APRIL HAS ARRIVED

Happy Spring! Le printemps est finalement arrivé!! Vraiment?!!

The students at Earnscliffe worked together before the March Break to participate in a fantastic activity day. The teamwork and sharing between students, classes and grade levels was heart warming and we were so proud of all of our students and the positive choices they made over the past couple of months. We are truly fortunate to be in such a wonderful school. We have enjoyed watching students expertly share their businesses in the One of a Kind Show and participate in many of our extra-curricular activities. Earnscliffe students are a wonderful group of enthusiastic learners. Thank you parents for supporting us and raising such polite and respectful learners. Merci beaucoup!

Our QSP Cookie Dough fundraising is well under way. If every student would sell only 2 cookie dough, our school would net $10,000. Our goal is to continue to improve technology as well as music instruments and physical education at our school. We are asking for your help in making this fundraising campaign a very successful one. Deadline is April 6th.

So many exciting events are coming up: E-Arts week, Greg LeRock Concert, Courage Assembly, Day of Pink, Voting Day for the Forest of Reading, Music Festival and Debate Club Tournament. Check out the April Calendar on our school website. As we are kicking off our QSP Campaign this week, we are also excited about the International Day of Pink on April 12 and the Education Weeks ahead on April 18th to 22nd with the presentation of our Education Week/Terry Fox Assembly. Our Terry Fox Assembly was delayed this year due to labour dispute. A toonie for Terry will help many. Please donate.

It is an exciting and busy time but there isn’t anywhere that we would rather be than at Earnscliffe Senior Public School.

Mrs Dewar-Salmon et Mme Cournoyer-White

Grade 8 Graduation

Our Grade 8 graduation date has been set for June 27th at Mississauga Convention Centre. Cost is $20.00, includes pizza, cake, drink and a photo done on stage and needs to be paid on Cashless School by April 8th.

April Calendar

Please review the coming events at Earnscliffe Senior Public School on the April Calendar also posted on our website.

Included on the monthly calendar are; class trips, school and grade level events. Please remind your child to record important dates in their agenda.

http://schools.peelschools.org/1410/Pages/default.aspx

Volunteers needed

We are currently looking for volunteers for many school trips coming. To volunteer in Peel Schools, you need to get a Criminal Record Check. Please don’t delay as it can take many weeks to receive your Criminal Record Check from the Peel Regional Police. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cournoyer-White, the vice-principal in the office for the proper forms.

School closed for PA Day on April 11, 2016

For the 2015-16 school year, we have an additional PA Day for the Peel District School Board on April 11, 2016. All Peel board elementary and secondary schools will be closed to students on this day. The next day, April 12, will remain a Day 4 for students.
Physical Education

**Junior Basketball Girls Win Gold**

North Peel held their annual Tier 1 Junior Girls Basketball Tournament in March.

Led by Mrs. Gries and Ms. Bender, Earnscliffe's Junior Girls were able to capture Gold and claim their stake as Northern Peel's best Junior Girls Basketball Team.

Congratulations to Keyana, Charlize, Leian, Simran, Caelan, Arianna, Tahlia, Tara, Victoria, Arielle, Jennifer and Harleen

**Way to soar Eagles!**

**Senior Basketball Boys**

The 2015-2016 Grade 7/8 senior boys basketball team had a tremendous season. They finished the year with an outstanding 6-3 record.

This propelled them to the playoffs where they faced undefeated Royal Orchard. They lost a tough battle with Royal Orchard who went on to become the Peel District School Board Champions.

After another 'nail biter' of a loss against McCrimmon, this ended the Eagles season. Coach Mr. Cockburn would like to thank all the Earnscliffe parents for all of their support throughout the year, the administration, secretaries and staff for their ongoing encouragement and the players for their resiliency and perseverance; reaching new heights both on and off the court!

