

# 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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## From the Classroom: Ms Iliadis, Room 210

### Mathematical learning through spatial reasoning:

Spatial reasoning has come to the forefront of mathematical learning. In room 210 we have been enjoying our exploration into the world of relational geometry, beginning with concepts of symmetry. "Spatial thinking is integral to everyday life. People, natural objects, human-made objects, and human-made structures exist somewhere in space, and the interactions of people and things must be understood in terms of locations, distances, directions, shapes, and patterns." (National Research Council, 2006, p. 5) If you are interested in extending your learners spatial reasoning skills you can look at the following resource from the LNS Secretariat: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/LNSPayingAttention.pdf>



### Interacting with our community:

Our class has had an exciting time learning about domestic and international communities. In order to fully integrate ourselves into our study of communities, we completed a community walk in which we explored various elements of community and took pictures to create a classroom information board. We are learning about the various ways humans interact with their communities and how certain functions of community can assist the way we live.



## From the Classroom: Ms Hunt Room 310

### Mono Cliffs, May 17-19th, 2016

The Grade 6s had an amazing time at Mono Cliffs Outdoor Education Centre this year. We spent 3 fun-filled days participating in a variety of activities which included exploring a number of ponds in Mono Cliffs Provincial Park where we saw turtles, leeches, tadpoles, an orange newt, and lots of frogs and frog eggs; hiking; playing lacrosse; doing archery; reading maps to find clues in the Orienteering activity; trying to stay alive as either a carnivore, omnivore or herbivore while playing "Instincts for Survival"; singing songs around the campfire and toasting marshmallows; and walking between the tree tops in the high ropes activity!

We also ate a LOT of delicious food including French toast, bacon and eggs, turkey, pizza, Shepherd's pie, homemade bread, salad, soup, brownies, chocolate pudding, ice cream sandwiches, chocolate chip cookies and hot chocolate. YUM!

Boy, were we tired and full when we got back!

Quotes from Students:

"I enjoyed the high ropes and archery the most. I enjoyed them because I liked the feeling of being higher than I usually go and I liked being able to hit targets." –Kian

"My favourite activity was the high ropes. I was a bit scared because it was so high in the air. But I handled it because I wasn't afraid of heights." –Akil

"My favourite part was playing the Instincts for Survival game because when I was an herbivore it was fun to run away from my predators and get the food and water to survive." –Sayeed

"I had an amazing experience at Mono Cliffs. Some magnificent aspects of the trip were the pond study because I had never seen a frog or leech, and the stargazing because the sky was clear and bright." –Liya





# From the Classroom: Ms Hunt Room 310

## Using the Exercycle

Here are a few photos of the the students on the stationary bike in our classroom. They've been enjoying using it to blow off some steam and improve their focus in class.



# Morning Meal - June 2017

Monday June 5	Tuesday June 6	Wednesday June 7	Thursday June 8	Friday June 9
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Pears	Pita Hummous Tomatoes & Carrots	1 slice baked good White Milk Strawberries	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Peppers & Cucumbers	PA Day No School
Monday June 12	Tuesday June 13	Wednesday June 14	Thursday June 15	Friday June 16
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Apples	Pita Hummous Peppers & Tomatoes	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Melons	Bun/Bagel/crackers Yogourt Tube Cucumbers & Carrots	1 slice baked good Chocolate Milk Bananas
Monday June 19	Tuesday June 20	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22	Friday June 23
Pita Hummous Tomatoes & Yellow Peppers	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Oranges	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Carrots & Cucumbers	1 slice baked good White Milk Strawberries	English Muffin/Bagel Cream Cheese Cauliflower & Broccoli & dip
Monday June 26	Tuesday June 27	Wednesday June 28	Thursday June 29	
Crackers/buns/bread Yogourt Tubes Apples	Pita Hummous Peppers & Tomatoes	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Melons	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Carrots & Cucumbers	<b>Have a great Summer Break! See you in September!</b>

\*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/>

## Quinoa with Curried Apple and Nuts

### Ingredients

¼ cup raw whole almonds  
1 cup uncooked quinoa  
2 tbsp. raisins  
1 granny smith apple diced  
1/4 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves,  
coarsely chopped

