

**Earl Beatty Jr & Sr Public School**  
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## ***Principal's Message***

Welcome to the 2013 - 2014 school year! September 3<sup>rd</sup> marked the first day of school! We were very glad to see our new and returning students. The first week started smoothly but we will still continue to refine our procedures to ensure safety for everyone. Our kindergarten classes have settled down nicely. We would like to thank the kindergarten committee for helping organize the orientation and the first day of school.

All summer, our facilities department worked hard to replace most of the windows at Earl Beatty. They are continuing to do the final phase and will be here a few days more.

This year, we are fortunate to have several staff volunteer to be coaches or club advisers:

Ms. Harrison, Mr. Briggs, Ms. Themelis, Mr. Carroll and Ms. Swire will be coaching **team sports**. Mr. Nore will be starting his **Karate Club**. Ms. Brown will continue to be the teacher representative to the parent council. Ms. Zaret and Mr. Nore will be doing the **positive spaces anti-bullying campaign** for the school and Ms. Donovan will represent staff for the **arts committee** that is going to be formed with the parent council. Ms. Themelis and Ms. David are going to head **'Me to We'**. The **Student Council** has convened with Mr. Carroll as staff advisor. There will be a **homework club, an arts and crafts club, and perhaps a cooking club** as well. We will keep you posted.

The Terry Fox fundraising drive is about to start. Last year, we raised over \$1400 dollars and Ms. Benjamin and Mr. Carroll dyed their

hair blue! This year, Ms. Benjamin will eat crickets if we raise \$2500!! The Student Council has just passed a motion of supporting Ms. Benjamin by helping her eat the crickets.

Our external enrichment partners, MUSIQ, Arts Express, and Mad Science have also asked us to distribute flyers for these wonderful after school programs.

This year, we are asking you to be partners again in making Earl Beatty a good place to be. Last year's school improvement plan aimed at raising our EQAO scores, making Earl Beatty a more positive space, and forging a close partnership with the community. Judging from our EQAO scores, our low suspension rates and our very successful community fundraising and events, we accomplished what we aimed for last year. At the first School Advisory Council meeting, we will be discussing our school improvement goals for this year. Your involvement is crucial and we hope you will all continue to be our partners in this. The meeting is going to be Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

Our school now has full Wi-Fi coverage. Most classrooms have their interactive boards and are starting to set them up. Thank you EBSAC for your generous support.

Alicia Fernandez, Principal

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## ***Curriculum Night***

Our curriculum night is on Thursday, September 26. Parents should go to the gym first, where they will meet all of the EB staff.

Parents will then go to their child's classroom for teacher presentations about what to expect in the coming year.

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### ***Team Building Day***

To start off the school year, Earl Beatty PS held a team building "play day" for Grades 1 to 8 on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and one for kindergarten students on the following Friday. There were different activities and games, like an egg and spoon race, an obstacle course, and a parachute. It was a great way to start the year!

### ***Student Council***

The student council convened and elected George Megafas as President, Sandy Cao as Vice President, Emily Masson as Secretary, and Sam Kennedy as Treasurer. Each class from Grades 4 to 8 has 2 representatives. Spirit days, fundraising activities and school improvement ideas were discussed.

### ***Parent Council***

EBSAC (Earl Beatty School Advisory Council) will be needing officers and members at large. Nomination forms have been distributed but are also available in the office. **The first EBSAC meeting will be on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

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### ***QSP Magazine Orders***

What you need to know:

- This year's campaign starts October 3rd
- Every magazine sold raises money for our school.
- Last year the EB community raised nearly \$5,000 for school programs.
- Hundreds of magazines are available at up to 86% off.
- Students can win prizes!

More information to come.....

### ***Holiday In The Hood Is Back!***

Our school craft show/community event/fundraiser was such a success last year that we are going to do it again! The show will take place on Sat Nov 23 from 10 -4 and Sun

Nov 24 from 9 - 2. We are currently looking for vendors who make *handmade items only*. Vendors can choose any combination of days as well as full or half table options. For more vendor information please contact Sheila at [sphilcox@rogers.com](mailto:sphilcox@rogers.com).

Crucial to the success of "Holiday in the Hood" is a crew of parent volunteers that make everything run smoothly. We will also be needing help with donations of baked goods, set up/tear down, running the bake sale table, helping with Santa Photos and general help on event days. If you would like to help with this event please contact Jody at [jodyparekh@gmail.com](mailto:jodyparekh@gmail.com).

### ***Earl Beatty T-Shirts***

Have you seen those cool red EB bulldog t-shirts on the playground? We have been continuing to take orders and to sell our awesome t-shirts but if you missed our t-shirt tables last week never fear! We will be selling Earl Beatty t-shirts and taking orders for those sizes that we do not have in stock at Curriculum Night, Thursday September 26. T-shirts are \$15 each or \$10 each if you buy more than one.

### ***Lateness***

A student who arrives late interrupts the teacher, fellow students, and the office. As well, children may miss important instructions or messages at the start of the school day. The school day begins at 8:42a.m. and return from lunch is 12:27p.m. Students who are late must sign in at the office and pick up a late slip before going to class.

It is also important that students are picked up promptly at our 11:30a.m. and 3:15p.m. dismissal times. Primary students are only dismissed to their parent/guardian. If a parent/guardian is not on time at dismissal, the child will be brought to the office to wait.

