

# THE EBSAC JOURNAL

*A Monthly Newsletter for Earl Beatty Parents*



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## Welcome to Our Newsletter

Hello! And welcome to the Earl Beatty School Advisory Council's (EBSAC) newsletter. We hope to be a useful and relevant monthly source for Earl Beatty news and to offer an in-depth look at what's happening in the school and its classrooms. Like you, we're parents of Earl Beatty students. We want to offer the parent community opportunities to be more engaged with the administration, school and classroom activities. In every issue we'll have updates from Principal Karailiadis, features on individual EB teachers and what they've been doing in their classroom, as well as monthly news and important dates for your calendar. We'd love to know what you think and what you'd like to see here in the future. Please send us your feedback at [ebsacinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ebsacinfo@gmail.com). Thank you for reading!

## Principal's Corner

*A Letter from Principal Kiki Karailiadis*

We have had a great start to the school year! This year, we have 476 students attending Earl Beatty. We have eight student teachers in our school this term. The OISE coordinator of the program, Ann, is thrilled with the highly effective teaching practices that her student teachers are learning from; our Beatty teachers are great! Our lunch time programs include: Kindie Lego, Karate Kids, Robotics, Choir, Young Women on the Move, Student Council and of course Mr. Pusey's Basketball

bootcamp. Our Eco club has a strong mandate of trying to achieve Gold for Earl Beatty this year and are sharing important messages to our students daily through announcements. During our Professional Activity Day in October (see "EcoSchools Professional Development Day," below), we planned many more opportunities for our students that focus on our students' achievement and well-being. We are looking forward to a great year!

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## EcoSchools Professional Development Day

Earl Beatty staff attended the TDSB Eco Schools kick-off on October 17. They went to a session on active transportation (how to increase foot, bike and scooter traffic) and another on ecological literacy, which focused on how to introduce climate change to primary and junior students. They also did a practice eco audit to get ready for the Earl Beatty audit on October 22. (Schools must apply every year for EcoSchools certification/ recertification and undergo an audit.) The TDSB EcoSchools

group displayed strategies being used by schools throughout the board to make their communities more sustainable, and teachers were given an opportunity to speak with colleagues about initiatives that had been successful at their schools. They will be putting these new possible ideas to the Earl Beatty Eco Committee in the coming weeks. For more information, visit [tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools](http://tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools).  
—Mme Land (SK FI)



## **French Programs Application Deadline**

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's French Immersion or Extended French programs, Earl Beatty offers an online process for applying to:

- Early French Immersion (EFI), which begins in Senior Kindergarten
- Junior Extended French (JEF), which begins in Grade 4.

At this time, the school guarantees an offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) to all on-time applicants. The timelines for applying for these programs for September 2020 are:

- Applications for Early French Immersion (for a Junior Kindergarten-aged child), must be completed online between November 4 and November 29, 2019.
- Applications for Junior Extended French must be completed online between January 6 and January 31, 2020.

Offers of placement within your chosen program will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Please note: families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For further information, visit [tdsb.on.ca/french](https://tdsb.on.ca/french).

## **Ward 16 Updates**

The French as a Second Language Program update was presented to the board this month. Among the changes that will affect the 2022-2023 school year are an adjustment to the entry points for the French immersion (FI) program. When the changes take effect, students will have the option to commence FI in either JK or Grade 4. Another major change will be the phasing out of the senior extended French program (Grade 7 entry). Full details of the changes are on the TDSB website. There will be a public consultation on the TDSB's optional attendance policy in November. A draft policy will be posted on the TDSB website for public feedback, and four public consultation meetings will be held to inform the policy change. Make sure to check the TDSB website and have your voice heard if this is an important issue to you and your family. Monthly TDSB Ward 16 meetings are open to all parents. Feel free to join the next meeting on November 21 at 6:30 p.m. at O'Connor Public School. Read Ward 16 TDSB Trustee Michelle Aarts's full October update and sign up to receive regular Ward 16 and TDSB updates at [tdsb.on.ca/Ward16](https://tdsb.on.ca/Ward16).



