

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, 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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Blake's Terry Fox Walk

By Lisa Tsue

Terry Fox's dream was to run across Canada, to raise money for cancer research. His goal was to run over 8,000 km from the east coast of Canada to the west coast of Canada. He named his run, The Marathon of Hope and started it on April 12, 1980. He ran for 143 days and was then forced to stop because the cancer returned. Now every year, more than 8,000 schools across Canada hold a Terry Fox Run to help Terry's dream for a world without cancer come true.



On Friday September 30, 2016 Blake Street participated in one of the largest fundraising events in Canadian history. We joined millions of students across Canada to fundraise for The Terry Fox Foundation, to fund innovative and progressive cancer research programs.



All of Blake's classes from Kindergarten – Grade 6 completed our community walk in memory of Terry Fox. In 1981, Terry said, "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." It was a beautiful sunny day to continue Terry's legacy. Thanks to classroom teachers, support staff, students and families for walking, participating and bringing in "a toonie for Terry". In total, we raised \$76.25. Thank you for your donation!



OPAL Play Day a Huge Success

By Katy Pederson

Our entire student body enjoyed the first Outdoor Play And Learning (OPAL) day on October 5. Students built tire towers, made nests, held light saber battles with pool noodles, and designed their own high fashion looks. And believe it or not, they had no trouble chipping in to haul water and gear to the east corner of the field.

Blake is one of just six TDSB schools involved in the OPAL pilot project. This program is made possible by a committee of volunteers led by Jodie Church (JK/SK), Mme Jamieson (FSK) and Kiki.

We are currently waiting for the delivery of large storage bags where we can stash our gear, and a starter kit of spools, tires and other objects from the OPAL organizers. Once we have storage, OPAL will become a regular part of the school day for all students. The new playground will include a permanent storage shed for our treasures.

How you can help:

GIVE GEAR. Got tires? Large tubes? Crates? Bins? Pool noodles? Please put it aside for Blake! We will begin building our stash as soon as storage is arranged.

GIVE TIME: Interested in joining the OPAL team? Please email Kiki at kiki.karailiadis@tdsb.on.ca.

For more on OPAL's objectives, please visit outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

Will Stroet Comes to Blake St

There is a fantastic children's musician named Will Stroet, and he will be performing for our school the afternoon of November 24. He performs in both French and English and has many albums (both physical and digital) for sale on his bandcamp. I believe they will also have merchandise on the day of the performance.

Here is the link if you want to check him out!
willmusic.bandcamp.com

Will is also performing in Toronto on Sunday, 27 November at the Al Green Theatre, at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave. Doors open at 10 and the concert begins at 11. Tickets are \$12 online and \$15 at the door. buy online at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/will-stroet-of-wills-jams-live-tickets-26251788807?>

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Morning Meal - November 2016

Monday Oct 31	Tuesday Nov 1	Wednesday Nov 2	Thursday Nov 3	Friday Nov 4
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Carrots & Tomatoes	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Melons	Pita Hummous Yellow & Orange Peppers	1 slice baked goods White Milk Banana	English Muffin/Bagel Cream Cheese Cucumbers
Monday Nov 7	Tuesday Nov 8	Wednesday Nov 9	Thursday Nov 10	Friday Nov 11
Crackers/Bread/Bun Yogourt Tube Apple	Pita Hummous Carrots & Red Peppers	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Strawberries	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Tomatoes & Cucumbers	1 slice baked goods Chocolate Milk Pears
Monday Nov 14	Tuesday Nov 15	Wednesday Nov 16	Thursday Nov 17	Friday Nov 18
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Tomatoes & Cucumbers	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Apple	Pita/Tortilla Hummous Peppers & Carrots	1 slice baked goods White Milk Melons	PA DAY No School
Monday Nov 21	Tuesday Nov 22	Wednesday Nov 23	Thursday Nov 24	Friday Nov 25
Pita/Tortilla Hummous Cucumbers & Carrots	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Pineapple	Bagel/Bun/crackers Yogourt Tube Yellow & Orange Peppers	1 slice baked goods Chocolate Milk Apple	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Carrots & Tomatoes

*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

Morning Meal Request for Support

Hello Parents!

A few weeks ago a letter went home asking for contributions to our morning snack program (known as the morning meal, and served to every student in the school just before or after morning recess each day). The recommended donation is a **minimum of \$30 per child**, per school year.

In the past we have sent out 3 letters a year asking for a \$10 donation each time, but now the TFSS (Toronto Foundation for Student Success) is providing tax receipts for all donations over \$10, and so in order to keep paperwork at a minimum, we asked parents to consider doing their entire donation at one time. All donations have been noted, so that when our 2nd nutrition letter of the year goes out, it will only go to families who didn't submit for the year.

If you missed the first notice, and would still like to contribute, please ask your classroom teacher or the office, for the form to be filled out. Many thanks to all those who have already submitted their contributions! If you're interested in seeing what the students are served each day, please check out the monthly menu in the Blake Beat, or online here: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/blakestreet/NutritionPrograms.aspx>

Parent and Family Literature Centre

By Larissa Bathgate

Did you know that we have a wonderful Parent and Family Literacy Centre in our very own school?

