

Earl Beatty Jr & Sr Public School
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Didn't make it to the School Advisory Council meeting in October? You missed being part of some lively discussions about some big decisions that will affect everyone at Earl Beatty, including: the possibility of artificial turf being put in the back field, the elimination of the Thursday folder in favour of email communication, the proposed SAC budget for the coming year, and EQAO results. The next meeting is on November 21—come and join in the discussion!

Changes to Earl Beatty

The Ontario Ministry of Education has funded a new initiative called the *Safe Welcome Program*. This program consists of installing a buzzer system to the main entry doors of the school.

The new buzzer system is now installed on the Wolverleigh Avenue entrance. Anyone trying to enter the school after 9 a.m. will need to buzz the office, identify themselves, and state the purpose of their visit to the school. After gaining entry, visitors must report directly to the office.

In the future Beatty Buddies Daycare will have its own buzzer system, but in the meantime all visitors should use the existing system.

The new windows are finally in place and looking great! Next to come is a new roof...

Terry Fox Walk of Hope 2013

Earl Beatty has exceeded all expectations! Our fundraising goal for Terry Fox Cancer Research and Awareness this year was \$2500, and we raised a whopping \$5035! Amazing! As a result of the astounding response this year, Ms. Benjamin and the student council ate crickets and larvae in front of the school after the walk, which was held on Friday, September 27, 2013. Thank you to all who contributed to this excellent cause! Now what will Ms. Benjamin and the student council do next year?!

Student Activity Council

President: George Magafas
Vice President: Sandy Cao
Secretary: Emily Masson
Treasurer: Samantha Kennedy
Representatives: Dasya
Kate
Jamie
Emily
Jennifer
Zion
Nathan

The Student Activity Council has been very

busy planning for the school year ahead. Currently we are planning Twin Day (Oct. 28) and The Fall Costume Dance (Oct. 31). The Student Activity Council has many new things planned this year and we will do our best to make this year the best one yet for the students and the community.

George Magafas, President and Emily Masson, Secretary

Borden Ball

This fall Earl Beatty offered a Girls Borden Ball team to junior and intermediate girls. Borden Ball is similar to European hand ball, where players have a combined 3 seconds and 3 steps to make a pass to a teammate. A point is earned when a successful pass is made into the end zone. There are 6 players on each team.

This sport was new to all of our players and to our coaches too. The girls demonstrated an excellent sense of motivation, determination, and commitment, as they came to after-school practices three times a week to learn this new sport.

On Friday October 4th, the team attended a full-day tournament. The girls came out roaring and ready to go, winning their first game 6-3. Though they got off to a rough start with the second game, the girls pulled together, communicating and cooperating, ending the game with a proud 9 points. The third game really pushed the girls to work together and run hard, but unfortunately it ended in a loss.

Though the team did not advance to the finals, we are really proud of their success and enthusiasm. Several other teams and coaches complimented the girls on their positive attitudes and incredible effort!

Thank you to Zoe H., Zoe A., Zoe A. (Frank), Olivia, Alicja, Abigail, Samantha,

Clair, Aira, and Jessica, for an incredible season! A special thank you goes to the boys who came out to our practices too - you gave the girls the opportunity to practice as a team. Mr. Carroll and I are incredibly proud of all of you. Thank you for a lovely season!

Ms. Themelis

Girls Softball

This year Mr. Briggs decided to coach a grade 5-6 girls softball team. As soon as he told us, we were ready to play! It's really fun to be on a team because you always have somebody to talk to and to share experiences with. You definitely need a team that works well together which we totally had! A good coach is really important on a team and we had an awesome one! We went to the tournament, tried our best, and had fun and we came in second place! Thanks Mr. Briggs for coaching us so well!

Emma Redman

Me to We

This year a group of dedicated Grade 6 and 7 students have joined the club Me to We. Me to We, in association with Free the Children, aims to empower youth to create change. By joining Me to We, students have committed to supporting at least one local and one international cause.

