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Years of Action for TDSB launched

At the November 13, 2013 Board meeting, the **Years of Action: 2013 – 2017** plan for the Toronto District School Board was shared with Trustees. The **Years of Action** plan is about every student, every school, every day. It is an ambitious, inclusive and actionable vision, which represents and affects our entire TDSB community, including students, staff, parents and the public.

Each of us plays an important part in this plan. We must continue to work every day to ensure that our students get the most from their time at the TDSB and become confident, motivated and enthusiastic learners and citizens. Every decision we make and action we take must and will support students.

Each year, we will achieve specific goals in support of our five priorities:

- Student Achievement and Well-Being
- Parent and Community Engagement
- Fiscal Stability and Accountability
- Staff Inspiration and Support
- Education for Sustainable Development

We are a part of a world-class, action-oriented and inclusive public education system and we are all part of this plan. With this as our guide, we will direct our focus and align our resources to support every student, every school, every day of the year. We look forward to working with you to achieve our **Years of Action** together.

You can learn more about our **Years of Action** at: www.tdsb.on.ca/everystudent.

Director of Education, Donna Quan and Associate Directors, Carla Kisko, Gen Ling Chang and Lou Vavougios.

Remembrance Day

Simmy Zaret

On Monday, November 11th, our students, staff, and many parents gathered in the gym for our Remembrance Day Assembly. Together, we honoured the thousands of men and women who fought and gave their lives during times of war and on peacekeeping missions. As we stood and sang O Canada that morning, we proudly celebrated the rights and freedoms we all share, thanks to the sacrifices made by others.

George Magafas, Emily Masson and Dasya Chapman, our Assembly's MC's, did a great job in setting a tone of warmth and

respect throughout the service. Ms. Swire's grade 8 class recited their own personal wishes for a peaceful world, Mr. Nore's grade 3 class sang, "Where Have All The Flowers Gone," and Abi Squires, Cassie Iadopoulos and Ollie Lucas from Ms. Gerencser's grade 3 class read, "In Flander's Fields." Mme. Loubier and Ms. Deda's grade 1 French Immersion classes sang "Le Coquelicot" (The Poppy) and Ms. Zaret told a story about empathy called "Be The Wiglet." The student council led the audience in the Earl Beatty Peace Promise. The assembly closed with the Earl Beatty Choir, under the direction of Ms. Donovan and accompanied by Ms. Philcox on piano, singing, "Take a Moment To Stand."

During our assembly, we were greatly honoured to have Corporal Peter Zuber and Ms. Helen Pearce with us, both from the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 11. Silently and with enormous respect, we all stood as they made their way towards the front of the gym to lay a memorial wreath. To the playing of "Last Post," everyone took a quiet moment to honor those that died, and to hope for peace.

With Anti-Bullying week having taken place over the past seven days, the notion of peace rings out loud and clear throughout our school. Heartfelt messages of kindness and respect have continued to play an important part in our morning announcements each day, and Anti-Bullying posters are posted on our walls.

The Earl Beatty Peace Promise

We promise, that each and every one of us will do our very best to help make the world a more peaceful place to live. We will respect one another's feelings. We will respect one another's property. We will play fair and show good sportsmanship. We will be kind to the

animals and plants on our planet. We will do our best to take care of the environment. We will treat others the way we ourselves wish to be treated. All these things we promise.

It is true that peace begins with each and every one of us. If we all do our best to keep our promise, then it is certain that all of us can truly hope to make the world a better place, not just for people, but also for all living things on this planet.

What's Happening at the Earl Beatty Library?

Our library has been changing since September and we are still making improvements. With the support of parents and the community we were able to receive a large commission from the Scholastic Book Fair, which will help buy new books and resources for our Library.

The shelving has been rearranged, and we now have a new dedicated section for our French Immersion collection. The collection is now placed next to the English Language picture book section in a nice open area. Since the change, we have noticed students making more thoughtful choices in their reading material. Students are also enjoying the reading spaces and often relax and enjoy their books.

