

This summer, there will be an exciting program in Earl Haig S.S.

Newcomer Orientation Week (NOW) will give newcomer students a four-day orientation to EHSS and to the Ontario school system (from Tuesday August 21 to Friday August 24, 2018 9am-3pm). Eligible students are those who arrived in Canada in the last few months but have not yet attended school, and incoming Grade 8 graduates who arrived after February 2017.



A key feature of NOW is the leadership provided by Peer Leaders. These Peer Leaders are EHSS students who were newcomers to Canada in previous years. The Peer Leaders run the activities with the assistance of Douglas Lawrence (Guidance Counsellor); John Mullaley (English teacher); Iona Seo and Jane Wu (Settlement workers).

The activities include a scavenger hunt to get to know the building, skits created by the Peer Leaders about the challenges they faced when they started school, a presentation about how to read school timetable, a visit to the North York Central Library and an introduction to the credit system.

NOW is part of the SEPT program and our school is one of only 6 sites in North York that has this program.

NOW was piloted in the summer of year 2007 in 8 schools in Peel, Hamilton and Toronto and on the strength of a very positive evaluation report, it is being rolled out this summer in over 60 schools across the province.

NOW is funded by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada through the Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS).

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