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Newsletter - October 31st, 2016

Holiday in the Hood - November 25th & 26th

We're counting down to **Holiday in the Hood** - only **one** month away!! We still have some spots available if you would like to sell your creations or crafts. Please email Laura at holidayinthehood@gmail.com. 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 and like our Facebook page ("Holiday in the Hood") for updates, as well as reading the attached flyer for additional information.



Play Hard for our Yard Campaign - Dance-a-thon!

The Play Hard for our Yard campaign has already raised \$23,000 towards our goal of \$100,000! We are looking to raise the remaining \$77,000 through support from businesses, a series of events over the coming months and donations from our Earl Beatty families.

A special thank you to our newest community partner - the Jeff Vedan/Karen Millar Team from Royal LePage for a generous donation of \$1,000.

Donation envelopes for the Dance Hard for our Yard event were distributed last week. The new date for the dance-a-thon is Friday November 4. Parents and other supporters are able to donate by cash, cheque or online. Please visit www.ebyard.ca for more information. Please return all envelopes by Nov 4th to your child's teacher.

A Message from Guidance - Supporting the Transition to Secondary School

Over the next couple of weeks, all Grade 8 students will be introduced to an exciting education planning resource. *MyBlueprint* is an Education Planner that lets your child create an engaging and interactive education plan. They can build customized high school course plans, instantly identify the post-secondary options that are available to them and explore valuable information about apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace opportunities across Canada. With direct access from home, parents can also get more informed and involved with your child's education. Log in and learn about courses, graduation requirements and the endless options available to your child. From their profile, your child will be able to set goals, save unlimited plans, short-list programs and occupations of interest, record extra-curricular activities and more. This online Individual Pathways Plan stays with students as they transition to secondary school. To access the site, visit www.myblueprint.ca/tdsb, as well on my blog I have attached "How to get Started" pamphlet, (<http://newsfromguidance.blogspot.ca>).

Over the next few weeks, be sure to ask your son/daughter to share their account with you so you can explore the website with them. MyBlueprint helps ensure you can assist your child in making the most informed decision about their education.

Please feel free to contact me with any question you may have.

Sincerely,

Tracie Lambers

LC 4 Elementary Itinerant Guidance Counsellor

Earl Beatty Green Team (Eco Club) - Call to Families

We will be starting our Earl Beatty Green Team in early-November. The team would like to support initiatives connected to: tree planting in the new yard, applying for new bicycle racks, and having litterless lunches and/or composting of food waste at school. If you are interested in supporting any of these initiatives, please contact Mr. Budd at david.budd@tdsb.on.ca.

Fantastic Effort at Flag Football Tournament

We continue to appreciate the leadership of our ever-active staff in providing opportunities for our students to play extracurricular sports and additional activities, and the wonderful effort of our students when participating in tournaments and other competitions. Our flag football team enjoyed their one-day tournament, playing several games and working hard in representing the school and team very well.



Thank you to Ms. Harris, Julian and Mr. Briggs for coaching and supporting the team through the many practices, as well as the day tournament, where the team competed very well against several other schools. Congratulations on a great season!

The Arts at Earl Beatty

Music, Drama, Dance, and Visual Arts continue to be an essential part of the learning process for our students. We are very fortunate to have our specialist teachers, Ms. Duiker and Ms. Donovan, in charge of delivering our Drama, Dance, and Music Programs for our primary students. We have also been able to secure a Strings (violin, viola) Program for Mr. Rumball's Grade 5/6 students, as well as continuing with our Band Program for our Grade 7/8 students. We enjoyed the opportunity when Rosedale (School of the Arts) came to visit and delivered performances for our Grade 7/8 classes. Throughout the school, we will provide opportunities for students to experience guest artists and to have a platform to express their creative thoughts and ideas. Please find attached newsletters from Ms. Duiker and Ms. Donovan, including the date for the Winter Concert (Thursday, February 2nd).

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 3: EQAO Information Session - Media Lab @ 6:00 pm

November 4: Dance Hard for our Yard - School Dance-a-thon

November 8: Photo Retakes

November 10: School Advisory Council Meeting - Library @ 6: 30 pm (child care is provided)

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 15: Progress Report Cards go home

November 17/18: Parent-Guardian/Teacher Interviews

November 22: French Immersion Information Evening - Library