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Mural Painting - A Project Completed

Thank you to our students, staff and families, as well as the leadership of East York Alternative S.S. and our own Ms. Harrison, in the completion of this project. Our murals were put up in our lunchroom this week and represent the vision and dreams of our diverse range of learners.



Lockdown Procedure

On April 14th we had a practice lockdown procedure that went very well. Staff and students demonstrated readiness, in the case where a real event would cause this procedure to take place. Thank you to staff for supporting your students and ensuring a smooth transition and following of process.

Earl Beatty's Danceathon - Movin' to the Beat!

Our school-wide danceathon was enjoyed by all of our students on **Friday, April 1st**. Led by DJ Neil Carroll (who changed from his regular day job as a pool instructor), playing the tunes and dancing with the group, the students had a great time working up a sweat on the dance floor. Thank you to Erica Fyvie from the S.A.C. for organizing and leading the event, Olivia Balardo for supplying popsicles, Gaynor Ehlert for assisting with counting funds, our caretaking and teachers, staff and several other individuals for promoting and supporting the event. Thank you to families for returning pledge forms to the school - we have a few more donations that are soon to be counted, but we are happy to announce that we will have more than met our goal to reach \$5000 in raising funds for arts initiatives and other activities throughout the school. We will provide a consolidated amount of funds collected in the next newsletter. Thank you again for your support!



Friendship Bench Presentation from Kill It With Kindness

After more than a year of work and planning, we received our Friendship Bench from the anti-bullying organization, *Kill It With Kindness*. On Monday, April 11th, KIWK founder Kyla Prosser presented it to the school at an entertaining assembly in the gym. It was a wonderful accomplishment by the school, led by the hard work and dedication of Mr. Nore, Mme. La Flair, and the students from the Rainbow Alliance. A job well done!

The bench was on display in front of the office for the past week, and will be placed in front of classrooms in the upcoming weeks ahead. You can learn about *Kill It With Kindness* here: <http://killitwithkindness.org/>



International Day of Pink

On Wednesday, April 13th, Earl Beatty celebrated the International Day of Pink. Students and staff did a wonderful job of decorating their doors and wearing pink in support of inclusion and anti-bullying initiatives. It was a valued opportunity for staff and invited guests to see the incredible ideas that came forward in the students representations. Thanks again to Mr. Nore, Mme, La Flair and the Rainbow Alliance for organizing this event.



Entrance Mural - Inner City Angels

Our front entrance on Woodington Avenue has undergone a revitalization over the past few weeks. Guided by the the arts education charity, Inner City Angels, Ms. Harrison's and Ms. Swire's Grade 7/8 classes painted a wonderful array of images and inspiring quotes based on our school-wide philosophy of growth mindset. Thank you to the flexibility and leadership of our teachers, as well as the incredible teamwork and effort by our students in completing this project that will serve as an inspiration for everyone as they enter our school. We are very proud of your accomplishment!



Upcoming Events

April 19th - Mathematica Centrum Competition (Grades 6 - 8)

April 20th - Graduation Photos (Grade 8)

April 21st - Wizard of Oz Trip (Grades K - 6)

April 22nd - Toronto Clean-Up Day (Whole School - 2 p.m.)

April 25 & 26th - Beat the Streets Wrestling (Grade 7 - 8)

April 27th - Sharing Assembly (1:00 p.m.)

May 2nd - Music Monday

May 5th - Welcome to Kindergarten Event

May 6 and 7th - Immunization Clinic (Grade 7 - 8)