

Earl Beatty News

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Learning Together!

A New Approach to Thinking - A Journey Forward



Integrative thinking creates a resolution where two opposing thoughts, recommendations or ideas are used to make something superior. It is taking the best of both and creating something great. It is encompassing the elements of well-being such as our environment, relationships, emotions, school and work, spirituality, creativity and physical health into all that we do. Teachers will be using integrative models to support student learning in our journey forward.

To connect to this concept, each staff member has developed their own **Theory of Action**. As an administration team, we are pursuing the theory that: **If we create an inclusive system of learning, where all students feel valued and a sense of belonging, then we can change learning opportunities for students, leading to increased engagement, leading to improved achievement and well-being for all.**

Children's Mental Health Week is May 1 - 5. It provides an additional opportunity to highlight the importance of positive mental health in the educational success of our students. Please take some time to read through the attached information regarding activities taking place at the school.

As always, we truly appreciate the support and partnership with our families in creating an environment of creative and courageous thinking and kind and caring acts. We continue to instill the belief that at Earl Beatty - Anything is Possible!

Ms. Poulis and Mr. Budd



Nora was one of the amazing performers at our Talent Show that wowed students, staff and family members in attendance.

Sweet, Smooth Sounds, Amazing Acts - A Show of Talent

As Neil and Julien, our Earl Beatty Lifeguards - who also serve as director and technical experts among many roles they play - prepared the final touches for the Earl Beatty Talent Show, they saw potential for a great show. "The students have been practicing a lot, and sound great," mentioned Neil. For those in attendance at the show, they would be in full appreciation of the amazing efforts by the performers.

The variety of talent was incredible - from visual artists, to comedians, dancers and musical acts, it was a show that caused a range of emotions to be felt by the audience. From laughing at the well-timed jokes, to several tears rolling down faces at the pure beauty of melodies being sung, one left the performance feeling proud to belong in this community of courageous performers.

A comment by a parent, Erica, summed it up nicely. "I think the shows at Earl Beatty, which have been great, continue to get better and better, and this was one of the best yet."



Creative and Caring - Our Intermediate Team



It is our goal as a school to have all students eating healthy and be ready to learn throughout the day. A nutrition program is one part we can provide as a school to support student health and well-being.

Our Kids Eating Healthy Food – Anything is Possible!

Earl Beatty is excited to launch a nutrition program with an array of morning snacks from the 4 essential Canadian food groups. These snacks will be delivered fresh every day of the week.

With the help of our partners at TDSB, Government of Ontario and Foodshare, **the program will cost less than seventy cents per day for each student to have a healthy, morning snack.** Foodshare's Animator will help guide the development of our Nutrition Program at Earl Beatty.

We need your help.

"We are thrilled to offer the nutrition program at Earl Beatty! Students will enjoy a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as grains and dairy products", says Jackie Gallos. "The program is dependent on all of us – parents and staff to make it success. Menu selection will need to be determined. Funds raised for the program will benefit the entire student population, starting this September", she adds.

Be a part of a meaningful and rewarding experience at the school. Join us at the committee's inaugural meeting on Tuesday May 2nd at 6:30 pm in the library.

Please confirm attendance, request child care, or express an interest to volunteer please call Jackie at the school or email her at Jackie.Gallos@tdsb.on.ca.

Ms. Swire, Mr. Clarke, Ms. Harris and Mme. Ristic have provided so many amazing opportunities for the Grade 7 and 8 students this year (including medal winners - above photo - from the Danforth TCI Grade 7 Skills Competition). Ms. Swire has provided instructional leadership, incorporating Aboriginal Education in curriculum planning. Mr. Clarke has created a Maker Space in his class, providing a variety of opportunities for hands-on learning. Ms. Harris has supported our students with her expertise in technology and differentiated instruction. Mme. Ristic has provided numerous opportunities for student voice to shine through class and school presentations. Thank you for all you do!

Clubs & Events



Mr. Drew's and Mr. Briggs' classes participated in the *We Are One Jazz Project*, taking place at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts on Wednesday, April 19th. The students did an amazing job on stage, and provided a greatly-appreciated follow-up performance at our school assemblies last week. Congratulations to all students and staff for representing the school in fantastic form!

The Eco-Club is monitoring the use of lights in the school this month and promoting ways to save energy. They continue to support the composting program at lunch and are regularly help out with the recycling of paper and containers at the school. Great job team!

Straight from Hogwarts, the Harry Potter Club is soon to arrive at Earl Beatty. All muggles, as well as aspiring wizards and witches are welcome to join.



Council Update

Students

Student Council led another Spirit Day last week, with students and staff enjoying a day in relaxing form for Pajama Day! The Student Council is working on several initiatives to support student well-being and connecting students across the grades. Including Recess Revival, Spirit Days and presentations at assemblies, this is a very active and engaged group of positive change agents!

Sports – Ready, Set, Serve!

