



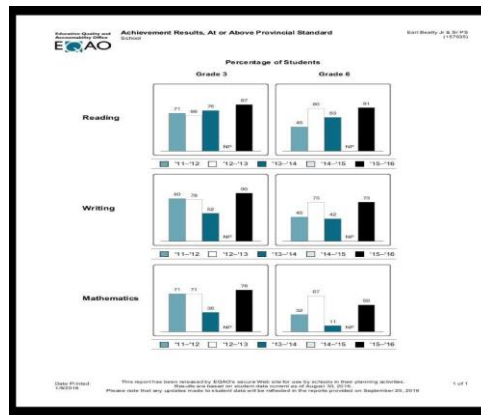
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## Newsletter - October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

### EQAO Results

Our school results have been released - below is a summary of achievement. As a school community we were pleased to see significant improvements in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at both the Grade 3 and Grade 6 level since the last EQAO testing that took place in 2014. We will continue to work to understand the needs of our students at an even deeper level, further developing evidence based-instructional strategies that increase student achievement and, in alignment with the TDSB framework, focus within the areas of Achievement, Equity and Well-Being, throughout the school year.



## Terry Fox - Anything is Possible

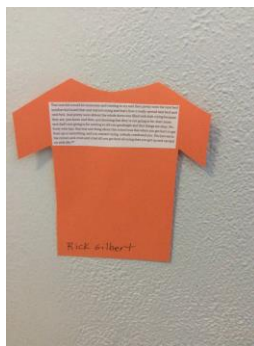
Thanks to Mr. Nore, Mme. Loubier and Mr. Rumball for organizing and leading the Terry Fox assembly that took place this past Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Hearing the perspective of Jay Triano, coach of the Canadian Olympic basketball team, the former Toronto Raptors coach and good friend of Terry Fox, was an inspiring message. Thanks to Mr. Rumball's Grade 5/6 students for sharing a wonderful presentation with the school. Thanks you to Ms. Gerencser and Ms. Swire for organizing the Terry Fox Walk through the community, and the support of staff and students in making the event a collective success. To all of the students, staff and family members who signed our "Anything is Possible" banner, your partnership in extending Terry Fox's message of hope is very much appreciated.



## Orange Shirt Day

Earl Beatty actively participated in Orange Shirt Day on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The day has become a national movement to recognize the experience of survivors of residential schools, honour them, and show a collective commitment to ensure that every child matters. The initiative called for

every Canadian to wear an orange shirt in the spirit of healing and reconciliation, which were in abundance throughout the school. Under the leadership of Ms. Swire and her Grade 7/8 class, her students shared oral stories and artistic creations with many classes, several staff and students shared books and stories within the classroom, and announcements each day presented the experience of residential school survivors. A number of community members shared personal connections to the impact of this past government policy, with the power of their words significant, the misguided choice in the creation of this practice evident, and the resilience of their character inspirational.



## Curriculum Night

It was wonderful to see so many families come out and see so many of the wonderful activities going on throughout the school and in our classrooms. Students proudly showed their family members examples of their learning, while teachers provided an outline for the learning, expectations and inquiry taking place in the classroom. Thank you to our staff for their dedication to student learning and well-being, and the community for your incredible support of all we do here at the school.





## Play Hard for Our Yard

A big thank you to Earl Beatty families, for supporting our *Pizza Night*, as well as the *Toonies for our Track* fundraiser, on Curriculum Night. Together we raised **\$1240** that will go towards our yard project. We have collected \$22,000 so far. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 for yard improvements which include a track and outdoor play areas. Look for a **list of events** on **page 8** of the newsletter. Please get involved, we need your help! You can:

- Make a direct donation (tax receipts available for donations over \$25)
- Support a school event
- Volunteer your time
- Write a grant proposal
- Approach your employer for a donation

For more information or to volunteer please contact [ebyardcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:ebyardcommittee@gmail.com) or visit [ebyard.ca](http://ebyard.ca)

## School Advisory Council - 2016/17

Thank you to our 2015/16 School Advisory Council (SAC) - we greatly appreciate the amazing work you did for the school over the past year. Congratulations to the following parents who will make up the SAC voting members for this school year: Lori-Ann Comeau, Sarah Gingrich, Anne Segal, Jessica Scott, Robin Squires, Jennifer Thompson, and Jim Zotalis. Specific roles and responsibilities will be organized at the October 13<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

## 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 [www.tdsb.on.ca/highschool/goingtohighschool](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/highschool/goingtohighschool). Earl Beatty will be hosting its High School Information Evening on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Fundraising at Coles Indigo Book Store

Thank you to the many families who supported our book fundraising drive at Coles Indigo book store at Eglinton Square. With your support, we have raised enough funds for 257 new books for our library. Thanks to Mrs. Tirkos and Ms. Cornel (our dedicated librarians) for organizing the event, as well as the support from many teachers and family members. If you are interested in donating in helping us to reach our goal of 453 books, please go to: <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/1562>



### 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](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french) .

### **Reminder to Call School if your Child will be Late or Absent**

One measure of keeping our students safe is to ensure we can account for any absences or reasons for being late to school. We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent or late for any reason, we ask that you contact the school immediately and report the reason for the absence. If we are not informed about the absence, we will make attempts to contact you through our automated call-out system to determine the reason for the absence. To find out how this automated system works please visit

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/HighSchool/CaringSafeSchools/SafeArrivalProgram.aspx> .

Please let the office know by calling 416 393 9070 if your contact information (including phone number) changes at any time throughout the school year. Thank you for your continued cooperation to keep your children safe and accounted for.

### **Extra Curricular Activities**

We have had an active start to the year at Earl Beatty. Thank you to the many staff members who have volunteered their time in supporting additional student activities. We will be completing our list of extra-curricular activities this week and will be putting up the list on the Earl Beatty website by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Volunteer Orientation**

Thank you to the many parents and family members who attended our volunteer orientation. The support you provide for our students is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Currently parents who are volunteering frequently (3 or more visits) require a police reference check. In the next school year, we will be insisting that all volunteers have a police reference check and we are encouraging all parents to complete their police reference check this school year. Thank you for your support and understanding of our safety policies.

## **Important Dates**

October 5 - Sight and Sound Program at Earl Beatty

October 5 & 6 - Cross Country Meets - South Conference Qualifier

October 7 - P.A. Day (no school for students)

October 11 - Intermediate Slow-Pitch Tournament

October 13: School Advisory Council - 6:30pm in the library

October 14: School Lice Check

October 19 - Cross Country South Conference Finals

October 20 - Grade 8 Parent High School Information Night at Earl Beatty

October 27 - Cross Country South Conference City Finals

October 27: Pizza Lunch

October 27: Spirit Day- Pajama Day



## Play Hard for Our Yard - Upcoming Events

Dance Hard for our Yard (Oct 31) - School dance-a-thon

Holiday in the Hood (Nov 25/26) Our annual holiday event featuring craft vendors, santa photos, kids' gift sale, and poinsettia sales.

Raffle Hard for our Yard (Dec/Jan). Encourage family, coworkers and friends to buy raffle tickets to win super prizes such as an iPad or Great Wolf Lodge pass!

Rock Hard for our Yard (Saturday Jan 14). An evening out for EB parents at Eton House