



KIMBERLEY JR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KIMBERLEY FAMILIES

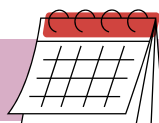
MARCH 2023

GRATITUDE FOR OUR KIMBERLEY-BEACHES COMMUNITY

This month and beyond, Kimberley Jr. P.S. School Council is funding several events and activities to support student and community engagement. First up is the Skating Day for Kimberley grades 1-6 classes at Ted Reeve Tuesday. A few days later, we've contributed toward the buses to transport kids in grades 4-6 to Lakeridge Ski Resort for their ski trip. On March 27, we're hosting a math skills and games night in the library with a notable local math tutor. All Kimberley and Beaches families with kids in grades 2-6 are welcome (please see page 2 to RSVP). In early April, we've partnered with neighbouring schools Glen Ames and Adam Beck to host a virtual workshop for parents and caregivers on 2SLGBTQ+ inclusivity, and save the date for our last movie night of the year for Kimberley and Beaches families on May 5. These are just a few of the initiatives that your fundraising dollars go toward. In our June newsletter we'll provide a breakdown of all of our spending this year. Recently, we've also seen that indoor clubs and sports teams have gotten back into the swing of things with art club, glee club and the eco club, as well as girls volleyball and boys basketball making a return for the senior grades. Thank you to the teachers and parents who run these! Although many of us are still experiencing the aftershocks of the pandemic (via evolving WFH arrangements and health concerns), the increasing opportunities to support our kids' getting back to "normal" activities has us feeling very grateful for the Kimberley-Beaches community.

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IMPORTANT DATES



- **Purdys chocolate sale** – February 27-March 11
- **Grades 1-6 Skating Day at Ted Reeves** – March 7
- **Lakeridge Ski Trip for grades 4-6** – March 10
- **March Break** – March 13-17
- **Family Math Skills & Games Night** – March 27
- **School Council Meeting** – Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
- **2SLGBTQ+ Inclusivity Workshop** – April 4, 6:30 p.m. Zoom
- **Family Movie Night (last of the year!)** – Friday, May 5
- **Kimberley-BAS Fun Fair** – Thursday, June 1

NEW DEI WEBPAGE!

We are excited to share a permanent spot for you to access the great resources from our DEI Committee on kimberleyjc.com. Be sure to check it out!



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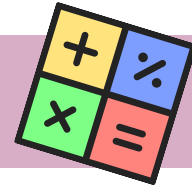


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FAMILY MATH SKILLS AND GAMES NIGHT



March 27, 2023

6:00-7:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. here by March 20

Join us at school on the evening of Monday, March 27 for a family math skills and games night for Kimberley and Beaches students in grades 2-6 and their families. Sean Davey from Rithmetic Math Club will be teaching us fun and engaging math skills and games. Each student will take home a bag of goodies to continue their learning and play the games at home. As a former financial analyst, Sean's goal is to help kids become comfortable and familiar with numbers through sorting, interpreting and manipulating them in their everyday life, and then be able to come to conclusions based on those findings. He believes that these skills will help them in anything and everything they do now and as they get older. Please R.S.V.P. here by March 20 to ensure you get a goody bag.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS MARCH 8

International Women's Day (March 8, 2023) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day is also a celebration of the progress made and to raise awareness of the work that needs to be done to ensure the full participation of women and girls for future generations. This year, the Government of Canada's theme is Every Woman Counts. It's a reminder that all women, from all ages and walks of life, have a place in every aspect of Canadian society, including in the economic, social and democratic spheres. Let's celebrate the successful women around us, reminding our children that their dreams are within reach.

We encourage you to have conversations at home and celebrate International Women's Day.

Here are some discussion starters for students in grades 4-6:

- **What is gender equality and why is it important?**
- **What is gender identity and why is it important?**
- **How can we respect someone's gender identity?**
- **What does it mean to empower women and girls?**
- **Why is it important to empower women and girls?**
- **What are ways we can empower women and girls?**



PARENT 2SLGBTQ+ INCLUSIVITY WORKSHOP ON APRIL 4

Inclusivity (2SLGBTQ+ focus) Workshop

April 4, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Zoom link will be shared in advance with our email subscribers

Sign up on kimberleysc.com to receive our emails

The Kimberley-Beaches DEI Committee and School Council have partnered with neighbouring schools Glen Ames and Adam Beck to offer an Inclusivity (2SLGBTQ+ focus) Workshop facilitated by Get REAL, a Canadian non-profit focused on combatting 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, racism and bullying in schools, summer camps, and workplaces. Parents/caregivers will learn about 2SLGBTQ+ identities, terminology and facts around coming out from two 2SLGBTQ+ facilitators. Discuss practical ways to advocate for your child, ask questions, seek advice and practice scenarios in a braver space. Get REAL's programming aims to break down prejudice, promote unity, and foster compassion in our world. Please note that there is a max of 250 Zoom participants.

