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Newsletter - November 14th, 2016

Holiday in the Hood - November 25th & 26th

We're counting down to Holiday in the Hood - less than two weeks away! Holiday in the Hood is coming to Earl Beatty on Friday November 25th, 4-8 pm and Saturday November 26th, 10am - 4pm. Please check out the attached flyer for additional information.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Regular parent-teacher communication is an important part of student learning. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled throughout the year after report cards are sent home. Interviews will be taking place on November 17th and 18th.

These interviews are your opportunity to ask questions about your child's progress and to discuss any issues. In addition to regular scheduled parent-teacher interviews, you can request a meeting at any time during the school year by contacting the school or your child's teacher directly. If you have not received a note regarding an interview time, please contact the main office at 416-393-9070.

Welcome Back Ms. Tirkos & Thank You Ms. Cornel!

We welcome back Ms. Tirkos, who is returning from her maternity leave on November 16th. We look forward to having your leadership and expertise at the school once again. A special thank you to Ms. Cornel, whose dedication to Mathematics and Student Success has greatly supported the direction undertaken by the school, with her enthusiasm and expertise such a valuable asset, that we have greatly valued over the past number of months.

Remembrance Day Assembly

This year's Remembrance Day marked the date and time when fighting stopped on November 11th at 11am in 1918 (the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month) which made this the 98th anniversary for the end of the First World War. This year is also the 71st year since the end of World War II.

Thank you to Ms. Donovan for organizing and coordinating our assembly. A considerable appreciation goes out to several staff members and students who did an outstanding job in presenting songs, poems, and informational pieces that helped us to recognize the many communities that sacrificed so much during times of war. An additional thank you goes out to Kimberly Canton, for her wonderful job as our accompanying pianist. Support and feedback from our community was much appreciated - our school felt proud of our efforts to demonstrate a deep appreciation for the significance of this day.



Math Inquiry - Schools to Visit Earl Beatty

Earl Beatty will be proudly hosting a number of schools, coming to visit and observe our teachers and students in the classroom on November 25th. The purpose of these visits is to observe the dynamic teaching and learning going on in our classrooms, specifically in Math using the framework of the inquiry model. Thank you to our wonderful staff for opening their doors and allowing others to see the incredible learning we are fortunate to observe each day. The challenge guiding our inquiry is:

"Find a space in our school yard that needs to be remodelled in order for us to create a safe and inclusive space where we can all learn, play and grow. Find the math ... show the opportunities ... Anything is Possible!"

High School Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a high school, TDSB schools host information nights for parents and grade 8 students each year between October and January. Learn everything you need to know about our incredible variety of schools, programs and courses. The dates and times for all High School Information Nights are available online at -

[High School Information Nights](#) .

School Budget

At the most recent School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting, the school budget was presented to attendees. An overview of the funds allotted to the school, indicating areas of expenditure, include:

- Preliminary Budget **Allotment**: \$83,956 (\$79,729 Overall Budget + \$4227 towards Technology - as directed by the Board)

Areas of Expenditures

- Operational (\$17,000)
- Classroom (\$58,000)
- Sports and Extra Curricular (\$8000)
- School Council \$565

A more comprehensive overview of the budget, as well as additional information, can be found on-line at the following link -

[Earl Beatty School Budget - 2016/17](#)

Emergency Evacuation Plans

In the case of an emergency where an evacuation of the school is necessary, the information in the charts below detail where students and staff will be directed. The first chart details staff (floor captain) responsibilities during a fire alarm, as well as areas of communication and care. The second chart details schools that Earl Beatty students and staff would be directed to in the case that an evacuation becomes necessary.

Chart #1 - Fire Alarm Protocol

Direction from school	Marshalling Area	Serving which exits	Floor Captains responsible	Special considerations
North	Glebeholme Avenue	5	Claire Argyropoulos	Pavement is being redone- mindful of construction
West	Woodington Avenue	1	David Budd	
East	Schoolyard	7 and 8	Anastasia Poulis	
South	Wolverleigh Blvd	9	Jackie Gallos	

Office Area	<i>e.g. by yellow flag, North West corner</i>
Information Centre & Media Enquiries	North East corner of school yard on picnic tables
First Aid Centre	Kimbourne Church Christian Centre (located at SW intersection at Glebeholme Avenue and Woodington Avenue)

Chart #2 - Evacuation Protocol

Direction from school	Address of relocation site	Contact person	Telephone number	Hours of operation	Special considerations
North or West	R.H. McGregor PS 555 Mortimer Avenue	Corinne Promislow	416-396-2390	8-6	
South	Earl Haig PS 15 Earl Haig Avenue	Andrew McLachlan	416-393-1640	8-6	
East	St. Brigid's Catholic School 50 Woodmount Avenue	David Hogan	416-393-5235	8-6	

School Lockdowns and Hold and Secures

From time to time, police activity and/or incidents in and around schools and their communities may result in a school being put into a "Hold & Secure" or "Lockdown." These are procedures that are designed to keep students and staff safe. On the next page is a brief explanation of each procedure.

Hold & Secure: This procedure is a response to a threat and/or incident in the general vicinity of a school, but not on or very near to school property. School life continues as normal inside the school; however, as a precautionary measure, outer doors are locked and no one enters or leaves the building. Note: As a result of Secure Access Systems that are installed at TDSB Elementary schools, outer doors are typically locked during the learning day.

Lockdown: This procedure is used in a serious emergency situation where the threat is inside a school, on or very near to school property. A Lockdown minimizes access and visibility in an effort to shelter students, staff and visitors in secure locations. Similar to a Hold & Secure, all outer doors are locked; however a Lockdown requires that all students be kept in classrooms or other designated locations and that inner doors also be locked where possible. Entry to, and exit from, the building is restricted to emergency services personnel only.

During a Lockdown, lights are turned off in the classroom/office, curtains/blinds are closed where possible, cell phone use is restricted and all people inside the building should remain quiet. During a Lockdown, school phones will not be answered as the administration is tending to the ongoing situation. As cell phone use is restricted, students are asked not to use phones until cleared to do so.

It's important to note that our school, like every school across the Toronto District School Board, is required to practice two Lockdown drills per year to ensure students and staff know what to do in case of an emergency.

School Council - Spirit Days

On Monday November 28th it is Crazy Hat and Hair Day! Your child is allowed to style their hair however they want, or they can use an old hat and style it as crazy as ever. Hope to see your child then!

French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, the TDSB offer an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI) which begins in Senior Kindergarten
- Junior Extended French (JEF) which begins in Grade 4

The TDSB guarantees an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. Transportation is provided as per the Board's Transportation policy. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2017 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten aged child), must be completed online between November 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016.
- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 9, 2017 and February 2, 2017.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Further information on French as a Second Language programs and the application process is available online at www.tdsb.on.ca/french.

Important Dates

November 15: Progress Report Cards go home

November 17/18: Parent-Guardian/Teacher Interviews

November 18: P.A. Day

November 22: French Immersion Information Evening - Library

November 25: Teacher and Administrator Visits to Classes - Math Inquiry

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