Led by TDSB staff member and Parent Worker Carmel Fremlin, the centre is open to children ages 0 to 4 years old and their parents and caregivers.

Come and join us any school day from 8:45am to 12:45 pm in Room 103.

It is a wonderful place for little ones to play, learn and discover! We have painting, a sand and water table, a role play corner and lots more. Parents tell us it reminds them of a Kindergarten classroom.

It is also a great way to connect with other community members.

A typical day at the Parent and Family Literacy Centre looks like this:

8:45 am to 9:50 am - Welcome and Play to Learn

9:55 am to 10:10 am - Gym

10:15 am to 10:45 am - Outside Time

11:00 am- 11:15am – Story and Circle Time

11:15am to 11:30am - Play to Learn

11:30 am to 12:00 pm - Lunch time (Bring your own, but snack is available at all times)

12:00 pm to 12:30pm - Play to Learn

12:30 pm - Tidy Up

12:45pm - Centre Closes

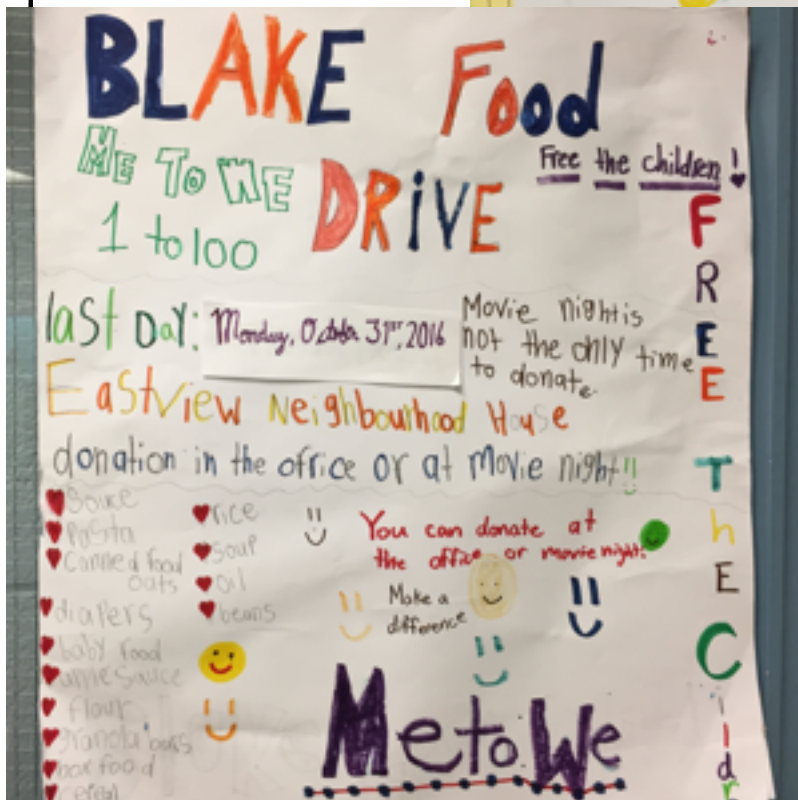
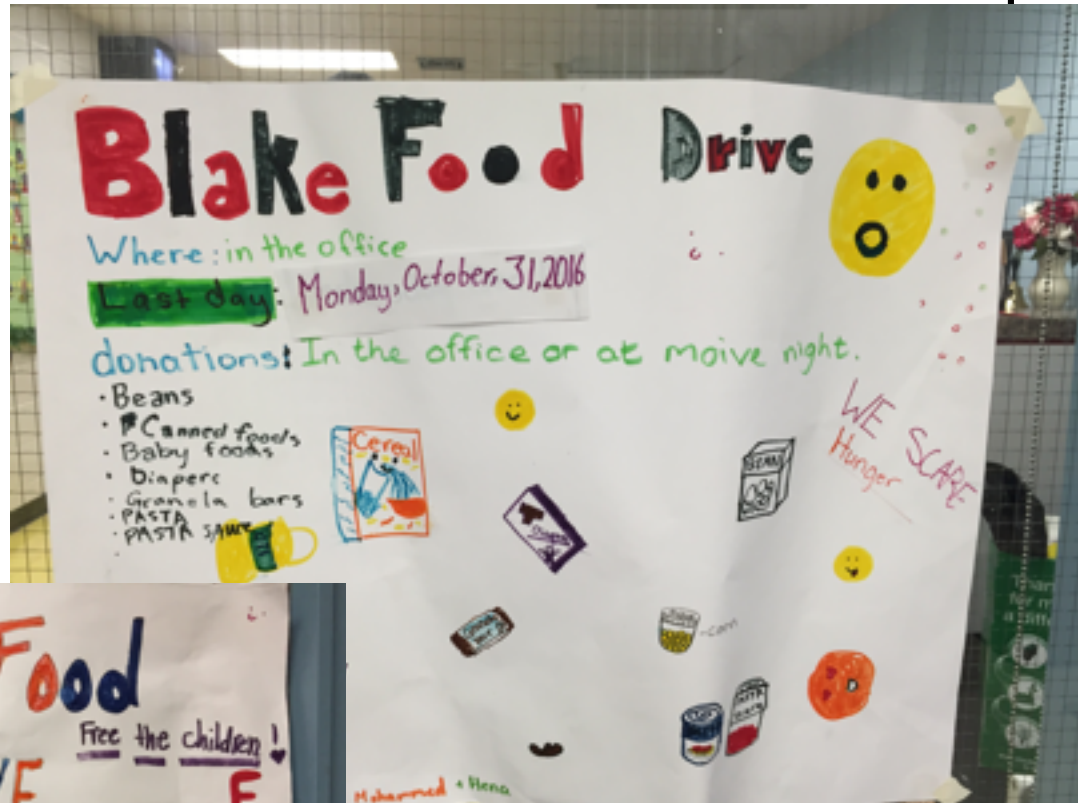
Look forward to seeing you in Room 103