## In Our Classroom

### *Mme Land's SK French Immersion Class is Ready for Fall*

The students have been excited for the changing seasons and we created lots of opportunities for them to explore these interests. We have had fall-themed centres for students to demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills. To work on their fine-motor and gross-motor skills, students used hammers, pushpins, golf tees and elastics to decorate pumpkins in elaborate designs. They made goofy pumpkin faces, choosing a variety of two-dimensional shapes. To demonstrate their knowledge of fall changes, students used loose parts on the light table and in frames to make autumn scenes. In preparation for Halloween, they engaged in dramatic play, working cooperatively to make spooky potions using materials to encourage vocabulary growth and counting how much of each ingredient they added. They also read Halloween stories and explored accompanying STEM activities such as how to build a fence to support pumpkins. We look forward to making a book featuring all of our Halloween costumes to be sent home as part of our classroom library program.



### *Mme Howe's Grade 2 French Immersion Class Gets Cooking*

Mme Howe's grade two class spent the afternoon of October 15 making tomato and white kidney bean soup from scratch with Lisa Dickie from Dickie's Cooking School. The recipe, ingredients and cooking tools were provided by Lisa as part of her mobile cooking class pilot. The kids thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They had the opportunity to chop, stir, simmer, and of course taste their soup as they went along. The soup was delicious, and vegan! On top of having so much fun cooking, they also learned how to be safe in a kitchen setting—a valuable lifelong tool. It's safe to say the students in room 14 are now experts in the kitchen.

*Bon appetit!*





## Remembrance Day

This year Canada is observing the 75th anniversary of the Second World War's Italian Campaign. It was one of our country's most important contributions to the Allied war effort; more than 93,000 Canadians served in Italy from the summer of 1943 to early 1945. Veteran's Affairs Canada has many free resources for children from kindergarten to grade 12 available at [veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/students](http://veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/students).

## Indigenous Education Month

The TDSB recognizes November as Indigenous Education Month. Indigenous education is not just for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students, but for all students, staff and community members. When non-Indigenous people learn about the rich histories, cultures and contemporary contexts of diverse Indigenous peoples, cross-cultural understanding can occur and a common commitment formed, leading to equitable and more inclusive learning spaces. Visit the Indigenous Education section of the TDSB website ([tdsb.on.ca/Community/Indigenous-Education](http://tdsb.on.ca/Community/Indigenous-Education)) to learn more and find resources.

## Hindu Heritage Month

November is also Hindu Heritage Month in Ontario. The theme for this year is *Om: The Sound of the Universe*. Visit the TDSB's Hindu Heritage Month Guide ([bit.ly/PLHinduHeritageMonthGuide](http://bit.ly/PLHinduHeritageMonthGuide)) for information about Hindu culture, history and people.



## Important Dates

October 31 to November 15: School-wide food drive

November 6: Photo re-take and sibling photo day (email Kiki if you are interested)

November 11: Remembrance Day assembly

November 14 and 15: Parent-teacher interviews

November 15: P.A. Day

November 26: Pizza day and EBSAC meeting (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)

November 30: Holiday in the 'Hood (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

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## How to Get Involved

Save the Date! On Saturday, November 30 from 10:00 to 3:00, we're hosting our annual Holiday in the 'Hood winter maker and baker fair in the lunchroom at Earl Beatty. If you can bake some goodies ahead of time or if you would like to volunteer for a portion of the day, please email [holidayinthehood@gmail.com](mailto:holidayinthehood@gmail.com).



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## Contact Us

Are you interested in volunteering? Do you need help navigating EB school life with your child? Email us at [ebsacinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ebsacinfo@gmail.com). You can also sign up to our mailing list and view our calendar of events at [earlbeatty.ca](http://earlbeatty.ca), and like and follow us on Facebook @EarlBeattySchoolAdvisoryCouncil.