



*Where – Anything is Possible!*

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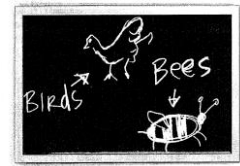
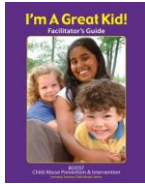
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Swim-a-thon!



On **Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>** students from Grades 1 to 8 participated in our Swim-a-thon to raise money for our new schoolyard project. Kindergarten students participated in a Swim-a-thon without water on the same day in the afternoon. Grade 7 and 8 students from Ms. Swire's class led the activities and Grade 3 students in Ms. Gerencser's class acted as team leaders. Students successfully raised **\$8862.05** for our new schoolyard. Thank you to everyone who pledged a student, Ms. Gerencser and Ms. Swire for organizing the event, and our lifeguards Neil and Julian for supervising on the pool deck throughout the day.



## Developing Healthy Relationships at Earl Beatty

To support the learning of expectations as set out by the Ministry of Education in the Physical Health and Education document, we will be welcoming Malca Gaffe, our Sexual Health Educator from Toronto Public Health, to present on the topic of **Raising Sexually Healthy Children**. Ms. Gaffe worked with our staff during a "Lunch and Learn" on March 7<sup>th</sup> to support curriculum planning, and is offering a workshop to parents on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Another program that will be taking place at Earl Beatty is the BOOST, "*I'm a Great Kid!*" Prevention Program. The program is designed to help children develop and practice skills that lay the foundation for positive, healthy relationships. The goals and activities of the program support the Ministry of Education expectations for students. Activities will include a DVD movie (*I'm A Great Kid!*) and are designed to help build the self-esteem and confidence of children and assist them to make developmentally appropriate choices. The program will also support students in knowing how and where to get help for a problem or a worry. Each program has been designed specifically for students in the primary and junior grades and the language and approach has been tailored to meet their level of understanding and comprehension.



## Martial Arts Demonstration at Earl Beatty

As part of instruction in primary physical education this term, students have been learning martial arts techniques from Mr. Nore, who holds a black belt in Hapkido-Karate. As a culminating task for their unit, Grades 2 and 3 students gave a demonstration in the gym. It was wonderful to see many parents come out to enjoy the presentation. The students did a wonderful job as a group. Thanks to Mr. Nore for organizing the event!

## Fun Fair and Ball Hockey Tournament - June 17<sup>th</sup> - Save the Date!

Save the date !!! Earl Beatty Fun Fair and Ball Hockey Tournament Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 10-3pm. The organizing committee is looking for a few more volunteer committee members to join our fun, hard working team. Commitment includes attending evening meetings and involvement the day of the fun fair. If you are able to volunteer or would like to find out more please email [beattyfunfair@gmail.com](mailto:beattyfunfair@gmail.com).

The Fun Fair relies on volunteers and donations for the day. If you can't volunteer on the committee but would like to help out on June 17 or can contribute to the bake sale please email [beattyfunfair@gmail.com](mailto:beattyfunfair@gmail.com).



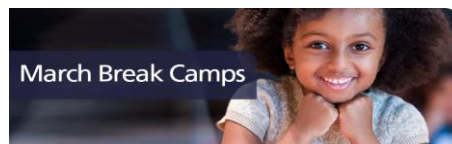
### Earl Beatty Rainbow Alliance Shirts

In preparation for Day of Pink (Wednesday, April 12) and Pride Month in the TDSB (commencing Thursday, June 1st), Earl Beatty Rainbow Alliance T-Shirts are available for order this year in pink, red, green, orange and blue, in both children's and adults' sizes. The shirts are \$8 each. Please return the enclosed form and money to school by Monday, March 27th. We expect to receive the order on Friday, April 7th, and they will be distributed by Monday, April 10th.



### 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 in mid-February. Learn more at [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca).



### March Break Camps!

Every March Break, students and families from across the TDSB have the opportunity to participate in camps that are being offered in our schools through our community partners. Each partner has been provided free space through the Priority Schools Initiative (PSI) program and all camps are free or subsidized for participants. This March Break we have over 80 camps running in the 77 PSI schools. A full list of programs, along with hours, fees and contact information can be found by visiting the following link: <http://www.tdsb.on.ca/AboutUs/Innovation/MarchBreakCamps.aspx>.



## **Movie Night - MOANA! - March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

On Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, we will be hosting a movie night - *Moana*. Please see the attached poster for additional information. We hope to see many families out to enjoy the movie!

### **Lunch Routine Change - Lunch Bins**

Following March Break we will be changing our lunch time routines in regards to lunch bins. Class lunch bins will no longer be used. Students will now keep their lunch containers in their bag in the morning, take down their bags to lunch and then keep their bags in a designated space outside, collecting them at the end of lunch.

### **Donors to Our Play Hard for Our Yard Campaign**

Thank you to all our of community members for their donations towards our Play Hard For Our Yard Campaign. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the individuals, families, and businesses that have generously donated significant monetary contributions towards our goal of reaching \$100,000 to fund the vision of our yard:

#### **PLAY CHAMPION (\$10,000+)**

Bonnie and Gary Gayda in memory of: Bill and Lena Gayda  
Ralph and Muriel Riseley  
Agnes and Wilf Woodcock

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNER (\$1,000 - \$4,999)**

Jeff Vedan/Karen Millar Team from Royal LePage  
Anonymous Earl Beatty Family  
Nicola and Taavi

#### **FRIEND OF EARL BEATTY (\$500 - \$999)**

Zenobia Homavazir & Blair Beesley  
Melinda Gayda & Stuart Paterson  
Nancy Pearcey  
Leo & Julia Erman's family  
Sean English, Darby Erler, & Henry English  
Bryn & Cooper Scott  
Bomb Fitness

## Class Organization and Placement for 2017/18

As discussed at our School Advisory Council Meeting this month, please note the information below regarding classroom organization:

- Please let us know if planning on registering your child at another school for September 2017
- Staffing begins in March
- Student placement meetings will be near the end of the year
- Decision as to class placement of the students is the responsibility of the school
- Teachers and school administration will be meeting to discuss the needs of each student and the classroom environment that will optimize their learning
- Takes hours of deliberation and discussion to assign children to their classes
- Final decision regarding class placements rests with the Principal
- Students room number will be written on their last term report card in June
- New JK students and new SK French Immersion students will receive a letter home in June indicating their class for September
- Teacher requests will not be entertained
- Possibility of school reorganization in September due to Ministry requirements
- We work hard and use considerable professional judgment to ensure balanced classes in terms of:
  - Numbers, gender, abilities, strength, needs and social dynamics

## Earl Beatty Now & Then

### *Earl Beatty Revisited*



Spring 2017 awaits us!

Our halls are filled with laughter of students. May the echo of the past bridge the present in team spirit as we embrace our own endurance, talent, and potential. Let us leap forward, doing our best, sharing in our successes on the field in team spirit as well as school spirit!

In 1964, we were the champions in Senior Girls 3 Pitch Baseball for all of Toronto! Look to the front steps of the school, and consider the steps of the students who learned and played on its door. It is the same today as it was over 5 decades ago. The library background may have changed, however boys soccer still brings students to the schoolyard both during recesses as well as after school.

Spring begins on our first day back from March Break. A new start to a new season!

*"Let's Go Earl Beatty!"*

### **Important Dates**

March 13 - 17: March Break

March 22: Raising Sexually Healthy Children Workshop for Parents by Toronto Public Health

March 28: Grade 7-8 FEED Leadership Training for Earl Beatty, Earl Haig and Duke of Connaught

March 31: Movie Night