International Cause: Sierra Leone

The members of Me to We have chosen to adopt a village in Sierra Leone. Sierra Leone has been devastated by years of civil war, and much of the infrastructure including schools, homes, medical and water facilities were destroyed. By adopting a village in Sierra Leone, Free the Children will build schools, train teachers,

build hand pumps & water stations, provide water & sanitation education, distribute bed nets etc. Please stay tuned for activities that the students will be initiating to support a village in Sierra Leone.

Local Cause: The Daily Food Bank

This year, the first initiative of our Me to We group will be a local one. The program we are currently running is We Scare Hunger – a food drive supporting the Daily Food Bank that serves some people in our immediate community.

Did you know that 38% of people who use food banks are youth? Or that food bank use has increased by 20% in the past ten years? Did you know that 1 in 5 parents don't eat to ensure their children have enough to eat?

Students are asked, if they are able, to bring in non-perishable food items (pasta, rice, canned fruit/vegetables, canned soup, baby formula etc). This program will run from October 8th – November 8th. Students who bring in at least one non-perishable item will be welcome to participate in hat day.

Thank you for your support.

QSP Magazine Orders accepted until Monday Oct 21st!

If you wish you'd submitted a magazine order.... you still can! Orders submitted after Oct 21st will still contribute to school resources but the great prizes will be gone! Hundreds of magazines are available including a selection of digital subscriptions. Over \$7,300 in magazines have been sold so far, but our goal is \$16,000 and that would mean over \$5,000 for our school. Get your orders in now! Go to www.qsp.ca, our school code is 9156.

Holiday in the 'Hood

The artisan market for Holiday in the 'Hood is looking amazing so far! We still have some tables available so please tell your creative friends about us! The event takes place on Sat Nov 23 and Sun Nov 24. Please contact Sheila Philcox for more vendor information at sphilcox@rogers.com.

Our parent community has shown us great support so far as we gather bakers and volunteers for our event. Please let us know if you have a couple of hours to lend a helping hand for this event! Consider signing up with a friend. Maybe you can trade babysitting so that each of you can help out? Or maybe you want to work the bake sale table together? Or maybe use this as an opportunity to meet other parents from our school community. If you know any teenagers that need community hours we would also welcome their assistance.

Our lineup of bakers also looks amazing but we can always use more. Last year we sold out of all of our baking! We need more yummy things to go with the Starbucks Coffee that will be sold at Holiday in the Hood!

Please contact Jody Parekh at jodyparekh@gmail.com if you can help out with volunteering before/during/after the event or with baking!

Thanks to everyone who has signed up so far!

Eco Team

Earl Beatty has been certified as a Gold Eco School in the past. See the link below for info on this great program, essentially a voluntary extension to the school curriculum.

<http://ontarioecoschools.org>

Earl Beatty needs two parents to work with Ms. David and Ms. Marois this year to certify our school once again, and build on current environmental initiatives already in place.

Volunteers must be available during (or just before/after) school hours to access TDSB computers and work with the teachers, principal, caretakers and students when required.

The first step is to attend the kick off session detailed below (with the teachers) and get inspired!

"The kick-off is a **2½ hour** working session designed to help you get off to a good start. Come to energize your team, gather new ideas and strategies, and begin planning for the year. There will be new learning for veterans and newcomers alike! It's also the one time when our EcoSchools staff gets a chance to connect and meet your EcoTeam members in person. *Nothing can replace that direct contact!*"

Date: November 12, 2013

Location and time: Selwyn - Gymnasium – 8:00 a.m. registration

Please contact ebsacinfo@gmail.com if you are interested.

Laura White
EBSAC co-chair

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer at Earl Beatty?

The Fun Fair Committee, Silent Auction Committee, Arts Committee (new this year), and Eco Team need parent volunteers. A fact-finding committee

about the possibility of artificial turf in the back field is also being formed. If you are interested, send an email to:

ebsacinfo@gmail.com

Important Dates

Oct 24	Pizza Lunch
Nov 11	Remembrance Day Service
Nov 13&14	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Nov 15	PA Day
Nov 21	SAC Meeting
Nov 23&24	Holiday in the Hood

Do you want to keep up to date on what's happening in the school?

You can subscribe to the Earl Beatty blog at:

earlbeatty@blogspot.ca. You can also add your email address to the EBSAC distribution list by sending an email to: ebsacinfo@gmail.com
