

KIMBERLEY JR P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR KIMBERLEY FAMILIES

APRIL 2023

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT IS MAKING A COMEBACK!

Don't call it a comeback, it's been here for years... but if you're new to Kimberley since the pandemic (*raises hand*), you may not have heard of the infamous yet elusive "Parents' Night Out" (PNO). It's a night that happens only once every school year, during which parents come together with a common goal: to have fun without their children! Previous Parents' Nights Out have been held at Balmy Beach Club and The Grover Pub (R.I.P. Grover – although we heard there may be a resurrection!). PNO activities have included a silent auction, team trivia, food buffet or appetizers, DJ and dancing, and a cash bar. We are not sure what this year's night will include or even when it is (we're nailing down a location and date imminently). What we *do* know is that it's a great chance to meet fellow child wranglers, build community and let (a little bit) loose. We hope our teachers will join us to mingle and have fun, and we promise *not* to talk to them about school or our children. Stay tuned to KimberleyJrP.S.Council.com for details soon! Follow us on Twitter at @kjps_council for more updates and email feedback to kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DATES



- **Day of Pink (wear pink to show support for 2SLGBTQIA+ equality)** – Wednesday, April 12
- **DEI Committee's Big Box Cards fundraiser being sent home** – Friday, April 14
- **Deadline to drop off used books for the Earth Week book swap** – Friday, April 14
- **Earth Week activities (see the school's April newsletter for details)** – April 17-21
- **Pizza lunch outside (bring reusable plate/cup)** - Wednesday, April 19
- **Grade 6 bake sale** – Monday, May 1
- **Family Movie Night (last of the year!)** – Friday, May 5
- **Spring Concert for grades 4-6** – Thursday, May 25
- **Kimberley-BAS Fun Fair** – Thursday, June 1



Eco Club needs your help to run Earth Week activities! Next Wednesday at lunch is the lemonade stand and they'd love an adult to be in the kitchen making the lemonade and one helping to supervise the lemonade table. Also, next Friday Eco Club members will be teaching each class how to plant a seed. They'd love an adult helper to supervise. This event runs all day so several parents to do a shift each would be amazing. Email Mrs. Vree if you can help (vree.susanna@gmail.com).



FIRST FAMILY MATH NIGHT A SUCCESS!



On the evening of March 27, more than 30 Kimberley-BAS students in grades 2-6 and their families attended our first family math skills and games night. Sean Davey from Rithmetic Math Club was our guest and started with a fun group math activity. He then taught the kids a game and they paired up and went off to the gym to play. We were thrilled to see that every student was engaged and excited to be doing math together - after-hours at school, no less! After a brief presentation on tips for incorporating math at home, Sean and the adults joined the kids in the gym where he taught them another math game, this time using a deck of cards. At the end of the night, students took home a bag of goodies to continue their learning and play at home. Thank you to all who attended!

Visit Kimberleysc.com to download Sean's presentation and math sheets to play at home.



MATH LEARNING AT HOME

- Khanacademy.org
- Kangaroo.math.ca
- Solveme.edc.org
- Mathszone.co.uk
- K5learning.com/free-math-worksheets
- Cemc.uwaterloo.ca/resources/elementary.html
- Nrich.maths.org
- Mathsisfun.com

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

On April 12, 2023, **Day of Pink**, let's talk about courage!

International Day of Pink has one purpose: to create a more inclusive and diverse world. The organizers of this day do this by encouraging young people to challenge social norms, ask more of their educators, and stand up against bullying toward their 2SLGBTQIA+ peers.

Day of Pink represents authenticity and allyship, but most importantly, it represents the courage to take on these actions.

When we wear pink on Day of Pink, we demonstrate our support for having the freedom and courage to be yourself and to be kind.

Let's all have the courage to stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA + communities in the continued fight for equality and acceptance for all.

