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Winter Concert - Anything is Possible!

Our students performed for family members and friends at our **Anything is Possible** Winter Concert on Thursday, February 2nd. The two shows involved our mighty Kindergarten Team, as well as our talented Grade 1 to 8 students (and Mr. Rumball - on the strings!). It was a beautiful concert, filled with a variety of performances ranging from dance, to drama, to several meaningful and memorable songs. Thank you to the amazing effort by our students, the on-going dedication of our incredible staff, and the creative leadership of Ms. Donovan. As well, a special appreciation goes out to our talented accompanist, Ms. Canton.



The Sweet Sounds of Choir

The Earl Beatty Choir for Grade 2 and 3 students is beginning next week. (Grade 1 choir will begin April 17th). Choir is an excellent way for students to develop concentration, musical performance and ensemble skills, while expressing their love of music. While there is no official audition process, a commitment to the choir is necessary in order for students to learn the routines, vocal skills and repertoire. Students are expected to be committed to listening, learning and participating appropriately during rehearsals.

♪♪ Rehearsals will take place on MONDAYS at lunch until April 10th.

Kindergarten Registration

February is Kindergarten Registration Month!

At the Toronto District School Board, our elementary schools offer Full-Day Kindergarten. Our educators recognize that children come to school with diverse backgrounds and rich experiences. Our Kindergarten programs will build upon these experiences and support your child to learn, grow, and succeed. At the TDSB, we believe our youngest learners benefit from engaging in a variety of rich and authentic learning, both indoors and outdoors. Our classroom programs are designed to bring The Kindergarten Program 2016 to life by providing children opportunities to learn through play, inquiry, and exploration. Throughout the two-year Kindergarten program, classroom educators support the children in developing their sense of belonging, well-being, and problem solving skills. Throughout the day, children explore literacy, mathematics, science, physical education and the arts.

If you have a child born in 2013, please call 416-393-9070 to make an appointment to register your child. We will be booking appointments for registration from Monday, February 6th until Friday, February 17th. If you have a neighbour who has a child this age, please pass this information on to them.

When you come to register, please bring in the following information:

1. Child's Birth Certificate, Permanent Resident Card, Citizenship Papers *or* Refugee Papers
2. Two pieces of identification that show your address (utility bill, rental or lease agreement, bank statement) *A driver's license is not accepted.*
3. Child's Health Card
4. Child's Immunization Record
5. Legal Custody Document (if applicable)

We look forward to meeting with you and your child!

Marlies Win (and so do we)!

Earl Beatty came out in force to enjoy the Marlies game against the Syracuse Crunch. Many families participated in the pre-game skate, kept active and loud throughout the game, and had fun giving high-fives to the team in the fan tunnel as they cheered the home team on to a victory, 3 - 2. Many staff members, students and family members were in attendance at the game, supporting the school fundraiser. A big thank you goes out to Jennifer Thompson, our wonderful SAC Treasurer, for organizing the event.

Recess Revival

Recess Revival is a program led by Healthy Kids Community Challenge (Danforth East-York). Information on this exciting program that focuses on developing healthy living goals and increasing physical fitness, including an active recess program at school, can be found at: <http://healthykidstoronto.com/eastyork/> . Our Student Council has been trained and will be leading fun, inclusive activities every Monday during recess, beginning next week. All students are welcome to join activities and no sign-up is required. Thank you to Mme. Loubier for supporting this initiative!

Report Cards and Parent Interviews

Report Cards will be sent home to families on Tuesday, February 14th. Interviews take place on the evening of Thursday, February 17th and the morning of Friday, February 18th. Families will be notified if their child`s teacher is requesting an interview at this time.

February 20 - Family Day!

There will be no classes on Monday, February 20, 2017 to reflect the province-wide statutory holiday called Family Day. The holiday occurs on the third Monday in February of each year for the purpose of emphasizing and celebrating the importance of families taking time to be together.

Parents as Partners Conference

The Parents as Partners Conference is on Saturday, April 1 and all parents are welcome! This free conference, - planned by parents, for parents - includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home. Transportation, childcare, food and translators are all provided. Registration opens mid-February. Learn more at www.parentsaspartners.ca .

Dufflebag Theatre and Shaun Boothe - Artists at Beatty

Students and staff enjoyed the performance by **DuffleBag Theatre** on Thursday, January 26th. With student participation and a very entertaining production, the talented cast kept the primary students laughing and entertained. The actors also allowed for students to ask questions at the end, and the insight the audience gained regarding the casts experiences was very much appreciated.



That same afternoon, **Shaun Boothe's** highly entertaining *Live Your Legacy* presentation was presented to our older grades. His Bio Series videos served as an entertaining educational tool that engaged and inspired the audience. He combined his live performance with videos of historical figures Martin Luther King Jr., Oprah Winfrey and Bob Marley, telling a entertaining story of the impact these historical figures had in history, and the backstory behind their efforts to overcome adversity and challenges. Shaun also shared crucial stories from his own journey.



Welcome Ms. Mohammad & Best Wishes Ms. Duiker

With appreciation of the wonderful job she has done this year, we said good-bye to Ms. Duiker and wish her the best in beginning her maternity leave this past week. We look forward to lots of baby photos soon to come! We are happy to welcome Ms. Mohammad to our staff, who will be taking over the role of Drama and Dance Teacher for our Grade 1 to 3 French Immersion students.

Earl Beatty Now & Then



"Pupils graduated, teachers came and went, leaving with regrets. Pride, Loyalty and Fair Play were the secrets of our success, inspired by our principals - Mr. Scott, Mr. Stiver, Mr. Knott, and Mr. Bruchell.

We had many amusing events at Earl Beatty. Do any of you remember the morning the snake, a rattler escaped from Mr. Lloyd Dennis' science room? It rattled its way out into the upper hall. Mr. Dennis was down at the office telephone at the time. The excited class expected me to rescue it, but I know rattlers! It slipped into an air vent near the floor and disappeared.

Or can anyone recall, some years earlier, the first car a teacher bought? It was a shiny black model "T" Ford. Two of his prankster friends filled a pail with water, took a large brown paper bag and went up the third floor room just above the main entrance steps. When the motorist came out, the water was poured into the bag and the bag dropped out of the top window just as the car moved away. Of course, the bag burst with a cannon ball crash. The motorist stopped his car, inspected the four tired, the engine, and looking under the car, saw the water and burst bag. He also heard the peals of laughter from the pranksters.

Of these two men (pranksters), when the Second World War broke out, one was on leave of absence in England, studying at London University. He manned a motor launch making continual trips across the English Channel bring boatloads of the injured back from home from the seashore of Dunkirk.

The other prankster joined the Air Force, became a Flight Lieutenant and Squadron Leader. Another of our men did the same. They returned home together. The squadron marched into Varsity Stadium where they disbanded, cheering and greeted by Earl Beatty residents. "

Source: Excerpts by Mary C. Galbraith, History & Memories of Earl Beatty School 1925 to 1975

Important Dates

Term One Report Cards: Sent Home - February 14th

P.A. Day (no school for students) - February 17th

Family Day - February 20th