

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday.

Principals are often asked how we decide whether it's too cold to allow our students out in the schoolyard for recess.

Fresh air and exercise are important for children. It keeps them physically fit, and helps them stay alert all through the school day. Parents can help by making sure their children come to school prepared to spend time outdoors. Hats, mitts, boots and a warm jacket are important to keep students comfortable during lunch and recess.

But extreme cold can be dangerous, and parents want to know that their children will be safe. When the temperature is predicted to drop below -15°C , the City of Toronto may declare a cold weather alert. Schools are very sensitive to the needs of our students and pay close attention to the weather, especially when the windchill is below -20°C .

The TDSB Severe Weather Protocol is flexible, so that every principal can make a decision that meets the needs of his or her school. It sets guidelines for when to allow students outside for recess, when to make outdoor breaks shorter, and when to keep students inside altogether.

Canadian winters can be wonderful but when the weather is cold, school staff keep one eye on the thermometer and the other on the needs of our students - a perfect balance of fun and safety.

Anastasia Poulis
Principal

Your School Newsletter

Earl Beatty Junior and Senior Public School
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Earl Beatty Students Learn About Teamwork In January



Monthly Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

TEAMWORK

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 **TEAMWORK**.

What does teamwork mean to you?

Your child can show teamwork by:

- helping to complete a household chore with other members of the family
- working with peers in a group to complete school assignments
- participating in a sport and working as part of a team to be successful
- taking responsibility in household chores for the benefit of the family

Questions to discuss with your child:

- What does it mean to be a team player at home and to be an integral part of the family?
- How do you deal appropriately with conflict when it occurs during teamwork?
- What are some of the ways to resolve some of the arguments that occur at home?
- Sometimes a teammate may have to make a sacrifice so that the team can succeed. What does this mean?

Projects to do together:

- Play games as a family to develop teamwork and good sportsmanship.
- Participate in sports or leisure activities together and encourage communication including active listening.

Encouraging teamwork in your child:

- Stress the importance of teamwork and the aspects of being a team player that make being on a team worthwhile.
- Stress the importance of willing to work and play with others at school, in the home, and in the community.
- Share a story that will help your child understand that sometimes “fair” does not mean “equal.”

Thank you for supporting our Character Development program.

Volunteer Changes



*Summer 2015 ESL
Program for International
Students
July 6 - 24, 2015*

We have received new information from the Volunteer Department of the Toronto District School Board on December 15, 2014 which we are sharing with our parent community.

City Council in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006 authorizes the Toronto Police Services to increase fees associated with the Police Reference Check- Vulnerable Sector Screening to \$20.

In order to volunteer at any school, all volunteers must have a clear Police Reference Check that have been submitted to the TDSB and their name must be active on the school's volunteer database before volunteering in the class and/or school can begin.

We welcome volunteers to Earl Beatty and appreciate all of their time and support. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please see Ms. McFarlane in the school office who will outline the procedures for you and provide you with the necessary paperwork.

We had a Volunteering Information Session in September for all parents who are interested in volunteering. At that time, all interested potential volunteers received our Volunteer Handbook that outlines all the procedures, policies and information that volunteers will need to know in order to work effectively in a school system. If you are currently volunteering in the school and have yet to receive this Handbook, please make sure that you come by the office and receive it from Ms. McFarlane.

We appreciate your time and patience as we are organizing the existing database at Earl Beatty for volunteers and aligning all of our past information to conform with TDSB Guidelines and Procedures.

Invite your friends and family, who live in other countries, to learn English and explore Canadian culture with the Toronto District School Board this summer!

International students, aged 12-17, will enjoy intensive English classes - taught by our qualified teachers - at world's most multicultural and multilingual school board.

In addition to classroom learning, students will have unique opportunities to practise their English skills, explore Toronto and experience Canadian society and history through trips, tours and social activities.

Students can also live with a homestay family, to experience Canadian life first-hand.

*Visit
www.eslstudytoronto.ca*

Winter Alert



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Occasionally, severe weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to cancel transportation and close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or, if conditions become severe, during the school day. To ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff during school hours, the Board's Severe Weather operational procedures will guide decisions and operations.

