



KIMBERLEY JR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KIMBERLEY FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 2022

2022-23 KIMBERLEY JR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

Welcome to the Kimberley Jr. P.S. School Council newsletter. We'll be a monthly-ish source for school council news and happenings in the school. Let us know what information you'd like to see here in the future and send feedback to kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com. The 2022-23 Kimberley School Council, which was elected at the council meeting on September 26, is: Ellissa Glad, Chair; Lsan Tzadu, Treasurer; Erin Tilley, Secretary; and Laura Flanagan, Communications Officer. We'd like to thank the outgoing executive for their years of volunteering. As the new council, we're excited for the year ahead! We have a number of initiatives planned, including movie nights, a skating day, family math night, Parent's Night Out and, of course, the spring Fun Fair. Everyone is encouraged to attend our meetings ([agenda/Zoom link for Nov. 1 meeting](#)). It's going to be a great year at Kimberley!

2022-23 FAMILY SURVEY

Your feedback will guide our decisions and fundraising efforts, and inform budget planning for the 2023-24 school year. [Take the survey!](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **School council meeting** – November 1, 7:00 p.m.
- **Purdys chocolate sale** – Now until November 27
- **Movie night** – November 25
- **Art Cards** – Early December
- **Winter Break Read-a-thon** – Dec 24 to Jan 8
- **Healthy Families Night** – January 19
- **Skating Day at Ted Reeves** – January (day TBD)
- **Valentine's Dance** – Tuesday, February 14

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Committees looking for volunteers: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Yard Improvement; Staff Appreciation; Parent's Night Out/Silent Auction; the Fun Fair, and more. Email us if you'd like to volunteer. We'd love to have you!



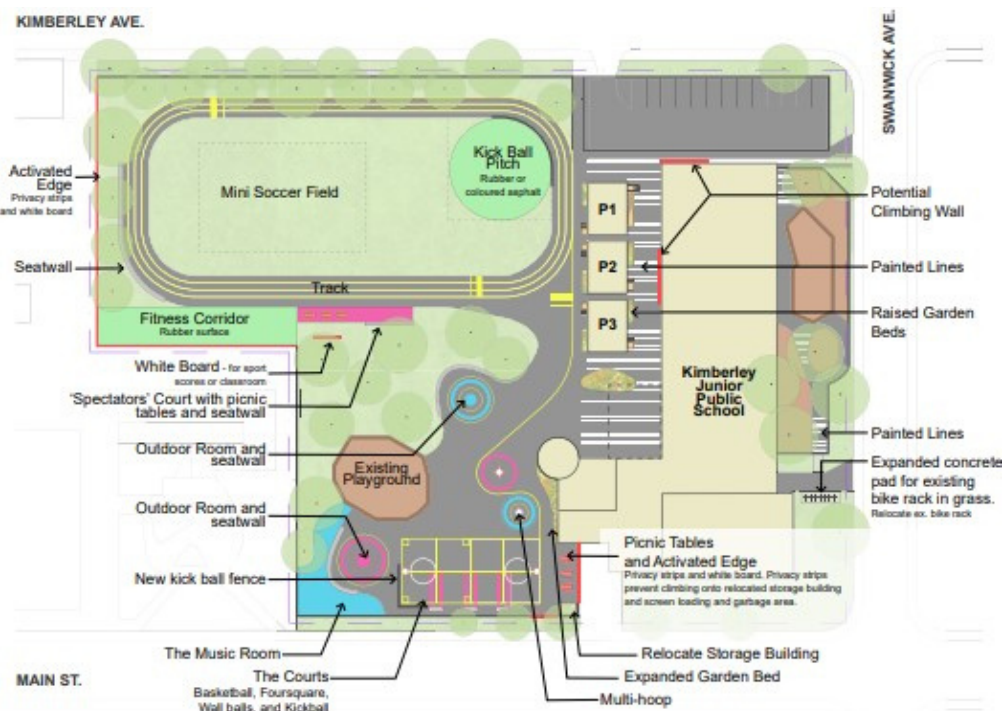
YARD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

In response to the 2021-22 Family Survey feedback, a Yard Improvement Committee was formed last year to raise money and plan improvements to the Kimberley-Beaches school yard. The committee has some big goals and they need your help! Interested volunteers can email Patti at pattilymiers@gmail.com.

Overview of the yard improvement project, thus far:

- After calls for volunteers to be on the Yard Improvement Committee, several brainstorm meetings were held in spring of 2022 to put together a preliminary wish list of yard improvements.
- A Kimberley parent volunteer, who also is a landscape architect, developed a plan for the yard that incorporated the wish list items with a view to making it a functional and attractive community hub.
- This plan included cost estimates to complete all the proposed work (estimates to be verified by contractor as supply chain issues can impact costs).
- A pared down, initial wish list of improvements was sent to TDSB to initiate discussions.
- In June 2022 TDSB requested a meeting with Principal Hassan-Bismilla and the committee to review the wish list.
- At the meeting the more fulsome plan was presented to the TDSB, and TDSB explained their process for yard improvements.
- A subsequent site visit from TDSB facilities took place at Kimberley at the end of June 2022
- The Yard Committee, in consultation with Kimberley administration and the 2021-22 school council, may elect to do the improvements in three phases to provide more time to fundraise.
- Phase one will include improvements such as new basketball hoops, a multi-basketball hoop, garden beds, privacy screening along the Main St fence, an asphalt track and sod in the middle of the track.
- We need more volunteers to fundraise, and coordinate sponsorships and grants.

