

Karen Kain School of the Arts Canvas

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December 2009 Principal's News



Parent/Guardian Interviews
Thursday December 3, 4:30- 8:00 and
Friday December 4, 8:30 -11:30.

Interview request forms have been sent home and teachers are now scheduling times for you to come and meet. If your child did not bring home a request form, please call the school and another one will be sent home. Students are encouraged to attend interviews as this will give them an opportunity to have input into their educational process.

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Reminder



Friday December 5, P. A. Day

KKSA is selling 4GB USB Flash Drives

On a daily basis our students are transporting information from school to home and from class to class in the most creative ways, one of them being on Flash Drives. To facilitate our students in using Flash Drives as an every day tool in the age of technology, we will be selling them at the office as a fundraiser.

Students can purchase a 4GB Cruzer USB for \$20 at the office. The Cruzer stores Word, video, music and other files and requires a USB 2.0 port for high speed transfer. It is compatible with all the computers used at KKSA.

Funds raised from the sale of the Cruzer Flash Drive will be used to further support the technology program at KKSA.

Jewellery fundraiser on December 3, 3:30-8:30

Parents/Guardians,
Consider doing your holiday shopping for that special Gal in your life at KKSA on December 3 during the Teacher Interviews. Jude Jacobs-Richter will be set up in our foyer with her incredible array of sliver jewellery and semi precious studded earrings, bracelets and necklaces. You can preview her collection at www.judejacobs.blogspot.com. Jude will donate 10% of her sales to KKSA.
Thank you in advance for your support
Cash or Cheques Only

First Annual KKSA Daily Bread Food Drive

17% of children go hungry at least once a week.

42% of adults go hungry at least once a week.

One third of Food Bank clients are teenagers.

KKSA held its first food drive during two weeks in November. I cannot express how impressed I am with the ownership our students have taken and the positive responsibility they feel for providing for the clients of the Food Bank. Thank you parents/guardians, for indulging your child in this venture and for assisting us in teach them the most important lesson of being socially aware and responsible. Thank you to Mr. Gambacort for overseeing the food drive and to the grade 8 students who produced posters and Public Service Announcements. Well done KKSA! I am so proud of you!

Reminder: Report Cards go home on Tuesday December 1

Master Classes

The first in the series, "Preparing for the Grade 9 'Schools of Choice' Admission Process" took place on Monday afternoon. Our guests were Mr. Varey & Ms. Raymont from ESA. Thirty-one students participated.

After a lively round of student questions, Mr. Varey & Ms. Raymont informally met with students and looked at various pieces of work.

Very special thanks to Shirley Asevicius for her help in making this happen.

There are still a few spaces in other workshops for Grade 7 & 8 students. Please see workshops and dates: <http://kksac.wordpress.com>. Questions should be addressed to artsparents@gmail.com with the Subject Heading: Master Classes.

A Huge Congratulations to Charlotte W. in 7B!

Congratulations to Charlotte of 7B, for being selected as a winner in the annual 2009 Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest. Her art entry entitled "Groundhog" is one of 12 art pieces, out of thousands, that was selected as a winner for this year's contest.

Internationally-renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman launched this unique, all-Canadian contest in 2000 to inspire youth to go outdoor and "get to know" their wild neighbours. The contest is based on Bateman's philosophy that caring for the planet begins with learning the names of our neighbours of other species. Each year, 12 winning art pieces, 12 winning writing pieces, and 12 honourable mention art pieces are chosen and featured in the next year's Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest calendar.

At KKSA we have a limited number of 2010 Get to Know Contest calendars for sale for \$12.00. If you would like to purchase one, please contact the office. Once again, congrats Charlotte and well done. We are very proud of your accomplishment!



Congratulations to Halle M., 6A and Emily H., 7A

KKSA would like to congratulate Halle and Emily who submitted drawings in a contest at Raymond James Ltd. Their drawings were selected as two of twelve young artists from more than 170 submissions to appear on the corporate Holiday Greeting cards. The proceeds from these cards will go to The Children's Wish Foundation-a Canadian charity that grants wishes to children with high-risk life-threatening illnesses.

As a result of their efforts, Halle and Emily will not only be able to support The Children's Wish Foundation, but they will also be able to support the KKSA library. Raymond James Ltd. has donated \$200 to go towards the purchase of new books for our school library.

Thank you and congrats Halle and Emily!

Parent Council News

November has been a wonderful month full of exciting activities, field trips and the ESA Craft Sale. Thanks to the kids who worked so hard making gorgeous jewellery and making the denim "Eco" bags so stunning. Thanks to all the parents who got involved and worked so hard to make the event such a success. At the risk of leaving out parents who contributed, a special thank you needs to go to Marie for turning old jeans into purses for the kids to decorate, Jan for organizing and guiding the jewellery making, Kim and the Fundraising team, and of course Shirley for doing such a great job of getting us organized for the ESA Craft Sale. Thanks to all the parents who came out and offered their time to organize and do a shift at the KKSA table. What a great community we have at KKSA!

