

# BLAKE BEAT



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# BLAKE MISSION STATEMENT

At Blake our mission is to provide a caring, safe, and bully-free environment that meets the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs of our students.

With the assistance of our families and greater school community, we are committed to supporting our students and leading by example so that they reach their full potential.

Our Code of Conduct clearly states that all students have the right to be heard and valued, must respect themselves, and also have the responsibility to follow staff directions.

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This newsletter is not possible without the hard work of the many hands who volunteer their time. We'd love to hear from you! If you have a newsletter submission or idea, please e-mail it to [blakeschoolnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:blakeschoolnewsletter@gmail.com), or drop a copy in the School Council mailbox in the office, by the 20th of every month.

Items should be sent in Microsoft Word format if possible, but do not need to be formatted. Simply forward text and/or images. Please do not embed images.

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## Programs with 55 Division

The following programs are currently running, with the assistance of Division 55, for Grades 3-6:

- Chopped 55
- Rock 55
- Double Ninja
- Survivor 55

## Optometry Clinic

We had about 20 students get new glasses through the Optometry Clinic at Queen Alexandra school

## Folk Dancing Club Starts

The Folk Dancing Club has started for students in grades 4-6. Run by Mme Jamieson and Mme Molder, it is held at lunchtime, 12 - 12:30, on Mondays. There are 25 student participating, and they will take part in FolkFest, which is usually held in May.

## New Art at Blake

Jeannie, our artist who did all the murals outside the school, has done a great job in the main stairwell. See the cover of this newsletter for a small piece of the new mural.

Pamela has installed the medicine wheel the Junior students made on the wall outside the library.

Both these pieces highlight how vibrant and colourful we know our school is.

## Dance Residency

TDSB Dance Residency has placed a dancer to teach Mr Tsai and Mme O'Sullivan classes. Each class will receive 5 full days of instruction, spread out over a couple of months.

## Jazz Singing at Blake

Ms Paton's class is part of the We Are One Jazz project, One of six schools selected to participate in this. Students have a vocal coach work with them in class on Tuesdays for 40 minutes. They will then go onto Monarch Park on Thursdays for full morning training. This will run until April 19th.

# From the Classroom: Mr Tsai, Room 208

The following are examples of a recent writing assignment. All 3 are from Grade 2

Name: Pope3 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Giving Tree



There are 3 people who are giving to me. The first person is my mom. She loves me very much. She takes care of me. She cooks food for me all the time. She helps me with my home work. She is nice to me. The second person is my dad. He works to take care of me. He loves me. He helps me do my homework. He helps me if I fall. The third person is my brother. He gives me his toys. He stays with me. He's funny. I can have some fun with my family. I can give them some toys and be nice to them. These are the ways I can be more giving.

Name: Johann Date: Thursday

## The Giving Tree



There are 3 people who are giving to me. The first person is my daddy. He plays sports with me. He watches TV with me. He also plays chess with me. He always wins. The second person is my mommy. She washes dishes. She reads books with me. My favorite book is Harry Potter. After school she plays in the park with me. She also does cool crafts with me. The third person is John. He plays Lego with me. He also invites me to his house. My favorite thing is his Lego. He helps me when I get stuck. There are 3 ways I can be more giving. First I can make Christmas presents for my family. Secondly I can play what my sister wants to play. Finally I can be nicer to my family by helping my mom wash dishes. These are the ways I can be more giving.



Name: Kierah Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Giving Tree



There are 3 people who are giving to me. The first person is my mom. She cooks dinner. She puts me to bed. She washes the clothes. She takes care of me. The next person is my dad. He puts me to bed. He cooks dinner. He also washes the clothes. The final person is Santa. He gives me presents like stuffed animals and games. There are 2 ways I can be more giving. First I can help make lunch. And help tidy the class. These are ways I can be more giving.



## From the Classroom: Mr Stoch and Ms Spanton, Room 100



For our Math Focus in January, Room 100 is working on Patterning. As the month has gone along, we have focused on recognizing, exploring and describing patterns both in the natural and built environment. Above you can see Sophie working on extending her pattern, and Faith and Janesa creating their own patterns from the animal cards.

Previous to Patterning, our class had been working on Measurement and Sorting.



Above, Violetta has chosen Saheil to demonstrate an object that is longer than a baby doll (himself) while Sam has chosen a foam block to demonstrate something shorter. Oliver G. has chosen blocks as his non-standard unit of measurement to measure his height! To the right, Felix is sorting animals by colour, and Oliver P. has chosen to sort his dinosaurs not by colour, but by type! Very impressive!

