



# KIMBERLEY JR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KIMBERLEY FAMILIES

DECEMBER 2022

## A NOTE FROM KIMBERLEY JR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL

What a busy month we've had at Kimberley! From touching Remembrance Day activities and a FIFA World Cup Canada parade to pizza day, family movie night, Purdys Chocolate fundraising and Art Cards, it's safe to say that Kimberley students and families have been busy.

Before we gear up for winter break, please join us at our next school council meeting on Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. A Zoom link and agenda will be sent out via email and posted on our website in advance. Have you attended a school council meeting this year? Everyone is encouraged to come, ask questions, suggest ideas and get a sense of what's going on at the school. All upcoming meeting dates are posted on our website to allow you to plan your schedule accordingly.

As parents of young children, the old adage "The days are long but the years are short" is particularly accurate. This time of year, as many of us reflect on 2022, it also seems especially meaningful. We hope Kimberley families have a great winter break and find opportunities to rest and relax, to spend more time with family and friends, and to look forward to what the New Year holds.

As always, if there is something specific you'd like to see in our newsletter, please let us know or send other feedback to [kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com).

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Committees looking for volunteers: Yard Improvement, Staff Appreciation, Parent's Night Out, and the Fun Fair. Or add your name to our list of volunteers we ask when we need ad hoc help. Email us if you're interested. We'd love to have you!

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Deadline for Next Pizza Day** – December 7
- **School Council Meeting** – December 8, 7:00
- **Primary Winter Concert** – December 13, 6:30
- **Winter Break Read-a-thon** – Dec 24 to Jan 8
- **Healthy Families Night** – January 19
- **Family Movie Night** – February 10
- **Valentine's Day Dance** – February 14
- **Family Math Skills & Games Night** – March 27
- **Skating Day at Ted Reeves** – March (day TBD)

## REMINDERS AND OTHER NEWS

### PIZZA DAY SIGN UP

Don't forget to sign up for our next Pizza Day, which is on December 14. To sign up, go to [SchoolCash Online](#) (or check your email for a message from SchoolCash Online that was sent on or around November 21). The deadline to sign up is next Wednesday, December 7.

### WINTER CONCERT & BAKE SALE

The Primary Winter Concert with students in grades 1-3 is being held Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 and our grade 6 grads will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds for graduation activities planned in June.

Our student volunteers will be working the bake sale but we need baked goods to sell! If you can mark it in your calendar to whip up some treats it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off your donation on Tuesday, December 13 in the foyer of our school.

Remember, no nuts!

Note to Grade 6 parents: Our dedicated student volunteers (along with a few parents) will be pricing, selling and cleaning up after the bake sale. We still need volunteers. They should be at the school by 5 p.m. until about 7:30p.m. If you or your child are able to volunteer please contact Rebecca ([rhartcooper@gmail.com](mailto:rhartcooper@gmail.com)).

### LOOK OUT FOR ART CARDS

Art Cards will be sent home in student bags next week. Please look for them and place your order promptly.

### STAFF APPRECIATION

School Council is organizing an appreciation breakfast for Kimberley teachers and staff on Wednesday, December 21. If you can donate food, decorations, plates/cutlery or money, please email [laurajflanagan@gmail.com](mailto:laurajflanagan@gmail.com). We're also looking for thank you cards, pictures or posters from students that can be placed around the staff room for all to enjoy. Ask your little artists to get creating!

### WINTER BREAK READ-A-THON

Read-a-thon forms will be sent home the week of December 19. We're challenging each student to set a reading goal for the winter break and ask for sponsors. The class that reads the most minutes wins a pizza party. Forms will be sent home in student bags the week of December 19.

### RECENT FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who purchased Purdys Chocolates and to parent Jen Tinker who organizes this annual fundraiser. We raised \$1,313.49 for school council initiatives!

We also want to thank again the families who attended movie night on November 25. We had a great time chatting and getting to know even more of you and we hope you did, too. Let's do it again in the New Year! Although our goal for the night was community building (not fundraising), we ended up raising more than \$600! Thank you for coming and supporting us.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The content on this page is provided by the DEI Committee.

The Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee was created by a Kimberley parent to establish and promote a diverse, equitable and inclusive environment for all students, teachers, staff and families. In the 2021-22 school year, the committee's work included:

- Purchasing children's books that celebrate diversity and inclusion for every classroom
- Developing a resource library for parents/caregivers to borrow from, beginning in January 2023
- Organizing a mental health workshop for parents/caregivers with Dr. Zia Lakdawalla

This year, the committee hopes to provide opportunities for families to learn about important topics and participate in events, as well as have a greater virtual presence to share resources with parents and caregivers.

