



Earl Beatty School Improvement Plan

This year, at Earl Beatty, our main goals in Literacy are:

- *If we share learning goals with our students, model Level 4 answers co-create success criteria with our students and provide descriptive feedback during formative assessment, then students will understand the reading process that is required to develop a growing competence as a literate learner*
- *If we teach reading through culturally relevant and responsive interdisciplinary units of study and provide independent reading materials in our classroom libraries that reflect social justice and student interests, then there will be an increase in reading engagement and achievement*
- *If teachers purposefully timetable for guided reading at least three times a week, in all grade levels, then early identification of reading difficulties will be monitored and reading strategies, including "Think Alouds" will be taught through guidance and practiced independently by students*

Message from the Principal

We have been working diligently on our School Improvement Plan. Below are some of our goals in Mathematics:

- *If we share big ideas, learning goals with our students, model Level 4 answers and co-create success criteria with our students, then students will understand math processes that are required and develop a growing competency of mathematics.*
- *If we explicitly model and teach the Mathematical Processes involved in problem solving in all areas of mathematics by using three-part lessons then students will have opportunities to practice these math processes and develop their role as mathematicians.*
- *If teachers use differentiated approaches to teaching and assessing math (including visual cues, math academic language and graphic organizers) then student engagement in problem solving will increase*

Anastasia Poulis
Principal

Your School Newsletter

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Earl Beatty Students Learn About Kindness and Caring in December

KINDNESS AND CARING

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Caregiver:

Your child is involved in learning activities designed to develop good character and help children make good choices. Our focus this month has been on **KINDNESS AND CARING**.

What does "kindness and caring" mean to you?

Your child can show kindness and caring by:

- demonstrating these attributes toward themselves and others, including family, friends, and pets
- being aware of others' feelings without teasing or using put-downs
- helping someone who is having a bad day

Questions to discuss with your child:

- How do we show kindness and caring toward each other in our family?
- What other things *could* we do to show kindness and caring toward our family members?
- What kinds of things can we do to show kindness and caring toward our friends?
- What does it mean to be kind and caring to animals?

Projects to do together:

- Engage your child in being kind and caring toward others by reflecting on his or her behaviour and identifying his or her acts of kindness.
- Write thank-you notes to those who have shown kindness and caring toward your child/family.
- Do something that shows kindness and caring for someone less fortunate.

Encouraging kindness and caring in your child:

- Show your child the importance of being kind and caring by displaying kindness and caring to your child and others.
 - Share your feelings with your child, which provides him or her with the opportunity to be kind and caring.
 - Expose your child to the power of kindness through random acts of kindness toward people, animals, and the environment.
- Read and discuss media stories that depict acts of kindness and caring.

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

Stay Healthy During the Flu Season



Flu season is here again. In Canada, flu season tends to run between October and April. The Ontario government is encouraging Ontarians to avoid getting sick this flu season by getting their annual flu shot.

Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff should be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.

Secondary School Parent Information Meetings

TDSB secondary schools will be hosting parent information evenings starting in November to help parents and grade 8 students make an informed decision when choosing a high school. Discover a wealth of information about our secondary schools, including programs, special characteristics, and diploma requirements. Visit our web site at <http://www.tdsb.on.ca> to find the dates and locations for all information evenings.

Traffic Safety



Traffic Safety Tips: Help Make this a Safe Winter Season

As winter approaches, we know that severe weather will be part of our daily lives for the next several months. While traffic safety is an important matter all year long, this is a particularly good time to review what we can do to keep students safe.

The need to be aware and alert at all times, on any road, and even in the most routine circumstances is key to traffic safety. This applies to students and drivers alike. Road conditions can be challenging in the winter months. So to those of us who drive, please take extra care on the roads and in parking lots, especially in areas where children might be present.

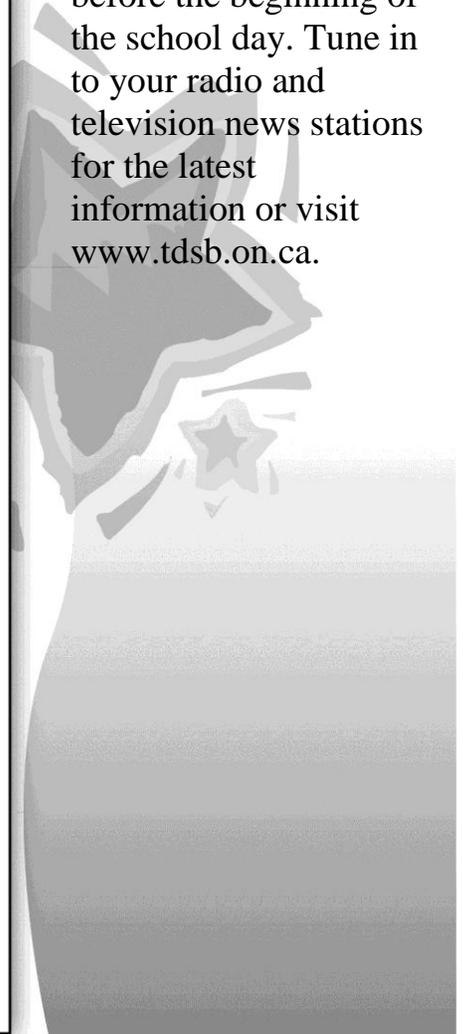
School staff periodically review street and traffic safety with students. Parents can help reinforce these safety messages with children at home. Below are some tips that might be helpful to review.

- Stop, look, and listen for traffic.
- Only cross at corners and crosswalks.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Walk on the right side of the crosswalk.
- Wear appropriate footwear to reduce the chances of slipping.
- Never run into the street.
- Obey crossing signals.
- Cross only if clear.
- Walk on sidewalks.
- Where there are no sidewalks, walk as far away from traffic as possible, facing traffic.

The safety of our students is always a top priority. Let's work together to make the winter season safe so we can enjoy all it has to offer.

Cancellation of Busses During Severe Weather

Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the director of education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day. Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information or visit www.tdsb.on.ca.



Calendar of Events

- December 5: PA Day
- December 8: Math EQAO evening for parents-7pm-library
- December 11: Parent Council meeting-6:30pm-library
- December 15: Holiday Concert
6:00-6:45pm→Kindergarten
7:00-8:30→ Grades 1-8 (notices will be sent home to indicate which classes are performing)
- December 16: All day painting with East York Alternative High School (Parent volunteers are welcomed!)
- December 18: Pizza lunch
- December 19: Last day of classes before Holiday break
- December 22: Holiday break begins

Looking Ahead:

January 23, 2015: PA Day

TO ALL OF OUR EARL BEATTY STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

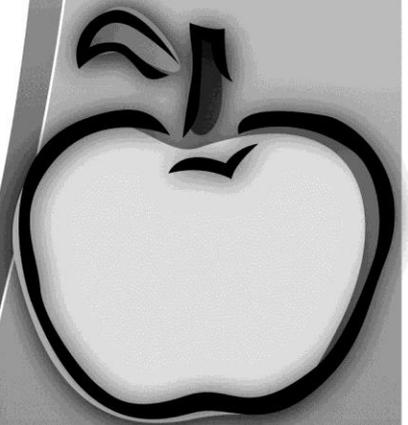
On behalf of the staff at Earl Beatty, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Holiday season.

Thank you for your continuous support, your trust and your partnership in your child's academic success.

We look forward to our continued work together when school resumes on January 5, 2015

FUN FACTS

Did you know that the word 'mathematics' comes from the Greek *mathema* which means learning, study, science



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