It was wonderful to see so many families at our annual Art Gallery & Sale this past Saturday. The funds raised will go directly to supporting our Arts Integration Program. Thank you!!!

**PEER MEDIATORS**

**WHAT?** Peer Mediators are trained 5th graders who help resolve peer conflicts.

**WHY?** Conflict is a fact of life and normal wherever people come together. It is a life skill to learn how to handle conflict constructively. Peer Mediators and disputants alike learn the steps of peaceful conflict resolution.

**WHO?** All students are invited to Peer Mediation. Peer Mediations involve two students who have a conflict and agree to talk with peer mediators to work it out.

**HOW?** Peer Mediators work in teams of two and use the ABCD steps to help students solve conflicts at recess:

**WHEN & WHERE?** Mediations take place at recess. Mediators can be identified by bright blue vests that say “Peer Mediator”. Mediators are scheduled to be at every recess Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The student council is once again hosting a **Manna Food Drive**. The food drive will be from **Dec. 3rd – Dec. 14th**. We will be collecting non-perishable food items. We are encouraging students to choose healthy food items to donate. For example: whole grains, low sugar, low sodium, etc. This is a great opportunity to teach our students how to make healthy food choices while helping others!

**KIDS HELPING KIDS FOOD DRIVE**

Just a reminder that the **Winter Concert** is quickly approaching! We are looking forward to sharing our music with family and friends. All performances will be in the **KP All Purpose Room** this year. Kindergarten and 2nd grade will perform on **Mon., Dec. 10th**. 1st and 3rd grade classes will perform on **Tues., Dec. 11th**. Please have the children seated in their designated seats by class no later than **6:45 pm**. We will start promptly at **7** and they should be quick performances! The KP Singers and Instrumental Music concert will be **Wed., Dec. 19th**. The students should arrive no later than **6:45 p.m**. The concert will start promptly at **7**.
Math News

All students at Kensington Parkwood have access to Moby Math – a web based program that can be used at school or at home to support the development of math skills. Moby Math is aligned with the common core and provides practice with basic facts and the development of number sense. You can track your child’s progress through their online reports and your child’s teacher has access to their performance as well.

If you would like your child to explore Moby Math at home, there are just a few simple steps

From your web browser, open up the Kensington Parkwood web page. On the left of the page, is a blue band of options. Click on classrooms. Below the list of grade level links, open the link for Moby Math. Your child’s login is their 6 digit identification number. For a very small number of students, their number was already in use within Moby Math. If the login comes up as invalid, repeat the last digit to create a 7 digit identification number. The password is mobymath. We remind the students it is on the top of the login page and they just need to put the two words together.

Media Center News

The media center is promoting and sharing Black-Eyed Susan book award nominees. Students will vote for their favourite book in April. The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award is a children’s choice award for the state of Maryland. Each year since 1992, the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award has been given to authors and/or illustrators of outstanding books chosen for the award by Maryland students. The award seeks to promote literacy and lifelong reading habits by encouraging students to read quality, contemporary literature. The picture book nominees are:

Banks, Kate – Max’s Castle
Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta – Hampire!
Czekaj, Jef – Car Secrets
Emmett, Jonathan – The Princess and the Pig
Hall, Michael – Perfect Square
Kajikawa, Kimiko – Tsunami!
Knudsen, Michelle – Argus
Langlo, Bryan – Tornado Slim and the Magic Cowboy Hat
Martin, Jacqueline Briggs – The Chiru of High Tibet: a True Story
McDonnell, Patrick – Me . . . Jane
Metzger, Steve – Detective Blue
Napoli, Donna Jo – Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya
Rocco, John - Blackout
Sweet, Melissa – Balloons Over Broadway: the True Story of the

With the cold weather quickly approaching, please remember to have students dress for the weather. We will be going outside for recess unless the temperature is below 32 degrees.

Please have your children check the lost and found for missing items. We have a large amount of coats, hats, lunch boxes and more!