# Morning Meal - February 2017

Monday Feb 6	Tuesday Feb 7	Wednesday Feb 8	Thursday Feb 9	Friday Feb 10
Pita Hummous Tomatoes & Cauliflower	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Strawberries	Bread/Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Peppers & Snow Peas	1 slice baked goods White Milk Bananas	Bun/bagels/Crackers Yogourt Tube Carrots & Cucumbers
Monday Feb 13	Tuesday Feb 14	Wednesday Feb 15	Thursday Feb 16	Friday Feb 17
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Apples	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Peppers & Snow Peas	1 sliced baked goods Chocolate Milk Melons	Pita Hummous Carrots & Cucumbers	<b>PA Day No School</b>
Monday Feb 20	Tuesday Feb 21	Wednesday Feb 22	Thursday Feb 23	Friday Feb 24
<b>Family Day No School</b>	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Oranges	Pita Hummous Carrots & Tomatoes	1 sliced baked goods White Milk Pears	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Cucumbers & Peppers
Monday Feb 27	Tuesday Feb 28	Wednesday Mar 1	Thursday Mar 2	Friday Mar 3
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Apples	Pita Hummous Tomatoes & Peppers	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Oranges	English Muffin/Bagel Cream Cheese & dip Broccoli & Cucumbers	1 sliced baked goods Chocolate Milk Melons

\*Fruits/vegetables subject to change due to supply\*

\*\*all grain products served meet a minimum of 2 stars (out of 3) of the Guiding Stars program. For more information see <http://guidingstars.ca/>

## Skate Library at Blake

We now have a skate library at Blake! If you would like to borrow skates please contact Ms Jamieson at [tara.jamieson@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:tara.jamieson@tdsb.on.ca) to arrange to pick them up. There are also 4 helmets, very small sized.

If families also have extra skates or helmets they would like to donate, please contact Tara or drop them off in the office with either Sue, Kristen or Kiki.



## A Few Words from the Blake St School Parent Council Co-Chairs

Hello Blake Street Students and Parents,

Welcome to 2017! What a year this will be at Blake!

The Parent Council held our first meeting of the year and the energy is growing and growing! We talked about the Fall Raffle and what an amazing success it was. Through the hard work of the Raffle team, our first annual raffle was a huge fundraiser for the school. It's quite incredible considering this was the very first raffle held outside of the Fun Fair. I'm still trying to understand how I didn't win the PS4, but we'll get that right next year!



Next on the calendar is the Valentine's Dance. It's going to be so much fun! What a great cure for the February blahs. We'll see you there.

As we move into 2017, our focus shifts to the Blake Family Fun Fair. Planning has already begun and the area we need the most help is with our silent auction. The Fun Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year and the silent auction

accounts for the biggest chunk. Please ask your workplace for a donation, ask your family and friends, ask your realtor! Don't be afraid to ask... because most people and businesses will donate something. Don't wait, either! There are many Fun Fairs coming up so we need to be FIRST with our requests, so even though June seems far away, please ASK NOW! Thanks very much,

## Fundraising Update

Thank you to all who ordered magazines and cookie dough - we raised an impressive \$1392 for Blake! If you would like to renew your magazine subscriptions, visit [www.qsp.ca](http://www.qsp.ca) School ID: 3958253.

Our ongoing Indigo fundraiser has raised \$251 so far! For every Indigo gift card you buy, 15% goes to support our school. Great for gifts too! <https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/campaigns/54872-blake-st-public-school/activity#content>

The money raised goes to support school council initiatives. A heartfelt thank you for helping make a big impact on all our Blake students - we couldn't have done it without your support!

We are looking for volunteers to take over next year's Magazine & Cookie Dough fundraiser. Contact [daniellestamatiou@hotmail.com](mailto:daniellestamatiou@hotmail.com) if you would like to help!

**Next Parent Council Meeting:  
TUESDAY  
21  
FEBRUARY  
at 6pm**

**Blake St. P.S. Parent Council Presents:**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blake Valentine's Dance**

**WHO: All Blake Street students, younger siblings and  
parents / guardians**

**WHEN: Friday February 10, 2017 from 6pm-8pm**

**WHERE: Blake Street P.S. GYM**

**DJ / Refreshments / Activities / Prizes**



**FREE EVENT!**



# Upcoming Events at Blake St School

## PA Day

The school will be closed  
**FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY** for a  
PA Day.  
Have a great break everyone!

## Spirit Day

Spirit Day will be **FRIDAY, 3 MARCH**  
It's Wear All One Colour Day - pick a  
colour, make it yours!

## Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch will be  
held on **FRIDAY,**  
**3 MARCH.**



## Enrollment for English Kindergarten

**FEBRUARY 14 - 16, 12:30 TO 3PM**

If your child was born in 2013, please come with the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Health Card
- 2 Proofs of Address
- Immunization Card

## Parent Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parent  
Council will be **TUESDAY, 21**  
**FEBRUARY** at  
6 pm in the library.  
Dinner and childcare will be provided.

## Valentine's Dance

Blake will be holding a  
Valentine's Day Dance on  
**FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY**

## Movie Night

The next movie night will be  
**THURSDAY, 9 MARCH**  
Film yet to be decided!