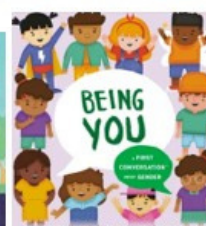
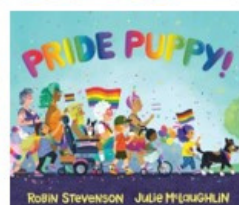
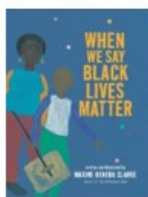
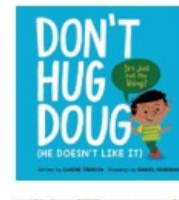
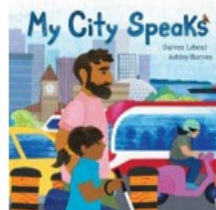
## GIVE BACK MEANINGFULLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

- Bake holiday cookies and bring them to work, school or to your neighbours for sharing
- Write letters or draw pictures of appreciation to members of your community, such as crosswalk guards, TTC drivers or postal workers
- Drop off thank-you cards for staff at non-profits or community centres in your neighbourhood
- Bring some blankets, pet food or toys to an animal shelter
- Organize a winter clothing or toy drive in your community, donating items to a local organization
- Make a care kit for the homeless with items such as socks, deodorant, mittens and snacks. Give them out yourself or donate them directly to your local shelter or drop-in.

FIND MORE IDEAS AT [VOLUNTEER TORONTO](#).



## GIVE THE GIFT OF INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE BOOKS



FIND MORE IDEAS AT [INCLUSIVE STORYTIME BOOKSHOP](#).

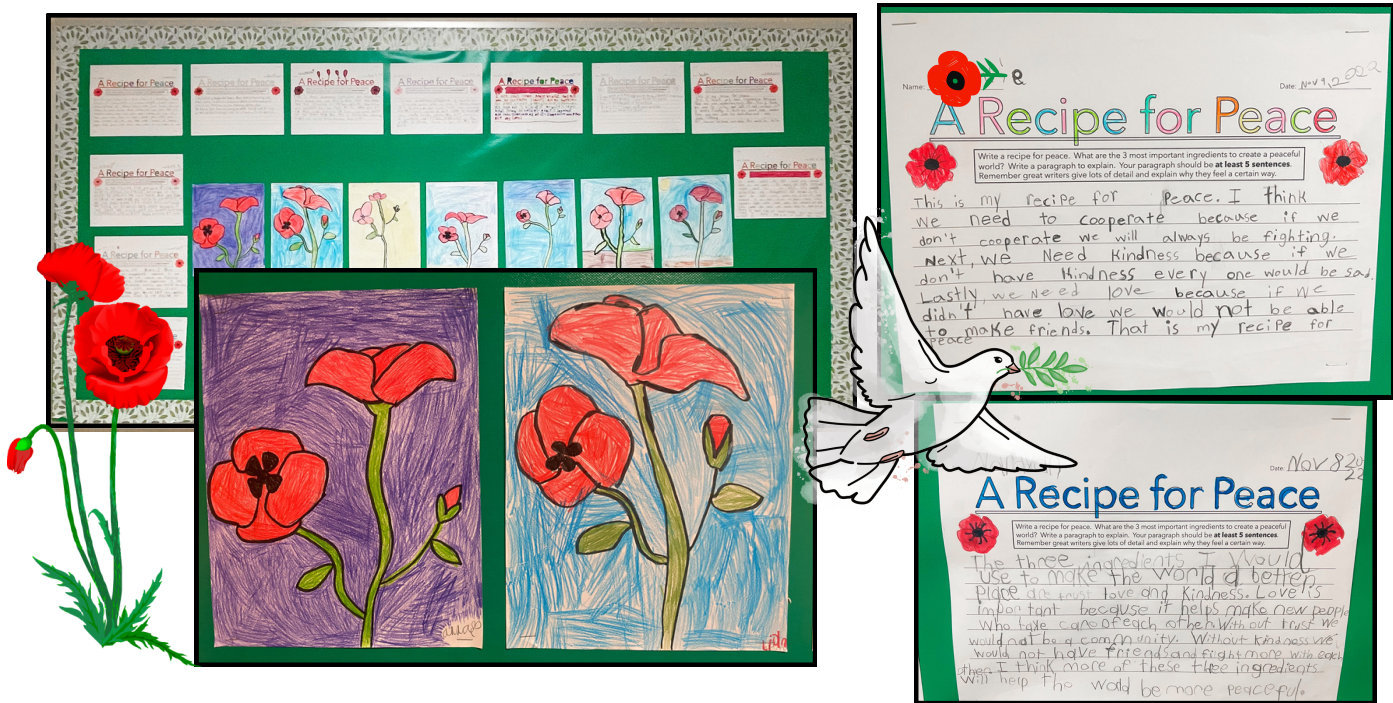
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Raising Confident Kids**, a series of free virtual workshops by the Toronto Public Library. Topics include parenting through challenging times and critical thinking skills. Access the workshops until December 14. | **Light Up the Dark 2022** On December 27–29 watch the exterior of the Aga Khan Museum come to life with mesmerizing light projections, enjoy pop-up performances around the museum and free family activities.