### Dressing

2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
2 tbsp. lemon juice  
1 tsp. honey  
1 tbsp. finely chopped shallot  
1 tsp. curry powder  
¼ tsp. sea salt, and pepper to taste

### Method

1. Cook the quinoa (add quinoa to 2 cups of boiling water, bring back to boil and simmer with lid on for approx. 15 min or until fluffy.) Once it is cooked set aside and let it cool down
2. While quinoa is cooking preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spread almonds on a baking sheet and toast for about 7 minutes (should be lightly toasted and fragrant). Once cooled coarsely chop and set aside
3. Whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, honey, shallot, curry powder, salt and pepper in a bowl until dressing is emulsified.
4. Add cooled quinoa, raisins, apple, mint and chopped almonds; mix together well.
5. Best served refrigerated

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

Hello Blake Street Students and Parents,

What an amazing year it has been at Blake! Our school has continued to grow incredibly fast and new parents are continuing to get involved with the Parent Council and with school events.

We still require volunteers, especially for the upcoming Blake Family Fun Fair. You should have received a sign-up sheet that came home with your child recently. We trust that you have indicated you will volunteer for a fun fair shift. We simply cannot put on



this event without adequate numbers of parent volunteers.

If you did not receive the sign-up sheet, you can email us at [blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com](mailto:blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com) and we will get you in touch with the volunteer coordinators.

Looking ahead to next school year, there will some changes on the Parent Council as Alan Lyons will be stepping down as co-chair. We are very pleased

to announce that Karen Thomson, who has been leading our communications initiatives for the last couple years, is taking on the role as Parent Council Co-Chair. We couldn't be more pleased that Karen has decided to take on this role and we know she will do an amazing job!

Thanks very much,

**Jeanette Rees & Alan Lyons**  
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**Next Parent Council Meeting:  
 TUESDAY  
 20th  
 JUNE at  
 6pm**



# Parent Council News

## Motions To Be Voted On

### Garden Program

A request was granted from Elin the school garden program co-ordinator for a sum of \$4000 to re-fund the garden program for the 2017-2018 school year. This is a repeat of the request received and granted last year.

At the last parent council meeting the following motions were proposed. They will be voted on at the next Parent Council Meeting.

### Munch a Lunch application

A request was made to purchase the services of the Munch a Lunch application, which we have been trialling with the pizza lunch program for the last couple of months.

The services would cost \$50 per month, plus the service fees of PayPal, which I (editor and pizza lunch coordinator) believe are 2% per transaction.

Munch a Lunch is also being trialled to sell coffee, and there are further fundraising opportunities using the system.

This should be voted on next month so the system can be in place if agreed upon, in time for the start of the school year.



## Blake Super Sports Saturdays – For families



**What:** An informal get together of families from the Blake Street School community. We play sports together for fun.

**When & Where:** from 10:30am to noon:

Saturday June 17th – Blake Street School Field

Saturday June 24th – Blake Street School Field

Saturday July 1st – Kempton Howard Park (1/2 block North from Blake Street School on West side of Blake Street; next to Eastview Community Centre)

Saturday July 8th - Kempton Howard Park

**Who:** Families of Blake Street and our friends from the community

**Cost?:** Free - Just show up!

**What to bring:** No need to bring anything, but if you would like, bring a ball or a bat. Please just come out.

**Why?:**

- Keep up connections with school friends over the summer
- Exercise & health
- Come out and have fun!

If you would like to be involved in helping to run Blake Super Sports Saturdays for families, please contact Emma at [emmazoelouise@yahoo.com](mailto:emmazoelouise@yahoo.com)





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# Upcoming Events at Blake St School

## PA Day

There will be a PA day on **FRIDAY, 9 JUNE**

Get ready for the Fun Fair!

## Blake Fun Fair

Blake Street Fun Fair will be **SATURDAY, 10 JUNE**

Come one, come all for fun in the sun!

## Parent Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be **TUESDAY, 20th JUNE** at 6 pm in the library.

Dinner and childcare will be provided.

## Spirit Day

Spirit Day will be **FRIDAY, 23 JUNE**  
It's Crazy Hat and Crazy Hair Day - How wild is your head?

## Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch will be held on **FRIDAY, 23 JUNE.**