Thanks also to all the parents who have participated in council meetings as well as online communication and voting. Please let us know if you're not receiving council mail so you don't miss any opportunity to be included in KKSA Council. Your feedback and ideas are always welcome.

Council will be meeting again on January 11th at 6:30 pm. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

Carolyn and Eva
Co-chairs

KKSA Food Drive

The food drive was awesome and it's a huge success, and everybody was involved. I can't wait for next year when we have another food drive because it's so exciting! It all goes to a good cause and all the students have fun. The most exciting part is that the class that gives the most donations gets a PIZZA PARTY! All of the food goes to the Daily Bread Food Bank! Mr. Gambacourt and his Gr.8 media classes made posters and videos to raise the spirit of the students and because of this, all of the students got involved. It's a race to the PIZZA PARTY and to supporting those in need in Toronto!

Ashlynn A 6B

Final Food Drive Figures

6A	6B	7A	7B	8A	8B
228	111	225	119	171	252

Total Collected: 1106 items (an average of 6 per student)

Ms.Ocampo's baby girl

Our amazing teacher Ms.Ocampo was pregnant since last school year. Everyone especially Ms.Ocampo's grade 8A class knew that she had to leave to have her baby and take care of her baby till next year. We were all surprised when she didn't come to school on November 11 in the morning. We weren't 100 percent sure if she was having her baby. Later that morning we were delighted to hear that Ms.Ocampo gave birth to a beautiful healthy baby girl, Payton Isabella Ocampo. She was 6 pounds, 15 ounces and she was born at 6:30 on the morning of Remembrance Day. Everyone in her family is doing well!. We wish her happiness and health to her and her family.

By Jessica T. 8A

Ryan Gosling after party

So I take it you already know that 5 students from KKSA (Eva 7B, Zachary 7A, Tess 8B, Cassie 8B and Katie 8B) and 10 students from Etobicoke School of the Arts (ESA) were invited to sing on stage with Ryan Gosling in the band "Dead Man s Bones". Well KKSA invited the 10 students and their choir instructor to have a Dead Man s Bones after-party- **PAR-T-AY**. It was a great experience meeting with them again we learned much about their school and their students as we told them about our school and our students. Katie (one of the singers at our school) made a delicious cake in the shape of a bone because of the name "Dead Man s Bones". The **par-t-ay** took place at our school and it was on the birth date of Ryan Gosling. This whole experience has been a great opportunity and we hope to get more like this one.

By: Zachary C 7A

Remembrance Day

On the 11th month of the 11th day of the 11th hour, students at KKSA stopped to remember our veterans and soldiers, who gave their "today" for our tomorrow. Our assembly began with a wonderful speech from Mrs. Pfeiffer. Next, we had our drama club present a powerful skit about the devastation of war, but also the hope for a new beginning. Our grade 7/8 choir performed a beautiful song call "In Flanders Fields". Then we waited for two minutes watching "a pittance of time," a song by maritime singer, Terry Kelly. We also heard from three students who had prepared poems.

Thanks to Sydney M., Charlotte B. and Georgina O. Mrs. Pfeiffer then dismissed everyone and reminded us to always remember our veterans.

By: MaryL G., Laura K. and Sodapop S., 6B

"The Galaxy of Books" Book Fair

Our second annual school book fair arrives next week! It starts on Tuesday, December 1st and ends Friday December 4th, which is on parent/teacher interview morning. It is being supported by the children's book company called Scholastic. Although the theme is "Galaxy of books", there is a whole universe of books and genres to choose from! Also, being sold at the book fair, you will be able to find pencils, erasers, and other cool, and fun stuff! The book fair will be open during the lunches and each class will get a sneak preview on Tuesday. We will raffling off prizes and holding contests. Students and parents are encouraged to buy books of their own choice and, if they wish, they can donate a selection from their teacher's wish list. This is a small sheet of paper that each teacher will fill out for the book choice that they would like to have for their class. So bring your money and get ready to blast off into a new world of books with the "Galaxy of Books" fair!

A Huge KKSA for your support in the QSP Fundraiser!

Thank you so much parents/guardians for your support of KKSA through your purchases of Magazine subscriptions in the QSP campaign. We raised a total of \$18090.28 with \$6374.67 coming back to KKSA! It is indeed wonderful that our students reached our goal and they have a movie afternoon treat waiting for them.

Monies raised will go towards the purchase of a school lap top, the purchase of additional materials to support our curriculum such as the Forest of Reading program, to the application and audition process and to support incoming performances at KKSA.

Thank you and well done KKSA!!!