Earl Beatty was proud to host the Division 3 Volleyball Tournament on April 29th. “It was a lot of fun playing,” said Joseph. The three team tournament provided a great opportunity for Grade 7 and 8 students to come together as a team and enjoy a fun, competitive environment that heard lots of positive encouragement coming from all coaches and participants.

Thank you to Mr. Rumble and James for helping to set up the equipment for the tournament, as well as the caretaking staff who had the gym and school looking great. Mme. Lenahan was “very proud” of how the team performed and did a great job coaching the team and providing this opportunity for our students. Congratulations to the students for representing the school in fantastic form!

Parents

Next Council meeting will be on Tuesday May 11th at 6:30 pm in the library. Included in the meeting agenda is the raffle draw, where lucky winners will be declared for the great prizes available!

Our Fun Fair committee (Fun Fair - June 17th) is looking for families to please bring in items for the Book Sale and the Mason Jar Raffle.

Please contact epsacinfo@gmail.com if you would like to help out or for further information.

In the News

Please mark your calendars as we host the following activities:

- May 2 - Nutrition Meeting
- May 4 – Arts Night
- May 11 – EBSAC meeting (including Raffle Hard for Our Yard draw!)
- May 12 – Movie Night – SING!
- May 16 –At Home Alone Workshop
- May 18 – Keeping Kids Safe Workshop
- May 25 - Welcome to Kindergarten Open House

Challenge of the Week

Ms. Harris and her team has completed their Milk Bag Club mattress. If she used 936 milk bags and made 72 rows, how many bags did she use in each row?



- Congratulations to Angus in Mme. Stangolis’s class, last week’s winner!
- Please email or send your answers to Mr. Budd – david.budd@tdsb.on.ca



Fifty nine years ago, on May 4th, 1948 the library doors open for the very first time! Students walked through the glass doors, waiting to read, and nurture their imagination. Mr. Goldring, Director of Education for Toronto Board of Education (Earl Beatty's first principal), Diane Anderson, and Mrs. Mollet, First President of the Earl Beatty Home School Association took the first stroll through the aisle of books.

Anything is Possible at Earl Beatty, where students feel



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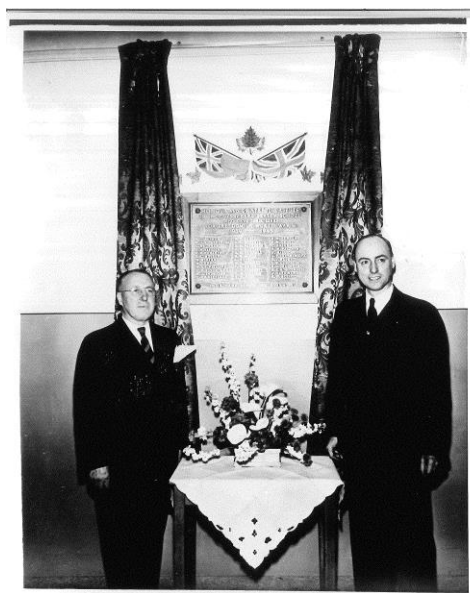


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Now & Then



Mr. George A. Arnold, Chairman of the Board of Education, Toronto, and Mr. L. H. Stiver, Principal of Earl Beatty School, at the Unveiling of the Memorial Plaque, May 4th, 1948

Earl Beatty has been the cornerstone in education to the children of the area, and a pillar of the community to serve, celebrate, mourn, laugh and play.

Taken a further step back in time, Earl Beatty Home School Association's very first meeting on September 29th, 1939 as the country prepares for war the principal of Earl Beatty:

Mr. Scott gave a very interesting outline of the school organization telling of the different classes in the school, including the ones teaching high school work. He mentioned 69 classes in Toronto had been discontinued because of the drop in attendance, two of these classes being in our school. The kindergarten now has 50 pupils where there used to be 90. He spoke of the organization in all classes of the Junior Red Cross Clubs and of the organizations of Senior Red Cross Clubs in the High School Department. Mr. Scott spoke of receiving a petition from 66 boys, asking a Cadet company to be formed. This will shortly be done, the boys to taken from grades 9 and 10 only."

May 4th would have been a day mixed with emotion as Earl Beatty mourned a great loss to the school. Mr. George Arnold, Chair of the Toronto Board of Education and Mr. Stiver, Principal unveiled a memorial plaque. In pondering these feelings of loss and sadness, history reveals the story as Mrs. Mollet would have listen to the intention of a cadet company to be set up as Earl Beatty boys wanted to serve Canada 8 years and 8 months before the unveiling of the plaque.

On this day, it would have been an important event for students, teachers, administrators, the Board, and community – everyone. It would have been a time of remembrance and a time of celebration as a milestone was reached in Earl Beatty's history.

As you walk through the glass doors of the library or pass the memorial plaque give pause and remember. Earl Beatty stands strong as it weathers history, time and change.