## September 2014

# THE EAGLE

# EARL GREY SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Dane Lowry Vice Principal: Monica MacGillis Superintendent: Mike Gallagher Trustee: Cathy Dandy

# **From the Principal**

Happy New (School) Year! I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer filled with adventures and memories made with both family and friends. We have been off to a great start here at Earl Grey. I am always excited by the energy that every student brings to the school. It is great to see how eager the new grade 7 students are and how our returning grade 8 students are being role models and leaders. Teachers have been

busy working on classroom routines and planning amazing learning opportunities for all the students.

During the month of September staff and students will have the opportunity to participate a wide variety of school events. With clubs and teams starting up, the school wide "Walk-a-thon" and of course the amazing learning that is going each day, we are on our way to amazing start to the year. Last week we had our



first school assembly, the focus was on RESPECT. We discussed how we can all demonstrate respect through our through actions. I encouraged the students to think about what RESPECT can look like.

There is no doubt that this school year will be excellent thanks to Earl Grey's amazing students, hardworking staff and wonderful families.

Sincerely

Mr. Lowry

BE KIND – BE GENTLE – TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER



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## BUILD CHARACTER BUILD SUCCESS

#### Respect

#### What Is Respect?

- Treating others the way you would like to be treated
  Having concern--and the motivation to act--for the welfare of others
- Being inclusive of differences
- Using good manners and appropriate language
- Being considerate of the feelings of others
- Dealing peacefully with anger, insults, and
- disagreements
- Showing consideration for your own belongings and those of others
- Showing consideration for the freedom, privacy, and dignity of others
- Having pride and belief in yourself
- Taking care of and valuing yourself, others, and the environment

#### What might respect look like and/or sound like?

Respecting yourself: Accept and honour your own skills, challenges, emotions, body, beliefs, and abilities.
Being fair: Listen to all sides of the story before reaching a decision or resolution.

• Being reliable: Keeping our promises is one of the easiest ways to show that we respect

someone and that we mean what we say.

Obeying the law: Follow the rules, as they are often in place to protect us. If there is disagreement with a rule, discuss it as a group to create a greater understanding of the reason for the rule.
Showing consideration: Show concern for the welfare of people, animals, and the environment.

Help someone out without them even having to ask.

• Embracing differences: Understand that other people's values, beliefs, and practices are just as important as our own.

THE BEAUTTFUL THING ABOUT LEARNING IS THAT NO ONE CAN TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU.

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#### From Your Guidance Counsellor

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students at Earl Grey. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break, and is looking forward to the adventure of the next ten months. My name is Sue Domenico and I am the Itinerant Guidance Counselor. It is my hope that this school year will be filled with successes for every student. I am currently placed at five schools and am at Earl Grey on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I wear many hats in my role here, primarily helping the grade 8's and their families with the transition to high school as well as working with classes, small groups and individual students on a number of topics and issues.

Because of my schedule, the best mode of contact is via email at susan.domenico@tdsb.on.ca. I will also be posting relevant guidance and transition information on my Twitter feed @MsDguidanceTDSB. I am looking forward to another great year at Earl Grey.

#### From Trustee Cathy Dandy

The Ward Council meeting being held at Blake St PS on Monday September 22nd at 7pm. One of the topics will be will be CASL -Canadian Anti-spam Legislation - and the impact on school councils.

#### **Important Dates**

Fri. Sept. 12: IEP Consultation letters go home
Fri. Sept. 26: WALK-A-THON and Wacky Olympics
Wed. Oct. 1: Curriculum Night (more info to follow)
Wed. Oct 15: Gr. 8 Transition Night (more info to follow)