Resources

- [International Day of Pink resources and stickers](#)
- [Adults Supporting 2SLGBTQI Youth](#) (Egale Canada)
- [Trans Support Services](#) (It Gets Better Canada)
- [How to Teach Your Kids About Gender](#) (Planned Parenthood)
- [Talking to Your Children About Gender](#) (Gender Spectrum)



Courage

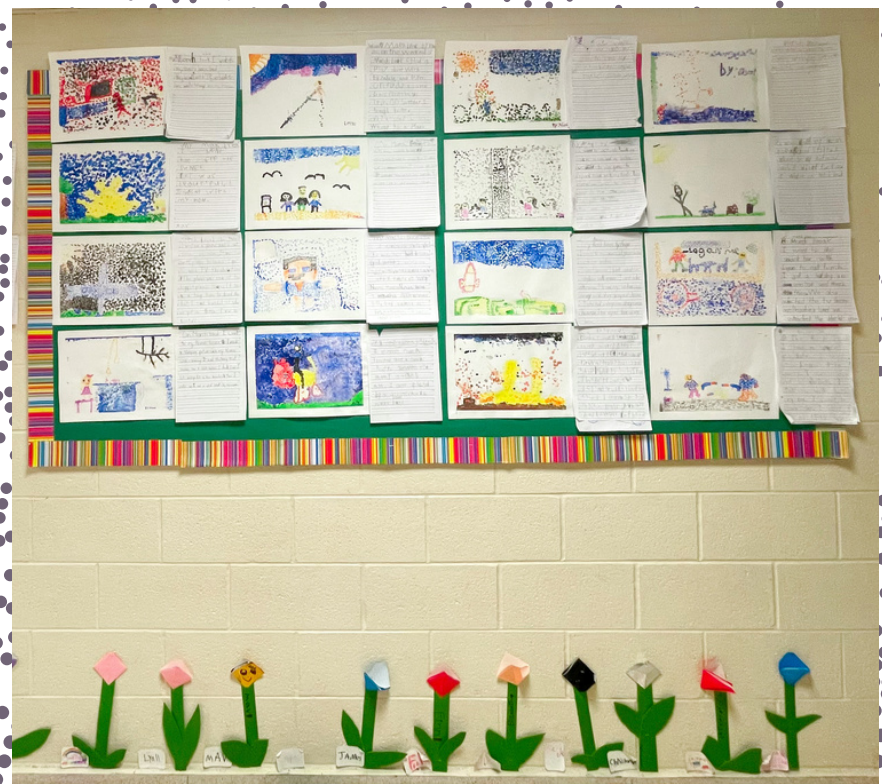




WELCOME TO OUR CLASSROOM

Every issue we take a look inside a Kimberley classroom. This month, it's Mr. van Hoesen's Grade 1/2 class.

Mr. van Hoesen's students took the opportunity to reflect on their experiences during March Break and wrote recounts about their adventures. In addition to their written work, the grade one and two students learned about famous artist George Seurat and used his pointillism technique to create beautiful pictures to accompany their writing. Pointillism is a painting technique where small, distinct dots of colour are applied in patterns to form an image. The students were excited to learn about this style of art and were proud to incorporate it into their work.



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



GETTING TO KNOW YOU: MEGAN ARRAIAL, GRADE 1 TEACHER

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

A: This school year, I was most looking forward to all the fun art and STEM projects I had planned for my first graders. As well as taking a more hands-on approach to learning.

Q: How would you spend your “perfect day”?

A: My perfect day would be spent with my close friends attending a concert where we’re singing and dancing along to our favourite performers (preferably Taylor Swift or the Backstreet Boys :))

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

A: When I was younger, I dreamed of being a sports journalist for the NHL or Formula 1 Racing. I’m a big Toronto Maple Leafs and Scuderia Ferrari fan.

Q: What are some of your favourite foods? A: My cultural background is Portuguese, and we have a dessert called “pasteis de nata” (egg custard tart), which is my all-time favourite treat during special holidays. I also love pizza! I am a firm believer that pineapple belongs on pizza.



SAVE THE DATE: KIMBERLEY-BEACHES FUN FAIR

Kimberley-Beaches Fun Fair

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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. Stay for dinner and eat lots of different types of foods. Your family is going to have a blast!

Volunteers Needed It takes a lot of help to make this night a success. ***We are looking for around 40 people to help out on the evening of the Fun Fair*** (e.g., to help run an activity, sell tickets, etc.). You won't be required to volunteer for the whole evening, just for a portion so you can enjoy the fair with your kiddos, too! If you're interested, email us at kimberleyjpscouncil@gmail.com with the subject line "Fun Fair Volunteer" and we'll add you to the volunteer list and future communications.

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 and attend the 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).