While trying to improve our space, we have noticed we have a need to help re-shelve and organize books, as students are taking out books faster than we can put them back. If any parents are interested in volunteering, it would be a great help! Please visit Ms. Tirkos in the Library before the day starts or email us through our blog.

Our library is also now blogging! We update news of the library weekly, please check us out at:

<http://earlbeattylibrary.blogspot.ca/>

Earl Beatty PS has gone Social!

We are pleased to announce the launch of Earl Beatty's new **Twitter account**. The Twitter network will allow us to deliver real-time information to the Earl Beatty Community as it becomes available.

The good news is, you do not need a Twitter account to access our page. You can find us @BeattyPS. Please follow us for up to date information!

Also please visit our **school website** which has been updated with current and useful information. You will find a Google Calendar with important dates, links to classroom blogs, digital copies of our newsletters, and more!

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/earlbeatty/Home.aspx>

Anna Tirkos
Teacher Librarian

Me to We

The Earl Beatty students and staff did a fantastic job collecting non-perishable food for the "We Scare Hunger" Campaign. The Daily Food Bank came to our school and collected 904 cans of food!

As a way to show appreciation for the school's efforts in helping their community, we are going to have a **Community Spirit Day on Friday, December 13th**. Students and staff are asked to wear their Earl Beatty t-shirt or a t-shirt with images of Canadian symbols/words on it. We look forward to seeing everyone on Community Spirit Day!

Next for the Me to We Club is a Holiday Craft Show on Thursday, December 12th to raise money for an adopted village in Haiti

that is in much need of basic health services and health education. All classes at Earl Beatty have been invited to support this worthwhile initiative.

Students are being given the opportunity to create a piece of art (an ornament, a holiday bracelet, winter stained glass, paintings/prints, sculptures, greeting cards etc.,) that the Me To We Club will then sell at a Holiday Craft Show. All money raised will be donated to an adopted village in Haiti. The art show will be held from **5:30 pm – 8:15 pm on Thursday, December 12th in the library.**

Families will have the opportunity to visit the Craft Show before and after the Holiday Concert.

Thank you for your cooperation in playing a role to help a country that is in need of much support.

Mr. Briggs' Class Trip

Sean Masson

On November 20th Mr. Briggs' class went to the Market Gallery in the St. Lawrence Market to learn about Canada's parliamentary system. The Market Gallery is a museum upstairs at the St. Lawrence Market. We learned that all three levels of our government have three branches: legislative, judicial and executive. We also learned about the history of Toronto. I didn't know that when they needed land by the water to build the railroad on, they made it by throwing garbage and landfill in the water. Later we had a mock debate on what to do with Toronto's garbage. We discussed if people think it is better for Toronto to use landfill or an incinerator. I thought it was interesting that when our class voted, it was a tie! Afterwards we got to explore the market and there was a lot of interesting stuff to see. This is what happened when my class went to St. Lawrence Market.

Did you know?

Did you know that Earl Beatty has a Junior Co-ed Ice Hockey team? Practices start in December at East York Hockey arena and the season starts in January with a 6 game schedule.

Holiday in the 'Hood

Earl Beatty's second annual Holiday in the 'Hood was a great way to kick off the holiday season once again! Our exact profit has yet to be calculated as we are squaring up expenses, but after the first day we surpassed what we made last year! Yay Earl Beatty!

Our success was due largely to the Earl Beatty parent/teacher/student community who tirelessly helped out with volunteering before, during, and after the event and donated delicious baking! Several businesses also generously donated baking to round out the very popular Earl Beatty Cafe so if you are in their area please support them as well!

Special thanks to our principal Ms. Fernandez for helping us get the permit, Mr. Bristlon for cleaning up after us, Beatty Buddies for setting up the colouring tables, Ms. Tirkos for vaulting us into the 21st century by Tweeting about us, and Ms. Bell and Ms. Magnatta for helping us with so many little things that make a big difference in promoting our event. A final thank you to all of you who came out to attend Holiday in the 'Hood and help to kick off the holiday season in such a celebratory fashion!

Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Jody Parekh & Sheila Philcox

BAKERS

Anna Pancham

Anne Shone

Anya Carrigan
Cheryl Fearn
Claire Vowles
Fiona Miles
Helen Antoniadis
Jessica Scott
Kendra Gadzala
Krista Faddies
Mariska Gatha
Michelle Masson
Pauline Dekker
Svetlana Vasic
Zenobia Homavazir

Carla Eastwood
Chris Trigonopoulos
Dylan Blain
Gillian Crossin
Jennifer Gowan
Kathy Palmer
Kim Canton
Laura Clark
Marnie Rubio
Myrica Gratton
Sian David
Tanya Lewinberg

And thank you to all the bakers who showed up spontaneously with treats in hand!

VOLUNTEERS

Bernard Flemming
Carla Eastwood
Ceana Parekh
Denni and Manal Russel
Dylan and Jill Blain
Erica Fyvie
Gillian Crossin
James Sheppard
Jeanne McKane
Jennifer Gowan
Kathy Palmer
Laura Clark
Lizzie Colleran
Marnie Rubio
Myrica Gratton
Pauline Dekker
Samantha Zingrone and Emily
Sarah Eastwood
Stacy Swire and her class of Grade 8s
Stephanie Wells
Suzanne Reid
George Magafas, Emily Masson, Emma Redman, Gigi Rubio, Ava Q
Emergency Coffee Runners: Mike Riley, Jon Hoult, Carla Eastwood

Bernette Ngo
Caroline Riley
Claire Vowles
Gaynor Ehlert
Helen Antoniadis
Jane Brind
Jenna Lehtola
Jessica Scott
Krista Faddies
Linda Flemming
Mariska Gatha
Michelle Edwards
Natalie Philcox
Ryan Dieter
Shaan Parekh
Steven Philcox
Tanya Lewinberg

BUSINESSES

Starbucks coffee (Coxwell/O'Connor and Danforth/Langford locations)
Danforth Technical School Hospitality Program
Mondelez International
Sultan of Samosas
Red Rocket
Cupcakes by Heather and Lori
Bayview Cookies
Dad's Cookies
Leonidas
Akropolis
De Serres
Select Bakery
Yummy Stuff

QSP Magazine Orders

QSP Magazine Orders make a great gift! Orders submitted over the course of the year will still contribute to school resources such as bringing artists and scientists into the school. Hundreds of magazines are available including a selection of digital subscriptions. Go to www.qsp.ca school code 9156 to order.

So far this year, the Earl Beatty community has raised over \$5,250 for the school through QSP!

Eco Club

Earl Beatty is beginning an Eco Club! Mme. Marois and Ms. David are looking for students from grade 1 to 8 who are interested in promoting an eco-environment at Earl Beatty. The Eco Club will meet during lunchtime every other Wednesday, starting December 4th. If you are committed and would like to make a difference, come join the Earl Beatty Eco Club. You can pick up a permission form in Mme. Marois' class (Rm 16) until November 29th.

Comedy Night: Save the date!

On Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Hirut Restaurant at 2050 Danforth Avenue (just west of Woodbine), Earl Beatty parents are welcome to come out and share some laughs and raise money for the school. There will be a comedy show from 8-10, raffle prizes, cash bar, and a guaranteed good time. Tickets will be \$15 and available at the beginning of January—more details to follow. All money raised goes to lice checks at our school because *lice isn't funny*.

Hope to see you there!

Earl Beatty T-shirts

We're putting in one last order of Earl Beatty Bulldog t-shirts before the holidays. What a great gift for the special people in your life! \$15 each or if you buy more than one, you can get them for \$10 each. What a deal! Please contact Sheila Philcox at sphilcox@rogers.com for sizing and payment.

Important Dates

Dec 12	Holiday Concert and Me to We Craft Sale
Dec 13	Community Spirit Day—wear your EB Shirt!
Dec 19	Holiday Sing a Long Pizza Lunch
Dec 20	PA Day
Dec 23 – Jan 3	Break

There are more ways than ever to 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: epsacinfo@gmail.com.

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

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