Members of the team are: Dontae, Daryous, Jaden, Micah, Neil, Kaedon, Marques, Joshua, Samay, Julius, Irving and Stephen

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**YEAR BOOK**

**Calling All Artists!!**

We are looking for art work for our 2015-2016 yearbook. Please make submissions to Mrs. Malhotra (rm. 202) by **April 8**

We are looking for the following:

1. **The Yearbook Cover**
   - Need to include in drawing:
     - Earnscliffe Senior Public School
     - 2015-2016
     - A fully coloured graphic with an Eagle present

2. **The Grad Page**
   - Class of 2015-2016
   - A picture related to graduation

3. **Arts Program Cover Page**

4. **French Immersion Cover Page**

5. **Middle School Program Cover Page**

**Please make sure every submission is fully coloured and your name is on the BACK!**

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**Office News**

As we are coming close to the end of the year, please be reminded that a change of address requires proof of change such as a Drivers Licence, Utility Bill, bank statement. Please notify the office ASAP for all address and phone number changes.

Please be reminded that Earnscliffe is a **cashless school**! Please create your Cashless account so you will be prepared for student activities such as trips, yearbook purchases, team fees, graduation and gym clothes.
**Guidance**

**Grade 8 Transition**

Grade 8 students should inform Mrs. Dietrich immediately if there are changes to their plans for next year (e.g., you thought you were going to Dufferin-Peel Catholic, but will now be attending PDSB). Students should bring a signed note from a parent/guardian indicating the changes in their agenda.

If students would like to request course changes for next year, please see Mrs. Dietrich in the Guidance office. Changes can no longer be made through myblueprint.ca.

**Grade 5 Transition**

Just as we prepare our grade 8 students for secondary school, we likewise begin our student transition from grade 5 to grade 6. Administration and Mrs. Dietrich will visit feeder schools in April. The grade 5 students will in turn visit Earnscliffe to participate in a tour and other organized activities in May.

Earnscliffe will also host the Grade 5 “Parent Information Evening” on Thursday May 12th at 6:30 pm. during which parents will have an opportunity to visit with staff, tour the school, and register for Band classes.

We look forward to welcoming our future Eagles!

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**E-QA0 Testing**

Our Grade 6 students will be participating in the provincial assessment for a two week period commencing the last week in May—May 23rd and continuing into the first week of June until June 3rd. **Please ensure that you avoid vacations, appointments and anything else that would require your child to be away from school.** The results from this assessment, which you will receive next Fall, provide information for parents and valuable data for school improvement planning.

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**Library News**

Forest of Reading is a literacy project initiated by the Ontario Library Association to cultivate a love of reading in students. After four months of diligent reading, our Forest of Reading Program will wrap up in April. We will celebrate our student's successful involvement by hosting a voting delicious breakfast in the library on April 18th.

At this celebration students will choose their winner for the Forest of Reading program and their votes will be passed on to the Ontario Library Association. They OLA will tally the votes to crown a winner in early May. Congratulations to all our student readers.

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**Debate Club**

Earnscliffe Senior P.S. Brampton is proud to organize the first edition of the "iDebate therefore iExist" competition for elementary schools, of the Peel District School Board. Six schools (Earnscliffe Sr. M.S., Sir William Gage P.S., McCrimmon M.S., Fletcher’s Creek Sr. P. S., Lougheed P.S. and William G. Davis) with a population of over four thousand students will be represented by several teams in a one day competition. It is the first debate competition held in our board. It also represents the results of students’ hard work in the Earnscliffe PS Debate Club, one that successfully run for the past two years.

Parents are welcome to be part of the event that will take place on the April 15, 2016 in our gymnasium from 8:45am till 3:00pm.

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**E-Arts Week at Earnscliffe**

E-Arts week will begin on April 1st and run until April 8th. This year’s theme is “Flash Back Friday”. Students will be engaged in integrated curriculum workshops that explore the arts through the decades as early as the 40’s to the present day. They will develop an understanding of a specific time period and apply their understanding by creating a piece that celebrates their chosen decade.