### ***Visitors in the School***

As part of the TDSB's Safe School practices, all parents, visitors, and volunteers entering the school are required to report to the office first. This must occur before going to see a teacher. At the office you will be asked to sign in and pick up a tag indicating that you are a "Visitor."

### ***Safety First***

The school has been made aware of students crossing against the lights at Danforth Ave and Woodington Ave. This is unsafe for pedestrians as well as drivers. Please remind your children of safety rules when crossing the street.

### ***Peanut Allergy Alert***

Please be aware that we have students at Earl Beatty with severe allergies to peanuts or peanut products. These allergies are potentially life threatening and can be triggered by just the smell of peanuts or peanut butter. As a result, we request that you do not send any foods to school that might contain peanuts or peanut products. Students are also asked not to share snacks. We all need to be vigilant in order to ensure that no child is put at risk due to a food allergy.

### ***Litterless Lunches***

Please help to reduce waste by ensuring that your child brings a litter-free lunch to school each day. Avoid Ziploc bags and foil-wrapped individual packaging, and use reusable containers and refillable bottles instead. Children are asked to return any garbage or compostable waste home.

### ***Working towards a scent-reduced environment***

Exposure to perfumes and other scented products can trigger serious health reactions in individuals with asthma, allergies, migraines or chemical sensitivities.

Staff, students and visitors in TDSB schools are strongly encouraged to avoid or reduce the use of fragranced products, and to replace them with unscented alternatives.

This is a request to voluntarily refrain from chemical-based scented products, and not a ban on scented products.

For more information, you can read about the TDSB's Scented Product Awareness Program on their website, [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).

### ***Earl Beatty Parking Lot***

The Earl Beatty Parking lot is reserved for staff and TDSB employees during the day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a lot of coming and going for workers and TDSB support staff during the day and there must be parking for them. It is, however, open to patrons of the Community Centre in the evenings. The north end of the parking lot (Glebeholme) is chained around 10 p.m. But the south gate stays open.

In December, TDSB trucks and snowploughs will begin Winter Maintenance. That means that the lot will be ploughed and/or salted on any given night from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Due to the possibility of snow and ploughing, community members are advised not to park in the TDSB parking lot overnight.

### ***Important Dates***

Sept 26:	Curriculum Night
Sept 27:	Terry Fox walk
Sept 30:	Pizza Lunch
Oct 10:	Parent Council Meeting
Oct 11:	PA Day
Oct 14:	Thanksgiving Holiday

**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](mailto:earlbeatty@blogspot.ca). You can also add your email address to the EBSAC distribution list by emailing: [ubsacinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ubsacinfo@gmail.com).**

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### ***2013-2014 Staff***

Earl Beatty is fortunate to have a great team of new and returning teachers and support staff. Our staffing roster for this year is:

Kindergarten	Ms. Gayle David Mr. Andrew Shipton Mr. Sean Drew
Kindergarten FI	Ms. Lily Marois Ms. Halana Themelis
Grade 1 FI	Ms. Ariana Deda

	Ms. Christine Loubier
Grade 1	Ms. Colleen Henry
Grade 1 / 2	Ms. Martha Brown
Grade 2	Ms. Debra Wren
Grade 2 / 3	Ms. Irma Gerencser
Grade 3	Mr. Gordon Nore
Grade 4 / 5	Mr. Robert Briggs
Grade 4 / 5	Ms. Linh Kostro
Grade 5 / 6	Mr. Robert Clarke
Grade 7	Ms. Maureen Harrison
Grade 8	Ms. Stacy Swire
French	Ms. Vicky Mercier
Library	Ms. Anna Tirkos
Special Education	Ms. Simmy Zaret
	Ms. Katie Benjamin
Intensive Support Pgm	Ms. Kim Dafoe
	Ms. Maria Ioannou (CYW)
ESL/ELL	Ms. Nadia Wyles
Various programs for preparation time coverage	Ms. Nutan Sawh
	Mr. BJ Reyes
Swimming	Mr. Neil Carroll
	Mr. Alex Yardley

Our kindergarten classes will also have lunch supervisors: Amy Basquinas, Melanie Cabral, Mona Kwong, Abida Ahmed and currently, but not for long, Mr. Martin Armstrong.

Our new guidance counsellor is Ms. Kelley Miller-Caise. She is in the school every Wednesday afternoon.

Our school is so lucky to have a roster of dedicated support staff:

Office Administrator: Sherry C. Bell  
Office Secretary: Martese Magnatta  
Special Needs Assistant: Siva Piraballiny  
Educational Assistant: Renee Trottier

Our full day kindergarten classes have early childhood educators partnered with the teachers. With:

Ms. David is Ms. Christina Blakely  
Mr. Shipton is Ms. Salma Usman  
Mr. Drew is Ms. Courtney Charnish (Acting)  
Ms Marois is Ms. Marika Phillips  
Ms. Themelis is Ms Samantha Viens

Our school is kept clean and in good working order by our wonderful head caretaker, Mr. Tom Bristlon who is assisted by Blair Brothers, Helen Baumchen and Scott Beaune.

Our lunchroom program has three supervisors: Mr. Eric Mattar Hurlbut, Ms. Sumiya Syed and Ms Nicole White.