported this amazing fundraiser. With your help we had one of our most successful book fairs ever! With the proceeds we are able to purchase new books for the library and provide new resources for the school.



A very special thank you to the parent and student volunteers, your dedication and support helped the book fair run so smoothly.

I hope you are all finding time to read your new books and look forward to seeing everyone again at our next book fair in the spring.

## Cross Country

Over 80 students have been running each morning to prepare for the October 9th Cross Country Area Finals at Ashbridges Bay. With the help of Miss Cerullo, Miss Mummery, Ms. Whiteacre and Mr. McLeod, the runners have made great strides. For the Area Finals, Grade 1 and 2 students will run a 1km race, Grade 3's will run 1.5km, and the Grade 4,5 and 6's will run 2km down at the beach. Thanks to the contingent of parents who come out each morning to cheer.



## Terry Fox Run

*"I'm not a dreamer, and I'm not saying this will initiate any kind of definitive answer or cure to cancer, but I believe in miracles. I have to."*

Terry Fox

On Wednesday September 24th, we held our 16th Terry Fox Run. Due to the construction in the back yard, the Junior students ran or walked around the block. We had staff and parent volunteers lining the street, and quite a few staff members running along with the students. The primary students ran around the perimeter of the back yard. Even our Kindergarten students took part in this amazing event at various times during the day.



Our goal is to raise \$5374 (one dollar for every kilometre Terry ran). That seems like a huge goal for such a small school, but last year, we raised \$5199.

Thanks to Miss Klein and Miss Mummery for organizing this important community building event, and thanks to our parent volunteers who came out to support us.

**\*\* Please return your sponsor forms by Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## THE SNACK WAGON IS BACK!



Due to popular demand, our snack team kicked it into high gear this September to bring our students the fresh fruits and veggies they crave. By the third week of September, we got the

office fruit bowl, the snack wagon and the kindie snack bowls up and running again. Thanks to some wonderful parent and grandparent volunteers from both Kimberley and Beaches, our healthy whole food snack program is looking like it will be a success once again. We're also pleased to announce that our first round of fundraising garnered over \$3,000, which is enough for us to offer the snack



wagon **5 days per week** at recess, the first time we've ever had both the financial and volunteer resources to do so. A big thank you to all the parents who donate their time and funds to keep the snack program going.

And on the topic of thank yous, we offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to Heather Hill, our outgoing Snack Coordinator who started this wonderful program from the ground up. She has gifted our school with a tremendous legacy that ties nutrition and education success together. If you see Heather in the schoolyard, be sure to say hello!



If you have an hour and half in the morning and would like to join our roster of volunteers, please be in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator, [marike.emery@me.com](mailto:marike.emery@me.com). For any other snack program information, please contact [trish.feistner@bell.net](mailto:trish.feistner@bell.net)

## Character Development Attributes

**October: Responsibility**

## Dates To Remember



<b>Parents/Staff Café</b>	<b>Friday, October 3</b>
<b>Cross Country Meet</b>	<b>Thursday, October 9</b>
<b>Thanksgiving (No School)</b>	<b>Monday, October 13</b>
<b>Kimberley Council Meeting</b>	<b>Monday, October 20</b>
<b>Municipal Elections Site (gym)</b>	<b>Monday, October 27</b>
<b>BAS General Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday, October 30</b>
<b>Hallowe'en Parade &amp; BAS Haunted House/ Party</b>	<b>Friday, October 31</b>
Photo Retake	Tuesday, November 4
Remembrance Day Assembly	Tuesday, November 11
P A Day (No School)	Friday, November 14
Winter Feast (BAS)	Thursday, December 11
Winter Concert (Kimberley)	Thursday, December 18
Winter Break (Holiday)	Monday, December 22 - Friday, January 2
BAS Info Night	Tuesday, January 20
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 23
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 13
Family Day (Holiday)	Monday, February 16
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 16 – Friday March 20
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, April 3
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, April 6
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 18
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 5
BAS Gr 6 Grad	Tuesday, June 23
Kimberley Gr 6 Grad	Wednesday, June 24



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Our monthly newsletter will be posted online at the start of each month. If you wish to continue receiving paper copies, please let us know by completing the form below and submitting it to the office.



We would like to **continue receiving paper copies** of the monthly newsletter

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_