The safety and welfare of students is a shared responsibility with parents and guardians. In the event of severe weather conditions, please keep children at home if possible. The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education.

Closure of schools or cancellation of transportation services will be announced on the following stations:

| AM Radio | FM Radio | TV | .COM |
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| FAN 590 AM 640 CFTR 680 CFRB 1010 CHUM 1050 | JACK 92.5 CHF1 98.1 CBC 99.1 VIRGIN 99.9 CFNY 102.1 CHUM 104.5 Q107 Z103.5 EZ ROCK 97.3 FLOW 93.5 | The Weather Network CP24 CTV CITY-TV GLOBAL TV OMNI TV ROGERS TV | www.globaltv.com www.thestar.com www.cp24.com www.tdsb.on.ca |

Information on closure of schools and cancellation of transportation services will be posted on the TDSB website at www.tdsb.on.ca and on the TDSB social media channels.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please contact the school.

Recess During Cold Weather

Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28C or lower, students are kept indoors. Recesses and lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28C and -20C.

If a student's medical condition requires further consideration due to weather conditions, or if parents have other questions or concerns about how and when weather conditions affect your child's school day, please contact the school office.



Pizza Lunch

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you very much for supporting our monthly pizza lunch program. In order to comply with money collection guidelines, we are kindly asking you to send a lump sum payment in January for the remaining seven pizza lunches of the school year.

Student individual monthly orders will be based on the selection made at this time.

You are asked to submit exact payment, preferably a cheque, along with your child's order to their homeroom teacher. Please send a separate order form and a separate payment for each child in your family.

Order forms will be going home on Thursday January 8th, 2015.

Combo #1: 1 slice of pizza, 1 juice box **Total Cost: 7 x \$3.25 = \$ 22.75**

Combo #2: 2 slices of pizza, 1 juice box **Total Cost: 7 x \$5.00 = \$ 35.00**

Pizza Lunch **dates:** Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 9, April 30, May 21, June 18

February is Kindergarten Registration Month

Kindergarten is the first step in a lifelong journey that will see your child learn, grow, and succeed at the Toronto District School Board. At the TDSB, we know early learners learn best through doing; so our four and five year olds are introduced to math and science through play as part of k-12 STEM programming. To inspire a love for learning, kindergarten classrooms are bustling with inquiry and exploration through science activities, math games, art projects and more. Visit your local school during February to register.

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four-years-old by December 31. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five-years-old by December 31.

All of our schools now offer Full-Day Kindergarten where students will attend Kindergarten for the entire school day. This includes a morning and afternoon schedule and a lunch break. Visit the Kindergarten website to learn more about this program and learn how to prepare your child for school.

Calendar of Events

January 23, 2015: PA Day

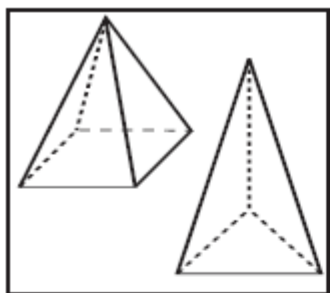
January 29, 2015: Pizza Lunch



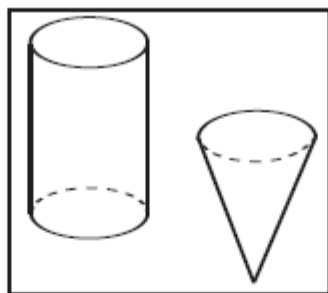
Work on the following Grade 3 and Grade 6 Math problem with your child. For more information and other examples, please visit the EQAO website at: www.eqao.com

G3 - Question 11, 2006

Alana sorts 4 figures into Groups W and X as shown.

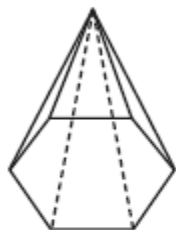


Group W



Group X

In which group should Alana place the following figure?



Explain your thinking.

G16 – Question 9, 2006

Draw the three-dimensional figure that will be created when the following net is folded.
Show all vertices and edges.