We invite parents and guardians to come and support our students at our showcase on

**Friday, April 8th, 2016.**

**First Show 9:00-10:00**

**Second Show 10:30-11:30**
School Council at Earnscliffe

The School Council is looking to fill several vacancies for the 2016-2017 school year. Duties include attending the monthly meetings, contributing your ideas and suggestions, participating in fundraising activities, and voting on business and funding requests. Along the way, you will get to know much more about the Earnscliffe community as well as meet other parents with an interest in providing and enhancing their children’s school experience and environment. Additionally, the experience and skills gained by volunteering on the School Council would be an excellent addition to a resume. All parents are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings.

The next meeting is April 6th at 6:30 in the staffroom.

Let’s Talk:

Provide input on the Peel District School Board’s 2016-17 budget priorities

The Peel District School Board has a long history of fiscal responsibility, focused on a mission to inspire success, confidence and hope in each student. Through our goal to use resources effectively to enhance student achievement, the board has been able to do so in an efficient and sustainable manner, while supporting the needs of all learners. To guide the Peel board in the development of its 2016-17 school year budget, trustees are seeking input from staff, parent, student and community members. We’d like to hear from you about what you see as budget priorities for the upcoming school year.

To provide input, individuals may:
- Delegate the board at Regular Meetings of the Board on April 26, 2016, or May 10, 2016.
- Provide input through your School Council. Please contact your School Council chair to find out when budget consultation will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Complete a brief, online survey at www.peelschools.org/BUDGET by May 13, 2016. Before you provide input, you may choose to refer to the Peel board’s Report Card for Student Success at www.reportcardforstudentsuccess.org in an effort to align your ideas with the board’s strategic plan, goals and key priorities. Other resources are available at www.peelschools.org/BUDGET.

BIG NEWS

You have a Settlement Worker in your School!

Sonika Sharma, School Settlement Worker from Brampton Multicultural Centre (BMC) is at your school to help provide youth, parents and your grandparents FREE services and information.

Services for ADULTS:

Employment, Learning English, Bridging gaps between parents and school, Interpretation & Translation, Education information regarding your children, Second career, Housing and social assistance, Immigration & Citizenship, your free local community resources and much more…

Services available for SENIORS:

Assisting with PR card application, CPP/Disability application, English Conversation Circle, Social Assistance, Healthy Eating, and much more…

Services for YOUTH (Students):

Information on Ontario School System and Graduation requirements, Bridging gaps between students and teachers, Volunteer Opportunities, Employment Opportunities, Post-Secondary Information, Scholarship Information, After school help and much more…

Your Settlement Worker speaks Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi. She can also make arrangements for assistance in other languages.

For more information, Contact Sonika Sharma

Phone: 647.302.1950
Email: sonika.sharma@bmccentre.org

School Schedule: Wednesday - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

This program is funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada.
**School Success**

Each year as a school, we review data and set goals based on this information, as well as develop steps to achieve those goals. Staff as members of a School Success team are focusing on Numeracy, as part of our Teaching and Learning initiatives.

Our Theory of Action is the following:

If we engage students in the learning process through collaborative inquiry to allow students to deepen their understanding, then students will be better able to make their thinking visible.

Our priority is communication and making thinking visible.

**Teachers are learning too!**

There is a Ministry, Board and school focus on improving EQAO math scores and student learning specifically in mathematics.

Part of our action plan is having teachers get together to discuss ideas, observe each other and work collaboratively to make plans in trying to increase student understanding and making thinking visible.

Our junior grade 6 team teachers have been out of their classrooms three times already learning about Number Talks.

Our Grade 7 and Grade 8 teachers from our Intermediate division, are part of another three day process working with numeracy teachers to help students understand Math, communicate their understanding making their thinking visible and bridging the transition to high school.

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**Peel Public Schools celebrate Education Week**

Peel board celebrates public education during Education Week – April 18 to 22

Peel public schools will host hundreds of special activities and events to celebrate Education Week 2016. To give schools plenty of time to hold activities, this celebration of education will be held from April 18 to 22. The theme for this year's focus on education is *You Inspire*.

Each year, more than 50,000 parents and community members across Peel attend activities and events during Education Week.

