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Safety Reminder

Parents and staff are asked to be aware of who is entering the school. Everyone must buzz in and have the door unlocked by school staff. Do not hold the door for anyone you do not know. Also, please remember to go to the office to sign in and get a visitor sticker when you visit the school.

Me to We

At our last Me to We meeting, we discussed the success of our recent "We Are Love" campaign. The campaign was such a hit that students crowded the halls as they got in line to purchase their own. In just the first week of sales, we sold our entire stock of 100 buttons! Next year, we will be sure to meet the demand with a larger order.

Through the sale of buttons, we successfully raised \$200! This money will go towards medical supplies and health clinics in our adopted village in Haiti.

Did you know less than half of Haiti's children regularly attend school and only 30% of these students make it past the 6th grade? Or did you know that 50% of Haiti's residents live on less than \$1 a day?

After 12 years of development work in Haiti, Free the Children has established strong social ties to both institutional and community-based partners. Free the Children supports decentralization by ensuring that rural populations have access to essential services and a quality of life.

During our last meeting, Me to We students wrote poems to communicate the work we have recently been doing. The group voted on three poems they liked best:

*Love is colourful,
It's the rainbow of hope,
Together we can.*

*They were in the dark,
Light came back, hearts were lifted,
Help us let them fly.*

*Love is golden,
It can warm the coldest days,
With help it will shine.*

The next initiative by Me to We students is selling ABC Education Rafiki Friend Chains! The Chain is a 48 inch long, stretchy chain with glass beads. Each piece is unique and handmade by a Maasai mama in Kenya, who earns a fair wage to send her children to school. They are \$10.00, and **every Rafiki Friend Chain sold will provide**

school supplies for one year for a child living in one of the Free The Children communities. Anyone interested in ordering a Rafiki Friend Chain can come see one of the Me to We members, Ms. David, or Ms. Themelis.

Senior Girls Volleyball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Volleyball team for placing first at their volleyball tournament at Marketlane P.S. The girls played hard and won 2 games and tied one to put them in first place going into the semi-final/finals on February 24th at Forest Hills P.S. Good luck girls!

Ms. Harrison

Junior Girls Volleyball

The Junior Girls Volleyball team played in the grade 6 tournament on February 3rd at Duke of Connaught School. We played hard and had a lot of fun playing various schools but we will not be moving on to the playoffs. Even though our season is over, we continue to practice with the Senior Girls to help them prepare for their playoff games.

Ms. Harrison also arranged a game between the players and their parents. We had a lot of fun watching and playing our parents. Everyone had a great time; it was a nice way to end our season!

Thanks Ms. Harrison, from: Zoe A, Zoe H, Olivia B, Gigi, Dasya, Hannah, Rachel, Querida, Emma, Emily, Rosie and Maddie.

Olympic Day

On February 7th, Earl Beatty's future Olympians participated in a variety of outdoor activities to celebrate the

Opening Day Ceremonies for the 2014 Winter Olympics. The weather was perfect, and all of the classes participated in snowshoeing, planks, and hockey throughout the day.

The school was a sea of red and white as students and teachers showed their support for our Olympic athletes by wearing our national colours. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun; there were a lot of smiles and laughs throughout the day. All of our students were given a Canadian flag and a Canadian pin to take home thanks to our local MP, Matthew Kellway.

I would like to thank my grade 7 class for their hard work and enthusiasm. They stayed outside for practically the whole day without complaining, placing their hands in the snow to put on and take off equipment. They enthusiastically encouraged our young athletes to chase them around the field in snowshoes, painted the lines on the snow for the hockey games, and helped with the coordination of the planks.

Let's hope all of this positive energy reaches our athletes in Sochi!

Ms. Harrison

Donations

The "Knit-Wits" of room 28 are looking for donations of wool or yarn. We have started to knit and can't stop! Please, take a look around your house and if you have wool or knitting needles laying around that you no longer use, we can use them. Please bring them to the office or to Ms. Harrison in room 28.

Thank you,

The Knit-Wits

Student Council Bake Sale

The Student Council's Valentine's Day bake sale raised \$310. Half of the money raised will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, while the other half will be used for upcoming student council events.

Comedy Night

Thanks to all the parents who came out to Earl Beatty's 1st Night of Comedy on January 23rd. We raised \$876, beating our \$850 goal! All money raised goes to professional school wide lice checks. The next lice check will be after March Break.

Thank to Hirut's for hosting us, and to Erin Keane and MotherLoad Comedy for providing the laughs.

Silent Auction

This Saturday, February 22 is the third annual EB Silent Auction! The committee has been working hard to find amazing bid items, good food, and fun Olympic themed activities (air hockey anyone?) to make the evening a great night out.

Don't forget to buy and sell raffle tickets for the draw for: a 1 week time share in Mexico, a set of handcrafted walnut nesting tables, an iPad, and a tour of Steamwhistle Brewery.

When you bid on items like free pizza for a year at Boston Pizza, a Mad Science Birthday party, theatre tickets, camps, an autographed Darryl Sittler helmet, and passes to local attractions, don't worry: **as well as cash and cheques, payments can be made by credit cards!**

It all starts at 7pm, at the Holy Trinity Eastern Orthodox Church (201 Monarch Park Ave, at Glebeholme). Please bring

indoor shoes, as the church has recently had new floors put in.

Tickets can be reserved by emailing: earlbeattyparentauction@gmail.com, or buy them at the door.

Wear your Canada Olympic gear and come and celebrate the Olympics and our school community!

Mosaic Project

A lot of work is being done to prepare for the upcoming EB mosaic project. Input has been received from parents and students regarding the design, and the details are being finalized. The mosaic will be mounted on an outside wall of the school, and will be 8 by 4 feet. Work will begin at the end of March, with a goal to having the mosaic unveiled at the Fun Fair. It's an exciting opportunity for our students to be involved in a large scale art project that will be on display for many years. More details to come!

Fun Fair Committee

The first meeting of the Fun Fair Committee will be on February 26 at 6 pm in the school library. Come and be part of the plans for this great community event!

Plans for the back field

The University of Guelph will be helping Earl Beatty in our attempts to successfully plant and grow grass in the field. At this time, the plan is for there to be a reseeding in August. Stay tuned!

Don't Idle!

Please do not idle your vehicle engines when parked outside the school entrance. The exhaust from vehicles is level with the height of young children and babies in

strollers.

"Natural Resources Canada estimates that after 10 seconds of idling, more greenhouse gases are emitted from idling a vehicle than from turning the vehicle off and back on.

Toronto's idling control bylaw has been improved! (2011) City Council has approved the following changes:

- **Reduce the legal idling time for vehicles from three minutes to one minute in a 60 minute period**
- Eliminate exemptions for transit vehicles
- Eliminate temperature exemptions (i.e. very hot or cold conditions)

The air pollution that comes from vehicles is bad for human health...Certain groups in Toronto that are especially at risk of poor health from traffic-related air pollution include children, pregnant women and the elderly."

from <http://www.toronto.ca/health/idling>

Laura White, EBSAC Co-Chair

Important Dates

Feb 22	Silent Auction
Feb 25	Prologue presentation of Macbeth
Feb 27	Pizza Lunch
March 7	PA Day
March 10–15	March Break
March 20	EBSAC Meeting

Keep up to date on what's happening in the school!

Come to School Advisory Council meetings, and add your email address to the SAC distribution list by sending an email to: ebsacinfo@gmail.com.

Subscribe to the Earl Beatty blog at: earlbeatty@blogspot.ca.

And don't forget about the Twitter feed and website!
