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Notes From the Music Room

Updated Spring Concert Times

Date: Wednesday, May 14th

Time: Kindergarten Concert 5:45-6:15 pm
Grades 1-8 Concert 6:45-8:00 pm

Choirs

The Junior/Intermediate Choir continues to rehearse on Tuesdays at lunch.

The Primary Choir continues to rehearse on Wednesdays at lunch.

We are looking forward to performing at the Spring Concert. See you there!

Career Day

On Thursday, May 1st, grade 8 students from Earl Beatty will be going to Duke of Connaught P.S. to participate in a Career Day. Earl Beatty students will be joined by over 300 students from other local schools.

This half day session will see our students exploring careers in a variety of fields and learning first-hand from professionals who have volunteered their time. There will be professionals from the medical field, IT field, police services, youth services,

entrepreneurs, and arts production. The hope is that students begin to expand their understanding of the many options available to them post-secondary school.

The keynote speaker for the day will be Dwight Drummond from CBC. He will begin the afternoon session by talking about his own journey with the hopes of inspiring our students to reach for the stars.

Kelley Miller-Caise
Itinerant Guidance Counsellor

Talking about friendship and bullying

Over the past few weeks Ms. David & Ms. Blakely's kindergarten class has been having some meaningful discussions about friendships and good ways to treat our friends.

Many of the students were coming to either Ms. Blakely or Ms. David to have their problems solved, without first trying to solve the problem on their own. We had conversations about friendship, ways to be a good friend, and how we can solve problems. During our conversations, many of the students complained about their siblings picking on them or bossing them around. This led to many discussions about bullying.

We read several stories: The Recess Queen, King of the Playground, The Sissy Duckling, and How Do You Think Bossy People Feel?, and brainstormed things we can do and say to help deal with problems with friends or other students.

Students felt that bossy people feel sad, lonely, and mad. They thought they could stand up to someone who is bigger or more powerful by saying, "please stop," walking away, saying: "please stop touching me or I will tell my mom," or going to a different area in the classroom.

Since these discussions, we have seen our students solving more problems on their own before coming to either Ms. David or Ms. Blakely for help!

Have a look at the bulletin boards outside Ms. David and Ms. Blakely's room (across from the office) for more information on these conversations.

Learning about Flight

Students in room 2 had been showing an interest in airplanes and flight during learning centres. Many students made paper airplanes and took them into the hallways to fly them with Mlle Themelis. Students made predictions, flew their airplanes, and worked together to measure the distance of their flights.

To extend the learning, Mlle Themelis invited her old friend Sumra to visit the class. Sumra served as an air traffic controller for the Royal Canadian Air Force and has some experience flying.

Before her visit on Friday April 4th, students brainstormed their questions and wonders. During an interactive writing activity, students wrote a large thank you card. When she came in, she talked to the students about her role and about flying. Some students even got to try on a part of

her uniform! Before leaving, Sumra told the class: "If you have a dream, chase after it. Don't let anyone ever tell you that you can't do something. With hard work, you can achieve anything!"

It was a wonderful learning experience and the class thoroughly enjoyed it. Now as the weather warms, we're looking forward to extending our inquiry into flight with birds and kites!

Mlle Themelis

Mosaic Update

The mosaic mural is coming along very well! Tanya MacFarlane (www.tanyamacfarlane.com) and Claire Vowles (EB Parent) have been working with grade 1 to 8 students every Monday to Thursday. The students have been cutting the tiles (grades 4-8) and gluing the tiles to the image (grades 1-8). They seem to be really enjoying this new art form and to be fascinated by witnessing their image coming together more and more each day.

The image is a Tree of Life concept, symbolizing community, nature, and family. The 24sq foot image will be mounted outside on the Wolverleigh entrance of the school and we hope to have it unveiled at the Fun Fair at the end of May.

This mosaic mural is proudly sponsored by our Parent Council Arts Fund.

Supervision

Schoolyard supervision and protocol for the school entry system have been discussed at the last two EBSAC meetings.

If you are interested in providing input into supervision at: recess, lunch, bus drop off and pick up, and other times, please

contact Ms. Fernandez.

Calling All Gardeners!

Earl Beatty families are invited to join us on Saturday, April 26 for an afternoon of gardening at the school from 2:00-4:00. Bring your own gloves, tools and snacks. Contact Karen Diakun at kdiakun70@gmail.com.

Fun Fair

The 9th annual Earl Beatty Community Fun Fair is coming up! Mark your calendars for May 24, 10 AM to 3 PM.

This year promises to be bigger and better than ever. We are expanding our space to include the front yard of the school (on Woodington Ave) and to close Wolverleigh Blvd beside the schoolyard too. This means we can bring you even more activities and games!

Our theme this year is “keeping kids active,” so there will be lots of events to keep you moving and shaking! The Fun Fair Committee, made up of Earl Beatty School parents, Beatty Buddies Childcare staff, and Earl Beatty Community Centre staff, is excited to bring you some new or expanded activities this year. Highlights include:

- enclosed play space for young kids
- mini car racing course
- NASCAR car to climb inside
- photo booth
- biathlon course
- expanded hockey tournament - sponge hockey for under 6 and street hockey for multiple age groups all the way up to adults
- food trucks for lunch time
- used sports equipment sale

We are also partnering with the neighbourhood to promote yard sales at

homes surrounding the school during the fair. The Fun Fair will also feature many perennial favourites like face painting, henna and hair spray, and bouncy castles, among others.

For those looking to get involved, here are some folks to contact:

- volunteering (set up, manning activities or clean up) contact Manal at manalrussel@gmail.com
- bake sale or cake raffle donations contact Zenobia at zenobia_homavazir@hotmail.com
- donations for used sports equipment sale contact Beth at bward9@gmail.com
- register a team for the hockey tournament contact James at jolejni4@toronto.ca
- other opportunities to get involved (donations for game prizes, sponsor an event, offer services etc) contact Shawna at shawnacotton@rogers.com

Hope to see you there!

Important Dates

April 24	Pizza Lunch
April 26	Gardening/Community Clean Up Day
May 8	EBSAC Meeting
May 14	Spring Concert
May 19	Victoria Day Holiday
May 24	Fun Fair