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT



For more information about the proposal, visit kimberleysc.com

IN OUR CLASSROOM...

Every issue we'll take a look inside a Kimberley classroom. This month, Ms. Arraiail and Ms. May have kindly contributed the following piece about their grade one class.

The students in Ms. Arraiail and Ms. May's Grade 1 class have been learning about the TDSB Heritage Months. October is Islamic Heritage Month at the TDSB. This month they have been discussing notable Islamic and Somali Canadians. Students examined Islamic architecture and discussed the geometric shapes in stained glass windows of Mosques. They then created their own geometric patterns and made some beautiful stained glass window art. Students in both classes also researched and learned more about Nazem Kadri, Ginella Massa, K'naan and Ahmed Hussien.



NEWS FROM THE TDSB

Stay Connected with Kimberley – The TDSB is offering two new ways to stay connected with your local school and the TDSB. Learn about opting in for text messages and using the School Messenger app, which provides a faster and easier way to report absences. [Learn more.](#)

Mental Health and Well-Being – The TDSB's "kick start well-being campaign," prioritizes daily well-being in schools and classrooms. Check out their [mental health and well-being website](#) for resources, webinars and drop-in times to help support families' and students' well-being all year.

TDSB Ventilation – Over the past two years, the TDSB has focused on improving ventilation in schools. To ensure parents/guardians are aware of the efforts, the Ministry of Education asked all school boards to share school-specific ventilation improvement measures. Find details on TDSB's [public ventilation website](#). (Scroll to "List of Ventilation Systems in TDSB Schools." Open the spreadsheet, select the "School Dashboard" tab and select Kimberley from the dropdown menu.)

It's Student Census Month – Guardians of K to Grade 3 students will receive a link via email to complete the Census online on behalf of their child; Students in Grades 4 to 12 will receive a survey link via email to complete the Census themselves online during class time. [Learn more.](#)

PRACTICE PAYS OFF FOR CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS



This month our cross-country runners practiced nearly every morning at 8:00 a.m. For the grade ones and twos, their efforts culminated in a mini cross-country meet at the schoolyard. The grade three to grade six runners went to a meet at Sunnybrook Park with hundreds of runners from surrounding schools. Kimberley had a great day with seven students finishing in the top 20 and 13 students qualifying for the area meet, which was held the following week. Thank you to Mr. McLeod and Ms. Laforet for all the practices, as well as Mr. Lipsett and Mr. Glyn-Williams for shuttling the kids to the meet and supporting them. We're thankful we have a dedicated group of teachers and are so proud of all the runners. Well done!



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: PRINCIPAL HASSAN-BISMILLA

In every issue we'll ask a Kimberley staff member or teacher a few questions about themselves. Of course, we wanted **Principal Ruweida Hassan-Bismilla** to be the first person we featured!

Q: What are you looking forward to this school year?

A: I am looking forward to getting back to doing all the things we did before the pandemic.

Q: When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? A: I always wanted to be a teacher.

Q: What are some of your favourite foods? A: Some of my favourite foods are samosas, burgers, pasta, chicken biryani, anything with chocolate, and salt and vinegar chips.

Q: Who do you like to spend time with?

A: I like to spend time with my family and dogs.



PURDYS CHOCOLATIER HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER IS BACK

Kimberley is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier again this holiday season! Please consider supporting us by purchasing some holiday gifts via [Kimberley's Purdys campaign page](#).

After you've signed in you can buy amazing chocolates and invite others to join and support our fundraising campaign.

Orders must be placed online and paid for with credit card by Sunday, November 27.

No paper orders, cheques or cash will be accepted. Due to COVID, orders will be by pick up only on Friday, December 16 at a location in the Kimberley neighbourhood. If you're not ready to purchase yet, browse the [Purdys Holiday Catalogue](#) for ideas. Questions? Contact Jenn at jenn_tinker@outlook.com.



NOVEMBER MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 25
Doors and food sales open at 6:00 p.m.
Movie at 6:30 p.m.

Movie Night is a fun night for students and a chance for parents to mingle. We sell pizza, drinks, popcorn and treats to raise money for council initiatives.

Students vote in advance for which movie they want screened and can bring blankets/pillows to get comfy on the gym floor! Parents/guardians are required to be in the gym with their children throughout the evening.

We need volunteers to set up, sell food and clean up. To help out, please email Laura at laurajflanagan@gmail.com.



ART CARDS BY KIDS

We're bringing back the ever-popular Art Cards by Kids fundraiser. Students will create a work of art in the classroom, which will be scanned and made available for purchase by parents as greeting cards. These cards can be used as unique cards to give to family and friends year-round. Your child's art will be on the front and their name and age on the back. Samples and order forms will be sent home around December 1.