In addition to inviting parents and community residents to visit their classrooms during the week, Peel schools are hosting open houses, plays/musicals, storytelling, environmental activities, awards assemblies, talent shows and much more.

We are looking forward to an equally successful week this year. One of the highlights of Education Week is the presentation of Awards of Excellence. The award recipients are students, volunteers, staff and community partners who have made outstanding contributions to public education in Peel.

The awards will be presented to 26 deserving recipients at the Showcase of Excellence ceremony on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the board room, HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650 Hurontario St., Mississauga.

More than 800 individuals will also be honoured during Education Week with Awards of Distinction for their contributions to their school or workplace.
Extra Extra Read All About It!!!

It is spring cleaning time and we are sure that you are re-organizing, reducing and recycling.

If you find any Canadian Tire Money we are asking that you donated to Earnscliffe Senior Public School to purchase new lunch recess equipment.

We would like to increase our supply of basketballs, soccer balls, and skipping ropes for the students to use. If you have Canadian Tire Money around the house and wish to donate it to our school, the students would be very grateful. It is amazing how those 5 and 10 cent bills add up. All Canadian Tire Money and Questions can be directed to Mrs. Cournoyer-White. Thank you for your contributions!

Earth Week—April 16th to 22, 2016

Earth Week encompasses the international celebration of Earth Day on April 22. This is the most celebrated environmental event worldwide. Initiated in 1970, this event has been considered the birth of the environmental movement.

Each year, more than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries in staging events and projects to address local environmental issues. In Canada, Earth Day has grown into Earth Week and even Earth Month to accommodate the profusion of events and projects. Here are some ways that you can celebrate earth week with your family:

- create a backyard or schoolyard habitat
- plant a garden or tree
- start a recycling program at home
- organize a carpooling campaign in your neighbourhood to reduce air pollution
- pick up trash in your neighbourhood
- read a book about an endangered species
- make a visit to your local zoo, aquarium or museum
- visit a local park, wildlife area or farm to provide a fun opportunity to learn about the environment and life

International Day of Pink
April 12th

Earnscliffe Senior goes pink on April 12

April 13 is Day of Pink, the international day to celebrate diversity and inclusion to work towards ending homophobia, transphobia and all forms of bullying and discrimination. This year, there are several bolded holy days taking place on April 13.

In order to give all of our students an opportunity to be part of this important inclusion activity,

Peel District School Board schools will recognize Day of Pink on April 12 this year.

“Equity and inclusion is something that all Peel schools teach throughout the year and discuss with students daily—it is embedded in everything we do,” says Tony Pontes, director of education. “Day of Pink is just one more way for us to ensure students and staff learn, work and develop in environments that are safe, equitable, inclusive, respectful and nurturing for all.”

Day of Pink began when a high school student in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, was bullied with homophobic language because he wore a pink shirt to school. The next day, hundreds of students at his school stood up to bullying and wore pink to school to show their support for equity and inclusion.

On this day, students, staff and families from across Peel may wear pink and participate in a number of activities to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Here is a list of events happening at our school:
Parent resources help you support your child’s learning

At the Peel District School Board, our mission is to inspire success, confidence and hope in each child. There is no doubt that families play a vital role in helping us achieve this goal. As our partner in education, we hope you'll stay connected to your child's learning throughout his or her entire school experience.

In October 2014, the Peel board sought input from families to help guide the development of resources that help parents and caregivers support their children’s learning. The result is a new Help Your Child online resource centre on the Peel board’s website with the topics families said were important to them.

Visit www.peelschools.org/parents/helpyourchild to explore all resources available to parents. There you will find easy-to-navigate buttons that connect families to tip sheets and web pages on a number of different topics, including math, homework, special education, EQAO and mental health.

