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#### Earl Beatty Communication Survey

We greatly appreciate the active participation of our Earl Beatty community that has consistently occurred throughout the school year. In continuing to gather valuable feedback from our families, we have created a Communication Survey for parents/guardians to complete to help provide direction in terms of what delivery methods are most effective and what other forms of communication would service our community best. Thank you to everyone who is able to provide ideas and direction through the completion of this survey.

Earl Beatty Communication Survey

## **EQAO** Testing

Between May 31 and June 2nd, students in Grade 3 and 6 took part in the provincial Assessment of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Students in Grade 3 French Immersion took part in the Mathematical component of this assessment. The students did a wonderful job of completing the assessment and demonstrating their knowledge and understanding, as well as the application of skills learned throughout the year. Thank you to families for supporting their

children during this time, to staff for your dedication in supporting student learning and well-being, and to the students themselves, for perservering through moments of challenge and communicating your ideas effectively.

# Rainbow Alliance - Full of Pride!

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Earl Beatty had the pleasure of hosting author and storyteller S. Bear Bergman, who lead assemblies with the primary and junior/intermediate divisions, involving some wonderful discussions and ideas shared by both the author and students. Our second annual rainbow flag raising place later that day, officiated again by Danielle Bottineau, LGBT Liaison Officer for Toronto Police Services. S. Bear Bergman and Mathieu Chantelois, Executive Director of Pride Toronto also attended and spoke at the flag-raising event, which was a wonderful moment of inclusion and pride for the Earl Beatty community. Thank you to Mr. Nore and Mme. La Flair and the Rainbow Alliance for their leadership and hard work in providing so many opportunities of learning and inclusion for our students.







#### Fun Fair Update

The weather was perfect, as Earl Beatty held its annual Fun Fair this past weekend. From the pitch-perfect band to the Escape Room, one could find a vast array of activities to keep entertained both adults and kids alike. Children were

jumping enthusiastically on the bouncy castles, running on the (car-free) street playing hockey, took creative photos in the photo booth, and few could resist the amazing treats and food available throughout the fair. The final fundraising amount raised by the Fun Fair this year was \$9,400.00! Thank you to all involved, with a special appreciation to the Fun Fair Committee (Sarah Morris, Pauline Dekker, Shawna Patry and Kathy Palmer) for all your hard work in organizing, coordinating and leading this amazing event.







# Earl Brewski Auction and Event - A Great Evening!

A fantastic evening was had by many as a beer sampling and silent auction took place at Earl Brewski on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Jody Parekh and Sheila Philcox for organizing the event - much fun was had by all that attended!







# Subway Lunch

The Student Council, with leadership provided by Ms. Swire, organized a Subway Sub Lunch, on Monday, June  $6^{th}$ . The event raised over \$500.00 to go towards Grade 8 graduation activites. Thank you for your support!

#### Urban Voices

Three Grade 3 Earl Beatty students from Mme. Themelis's 2/3 class - Grace Cockburn, Leah McDonald and Ariella Ross, presented at the Urban Voices/l'echo de la ville on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a very proud moment for the students, their families, teacher and school. The poem they created is attached to the email sent out for your viewing. Travail merveilleux!



Grace, Leah and Ariella presenting their poem at Scarborough Civic Centre.

#### After-School Yard Supervision

A friendly reminder that school yard supervision ends at 3:30 p.m. At 3:30 it is expected that students are going home. If students remain on school grounds, students should be supervised by an adult. Beatty Buddies and the Boys and Girls Club often uses the playscape area in the school grounds after school – with an understanding that some children or older Earl Beatty students that may want to, or need to stay in the playground while the programs are on the playground site. Beatty Buddies and Boys and Girls Club staff kindly request that community members be respectful in sharing the space.

# App of the Week - Scratch Jr - Coding Program

<u>Scratch Jr</u> is an introductory programming language that enables young children (ages 5 and up) to create their own interactive stories and games. Children snap together graphical programming blocks to make characters move, jump, dance, and sing. Children can modify characters, add their own voices and sounds, even insert photos of themselves -- then use the programming blocks to make their characters come to life.