Free The Children Food Drive

The Free the Children club is currently having a food drive to raise food for the Eastview Neighbourhood House. The last day for donations is **Monday October 31st!** The following are some of the items looked for:

- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Canned foods
- Oats
- Diapers
- Baby food
- Apple sauce
- Flour
- Granola bars
- Boxed food
- Cereal
- Rice
- Soup
- Oil
- Beans



Donations can still be made at the office on Monday 31 October.

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

Hello Blake Street Students and Parents,

We hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful, but chilly fall weather!

We would like to thank and welcome many of the new parents who have decided to join the parent council this year. Without your help and support many initiatives would not be possible. And we have a lot coming up in the next little while: spirit wear for sale, raffle with amazing prizes and the ever popular and anticipated clothing swap.

If you are still on the fence, we have a lot of teams who would love your help and ideas!!!

Six Reasons to Join Council:

School Council is...

Social: Joining Council offers a great opportunity to meet new



people. (Parents, teachers and administrators)

Constructive: Nothing beats the rewarding feeling of seeing projects from their initiation to completion and the impact it has on the children. Our committees make good things happen.

Educational: It provides great information sharing around issues in education. Learn about: curriculum, staffing, operations and policies.

Supportive: Council is representative of our parent community and has a role in hearing their concerns and

assisting or advising them on solutions and available resources.

School Council is a fantastic way to get tapped into the school community. Being an active member opens the door to countless opportunities and enrichment for our children. School Council is always hoping that more parents will share their ideas and their time to keep our great programs and commitments alive.

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School Fundraising

Thank you to all Blake families and friends who supported our Magazine & Cookie Dough fundraiser! Drum roll please... we are proud to announce that we raised \$1570!

Cookie dough will be delivered to the school on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016. Please be sure to pick up your boxes after school.

Magazines can be purchased throughout the year at www.qsp.ca School ID: 3958253.

Thank you for your support, we couldn't have done it without your generosity!

**Next Parent Council Meeting:
 TUESDAY 15 November at 6pm**

Clothes don't grow.

Kids do.



WELCOME FAMILIES OF BLAKE STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

Parent Council is pleased to hold our 4th Annual

FREE

FAMILY CLOTHING AND BOOK SWAP

On THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17th from 9 am to 8 pm

A SWAP means to **exchange** your valued but no longer *used* clothing and books, for clothing and books you *will* use. It's FREE!! EVERYTHING IS FREE!!

There is no exchange of money at this event.

It is time to *declutter* and *refill* your and your children's wardrobes and swap some good books and sporting equipment. Parents this includes your clothing along with the Children's clothing and Books and sporting equipment. Some examples are: JEANS, T-SHIRTS, PARTY DRESSES, SWEATERS, BUSINESS ATTIRE, MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES, BOOTS, SHOES, SNOW PANTS, WINTER COATS, LONG JOHNS, SKATES, HOCKEY STICKS, and HELMET'S AND OF COURSE BOOKS!!!

How it Works: PLEASE GO THROUGH YOUR DRESSERS, CLOSETS AND BOOK SHELVES AT HOME AND BRING **ALL** THE CLEAN, *WASHED*, GENTLY USED, ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE: **MONDAY NOV 14TH BY 330pm.**

We are holding this on the same day and evening as the **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW night**, so please stop by the gym and take what you need. See you there!!!

Upcoming Events at Blake St School

Report Day

Reports go home
**TUESDAY, 15
NOVEMBER**

Photo Retake Day

School photo retake day will be
**WEDNESDAY, 16
NOVEMBER** for those who
were absent on the day.
Smile your best smile!

Parent Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Parent Council
will be **TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER** at
6 pm in the library.
Dinner and childcare will be provided.

PA Day

The school will be closed **FRIDAY, 18
NOVEMBER** for a PA Day.
Have a great break everyone!

Will Stroet Performs

Will Stroet will be performing for the kids **THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER**. For
more information on Will see willmusic.bandcamp.com

Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch will be
held on **FRIDAY,
25 NOVEMBER**.



Spirit Day

Spirit Day will be **FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER**.
The theme is Mustache Day, to support Movember
and raise awareness of men's health issues.