## IN OUR CLASSROOM

Every issue we take a look inside a Kimberley classroom. This month, it's Mr. Wall's Grade 2/3 class.

Peace. It is all around us, but it is sometimes hard to find. We can find peace in a sleeping baby's breath and in a Grandma's closed eyes, while rocking her grandchild to sleep. Peace is feeling like all is well with the world, even if it's only for a second. For Remembrance Day, Mr. Wall's class wrote their recipes for peace. They brainstormed ways people could be peaceful and how they could make the world a better place using their words and actions. Then created poppy art to accompany their recipes.



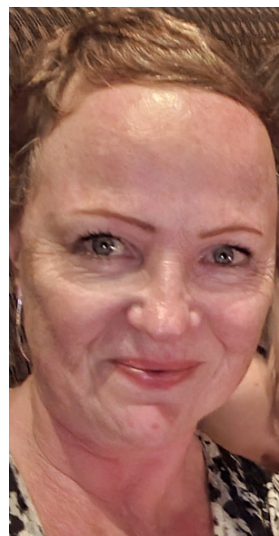
## GETTING TO KNOW YOU: NATALIE BENGERT, OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

**Q: What are you looking forward to this school year?** A: I always look forward to seeing the children and adults at Kimberley and Beaches!

**Q: How would you spend your perfect day?** A: My perfect day would be spent swimming all day in an Ontario lake. Oak Lake near Havelock is my absolute favourite! Ideally, my whole family would be there and we'd play games in the water, kayak, paddle-board and have a BBQ.

**Q: What are some of your favourite foods?** A: I love macaroni and cheese. I enjoy an apple every day and as many vegetables as possible. I also love licorice allsorts.

**Q: Who do you like to spend time with?** With my amazing family: My two sons, their girlfriends and their Dad, Dan. And then I also have my partner, Neil, my three brothers, my three sisters-in-law, my five nephews, my three nieces and an Uncle and two Aunts.



## NEWS FROM THE TDSB

**Learning Recovery** - As part of the TDSB's Learning Recovery Plan, they recognize the need for educators, students and parents to address the "unfinished learning" students may have experienced, particularly through the pandemic. TDSB's [Learning Recovery Fact Sheet](#) contains an explanation of "unfinished learning" and links to resources for students, including French, Math and Assistive Technology. Resources can be used at home and with those who support your child's learning.

**TDSB Mathematics for Families and Caregivers** – Read the TDSB's [Mathematics and Numeracy Department quarterly newsletter](#) and [visit their site](#) for helpful resources to support math learning at home. Our favourites include how to register your child for free math help with TVO Mathify, tips for setting a positive mindset about math at home, and how to access TDSB-provided digital math tools.

## HELPING KIDS BE SMART AND SAFE ONLINE

Helping our kids know the risks of the Internet and how to be safe online is a growing concern for both parents and teachers. With the online interests of our kids always changing, it can be difficult to be proactive in helping them stay safe while online. The TDSB suggests the following resources that provide insight into the risks and actions that can be taken to keep kids safe online.

### Online gaming

- Know the risks of online gaming ([Word](#) / [PDF](#))
- How to stay safe when online gaming ([Video](#)) and tips for staying safe ([Word](#) / [PDF](#))
- [Ways to keep your kids safe while playing online games](#) (Blog)
- [Gaming and your privacy](#)

### Social media

- [How to stay safe on social media](#) (Video)
- Tips for staying safe on social media ([Word](#) / [PDF](#)) (custom content)
- [Are your online friends who they say they are?](#)

### Cyberbullying

- [Cyberbullying: What is it and how to stop it](#)

### Sexual exploitation, sextortion and sexting

- [What is Child Sexual Exploitation and Sex Trafficking](#)
- [What is sextortion, what leads to it and how to protect yourself?](#)

### Other resources

- [Tweens and Teens in the digital world](#)
- [A fun quiz for students to test their online \(and offline\) safety knowledge](#)