After completing the Inclusivity (2SLGBTQ+ focus) Workshop, parents will come away from the workshop with:

- Increased knowledge of 2SLGBTQ+ identities and terminology
- Practical steps and creative ideas on how to support a child that comes out to you
- A chance to work through realistic and customized scenarios
- The chance for parents to honestly ask questions and advice anonymously to experienced Get REAL speakers



WE'RE ACCEPTING PROPOSALS FOR NEW INITIATIVES!

Do you have an idea for a school initiative, event or program that you would like to champion? Does it require money from the school council budget to run? **Complete this form by March 17, 2023** for consideration by the School Council Budget Committee. This year, school council planned movie nights, read-a-thon, math skills night, skating day, healthy families night and more. Is there something else you would like to see happen at Kimberley? This is your chance. Have your say! We welcome all ideas, big or small. Don't hesitate to contact us at kimbereysc@gmail.com with any questions.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

The content in this section is provided by the DEI Committee.

The DEI Committee is excited to be launching their spring fundraising initiative in April - Big Box Cards! You will have the opportunity to purchase a beautiful box of 35 birthday cards for \$35 and a portion of proceeds will go directly to providing more DEI resources and learning events for our students and families. Please look out for the letters going home in April.



PURDYS CHOCOLATIER SPRING FUNDRAISER IS BACK

Kimberley is fundraising with Purdys Chocolatier again this Spring! Please consider supporting us by purchasing some treats 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 Saturday, March 11.

No paper orders, cheques or cash will be accepted. Due to COVID, orders will be by pick up only on Saturday, April 1 at a location in the Kimberley neighbourhood. Questions? Contact Jenn at jenn_tinker@outlook.com.



WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM



Every issue we take a look inside a Kimberley classroom. This month, it's Mr. Bruce's 5/6 class.

The students in Mr. Bruce's class have been learning about the work of Mark Rothko. Mark Rothko was part of a group of American painters who invented "Abstract Expressionism." His paintings are known as "Colour Field" paintings because he used broad squares to inspire feelings and ideas in the viewer. Each person who looks at the paintings is invited to have their own interpretation of them.



Did you know you can support school council activities just by shopping through FlipGive? Buy gift cards or shop online at popular retailers such as Sport Chek, Canadian Tire, Starbucks and more using our unique code: BCTC9Z

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU: NEIL MCLEOD, GYM TEACHER

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

A: Doing Gym outside again, and starting up the springtime sports: Softball, Ultimate, and Track and Field. Of course, I'd be lying if I didn't say I was looking forward to summer vacation!

Q: How would you spend your "perfect day"?

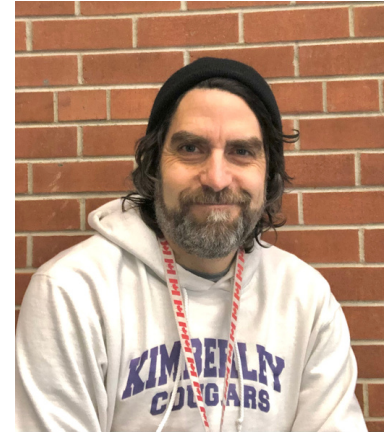
A: Just sitting around all day listening to music.

Q: When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: When I was young all I wanted to do was play in a band for a living.

Q: Who do you like to spend time with?

A: I enjoy spending time with my son, especially going to concerts with him as he's a big music fan like his dad. I also like travelling with my wife when we can.



SAVE THE DATE: KIMBERLEY-BEACHES FAMILY FUN FAIR

Kimberley-Beaches Family Fun Fair

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Time: 5:00 - 7:00pm



If you've never been to our fun fair before, here's what you can expect: an evening of laughter, huge smiles, community building, fun games, amazing food, fresh air and watching your kid(s) run around making memories with their friends. Basically, it's what childhood is all about. We'll have a bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course, and many more games and activities. As well as face painting so good that your kids won't want to shower for a week! Stay for dinner and eat some BBQ and lots of other different types of food and sweets. Your family is going to have a blast!

Volunteers Needed It takes a lot of help to make this night a success and we are looking for a few more people to join the Fun Fair Committee. (We are a welcoming, laid back, fun group of parents and we promise it won't be stressful or too much of a time commitment. Our next meeting is next week at Red Tape!) If you're interested, email us at kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com. Closer to the event we will ask for more volunteers to sign up for volunteering on the day. Stay tuned!

Sponsorships Available We are looking for sponsors! Do you have your own company or know someone who does? Getting your company or product name on a ride, activity, or food booth can provide great visibility within the Kimberley/Beaches community. Roughly 300 local parents and their children participate in Family Fun Fair every year. There are sponsorship opportunities available at many different levels and one is sure to suit your business! Without these sponsorship we would not be able to run the fair. If you would like to sponsor or just make a donation please contact Fundraising Co-chairs Ellissa (ellissaglad@gmail.com) and Poppy (poppyphioukham@gmail.com).