

January 2016



Kimberley Jr. PS & Beaches Alternative PS 50 Swanwick Avenue Toronto, ON M4E 1Z5
Principal : *Lilian Hanson*

Barb Logan
Kimberley Office Admin.
416-393-1450

Tessa Abdull
Beaches Office Admin.
416-393-1451

Lucy Giannotta
Superintendent
416-396-9196

Sheila Cary-Meagher
Trustee
416-395-8787

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES:



I take this opportunity to wish students, parents and members of the Kimberley and BAS community all the best for the year 2016. We are looking forward to another successful year of learning and we know that a strong partnership between the school and the community is key to that success. Together, we will continue to provide our students with skills and meaningful experiences.



Kindergarten Registration

February is the system-wide Kindergarten Registration month at the TDSB. If you have a child or know of a child in the Kimberley P.S. district born in 2012 they should begin kindergarten in September, 2016. To attend Junior Kindergarten in September 2016, your child must turn four by December 31, 2016. To attend Senior Kindergarten in September, children must turn five by December 31, 2016.

When registering your child, please bring the following information to Kimberley PS:

- 1. Proof of age** (a birth certificate or passport)
- 2. Proof of citizenship**
(a birth certificate, passport, or Record of Landing)
- 3. Proof of address**
(two pieces of identification that show your address, such as your telephone bill, driver's licence, bank statement, income tax form, rental or lease agreement)
- 4. Proof of immunization**
- 5. Health Card**
- 6. Legal Custody Documents** (if applicable)

Kindergarten Registration at Kimberley will take place February 1st to 5th

► **Please call 416-393-1450 to set up an appointment.**



Beaches Alternative School INFORMATION NIGHT

When: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Where: At Beaches/Kimberley
Public School

50 Swanwick Avenue

Accepting applications for Junior Kindergarten to Grade Five students for September 2016. Attendance at this event is required to be considered for admission.

For information call: (416) 393-1451

Stay Healthy During Flu Season



Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth 1-866-797-0000.

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>

Kimberley Jr. P.S.:

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

It is our hope to have most of our parents elect to read it online instead of receiving the monthly paper-copy.

Please note: Please let the office know, in writing, if you wish to continue receiving the paper copies.

School Garden

A huge thank you goes out to parent volunteers, Kris Wawrzyniak, Pete Vree and Erin Green for their hard work in creating a fence around our new shrub garden. The shrub garden was created last year thanks to a generous donation from Live Green. Now the shrubs are protected by a beautiful new fence.

Feel free to stop by and have a look at this new garden located near the rock horseshoe in the back field.



Scholastic Book Fair Update

Thanks to everyone who came and supported this amazing fundraiser. With your help we had a very successful book fair! 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 student volunteers, your dedication and support helped the book fair run very 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.

M. GlynWilliams

HOPE-FILLED ANSWERS TO A TEST QUESTION

On a recent Grade 6 Social Studies test on Canada and the Global Community, one of the questions was this: *Throughout history, there have been situations where people have had to flee from their countries. Right now, we are hearing a lot about Syrian refugees. What might be some positive consequences of a refugee crisis?*

Two students responded with these thoughtful, beautifully expressed answers – not easy to do under test pressure!

Some positive consequences are that the refugees might help the (host) country's economy by getting jobs. Also, I watched a video that said something like, "Refugees bring more to a country than a small bag of belongings." Which means they have knowledge and can help. - Marcus Santana

Hope and help are the things that come out of this. People make great acts of kindness. Thankfulness and unity are created. People on Earth really want to help and show they are good. This is a great thing to help out with. Awareness is raised also. - Noor Alvi

It's heartening to know that our Grade 6 students have such positive, hopeful feelings about the world and its people.
Mrs. Cullen

TDSB - Lunch Supervisors Needed

\$11.35/hr (supply) or \$18.77/hr (permanent)

If you have experience working with children and an ability to communicate in English sensitively with our students, parents and staff, please consider joining the TDSB workforce. Your main role will be to ensure the safety and security of our students during the daily lunch period for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Necessary skills include patience, understanding and the ability to encourage positive relations among students. If interested, please apply online at

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUS/Employment.aspx> and provide a resume to the school. Please see Ms. Hanson, our school principal, if you have any questions regarding this opportunity.

Food Drive

Mr. Van Hoeijen

The Grade Ones and Twos decided to make a difference in their community this holiday season by organizing a food drive to help those in need. We were thankful for the very generous donations from all the Kimberley and Beaches students. We were busy counting, sorting, tallying and graphing the cans, packages and boxes. Everything was donated to Centre 55 to help local families this winter. Here are some thoughts from students about the food drive:

We do the food drive to help people in our community pay for food because some people don't have as much money as us. -Ava

The food drive is for people that can not afford food and we want to make people happy. -Aidan

To help people that don't have any food. -Logan

Because people don't have enough money to buy food. -Cameron

We are doing the food drive to help people who need it. -Izabella

We tally and graph the food we counted. –Noraiz



Character Development Attributes

January: Teamwork

Dates To Remember

BAS General Meeting	Tuesday, January 12
Kimberley Pizza Day	Friday, January 15
BAS Info Night	Tuesday, January 19
Vision & Hearing Screening	Wednesday, January 20
Kimberley Movie Night	Thursday, January 21
P A Day (No School)	Friday, January 22
Kimberley Council Meeting	Monday, January 25
P A Day (No School)	Friday, February 12
Family Day (No School)	Monday, February 15
March Break (Holiday)	Monday, March 14 to Friday, March 18
Good Friday (Holiday)	Friday, March 25
Easter Monday (Holiday)	Monday, March 28
BAS Island School	Monday, May 16 to Wednesday, May 18
Kimberley Island School	Wednesday, May 18 to Friday, May 20
Victoria Day (Holiday)	Monday, May 23
P A Day (No School)	Friday, June 10
BAS Gr 6 Graduation	Thursday, June 23
Kimberley Gr 6 Graduation	Tuesday, June 28
Last Day of School	Friday, June 29