Conference helps parents make a difference in numeracy and beyond

The Peel District School Board is hosting its annual parent conference on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Rick Hansen Secondary School in Brampton. This year, Numeracy & Beyond: Parent Conference, will focus on numeracy—25 out of 60 workshops help with math. Parents will still have the opportunity to attend workshops on other topics, including literacy, special education and science. This free learning event is open to Peel parents of students at all grade levels. Stay up-to-date! For more information, visit www.peelschools.org/parents/conference

More Free Workshop for Parents

The ABC Network (The Anti-Bullying Collaborative Network) is pleased to present a free Parent Presentation.

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Mississauga Secondary School
550 Courtney Park Drive West, Mississauga
L5W 1L9

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

It is called, No Shame or Blame: Empowerment Works by COPA (a violence prevention education association)

Empowerment of our children is one of COPA’s key approaches to nurturing, safe, strong and free homes, schools and communities. In this presentation, we will explore COPA's unique strategies.

Come and discover 10 powerful ways to use our extensive WE ALL BELONG multi-media resources designed for parents of all school-aged children to prevent and intervene in bullying situations, strengthen parent engagement and collectively foster belonging, equity and inclusion.

Agenda:
6:45 – 7:00 p.m. Arrival, Refreshments and Registration
7:00 – 8:15 p.m. Presentation
8:15 – 8:30 p.m. Q & A

Contacts Tina Godsoe (tina.godsoe@peelsb.com) or Rubi Pourawal (rubi.pourawal@peelsb.com)

https://infocopa.com/programs/?locale=en
Register today for Adult ESL non-credit courses or LINC classes

Do you know an adult that is interested in improving their English language skills for work, study or daily life?

Through the Continuing & Adult Education department, the Peel District School Board offers a wide variety of English language classes that help parents experience success in Canadian English in both listening/speaking and reading/writing. Courses are designed for a range of basic, intermediate and advanced English (Levels 1 to 7) as well as the more experienced learner needing to prepare for an IELTS exam.

Classes are ongoing - Register anytime.

All learners that complete a session will earn a certificate of learning from the Peel District School Board.

Classes operate from six locations in Brampton and Mississauga with three specially designed adult centres at:

- **Bramalea - Adult Education Centre** - 25 Kings Cross Road, Unit 3
- **Brampton - Adult Education Centre** - #300 - 7700 Hurontario Street
- **Mississauga - Adult Education Centre** - 100 Elm Drive West, Room 117

To learn more or to register, call 905-270-6000

Also visit [www.peelschools.org/adulteducation](http://www.peelschools.org/adulteducation) or follow us on Twitter: @PDSBLearnESL

Help us to encourage and enhance parent involvement in Peel

**Apply for a position on the board's Parent Involvement Committee**

The Peel board’s Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) meets regularly throughout the school year to review the board’s plans for parent involvement as they relate to parent, family and community engagement, and to make suggestions to schools, councils and the board regarding additional parent outreach.

As mandated by the ministry, the purpose of Peel board's PIC is to:

- support, encourage, and enhance meaningful parental involvement within schools and across the district, including, outreach to parents who find involvement more challenging
- work collaboratively with the school board to support student success
- seek out the advice and ideas of school councils, and other parents and partners as they plan and implement strategies to involve more parents at the regional level
- develop strategies for enhancing parental engagement and outreach

Parent application packages will be made available on April 6 at [www.peelschools.org/PIC](http://www.peelschools.org/PIC). Forms must be returned by April 29, 2016.

**Proof of immunization**

It is important for parents to know that required immunization information forms must be completed before children are allowed to attend class. If they are not presented, the student will be suspended until they are.

Parents should contact Peel Health at Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700

- for information about the immunization schedule in Ontario
- to verify that your child's record is up-to-date
- to obtain exemption forms if your child has not been immunized for medical reasons or because of conflict of religion or conscience
- for information about how to have your child immunized if you do not have an Ontario health card and can't afford a doctor's fee for immunization

### Tentative 2016-17 School Year Calendar now available

The Peel board's 2016-17 school year calendar (pending Ministry approval) is now available online at [http://peelschools.org/calendar/schoolyear](http://peelschools.org/calendar/schoolyear).

Please note that these are tentative dates that will be approved by the Ministry of Education in late spring.