

# 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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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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## Survivor 55: Coming soon to Blake

Survivor 55 is starting soon. This is a pro-action policing initiative to help officers connect with youth in our community. We are excited to begin this fun program, which will include scavenger hunts, hiking (on and off school property), instruction on how to use a compass, geocaching, and much more. It is our hope to create a bond between the officers and the grade 3 kids chosen, and to maintain a relationship with them after the program ends.

This program will be running out of Blake Street Junior Public School every other Monday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm until the end of the school year. Our officers will attend the school, and meet the kids in a pre-designated classroom.

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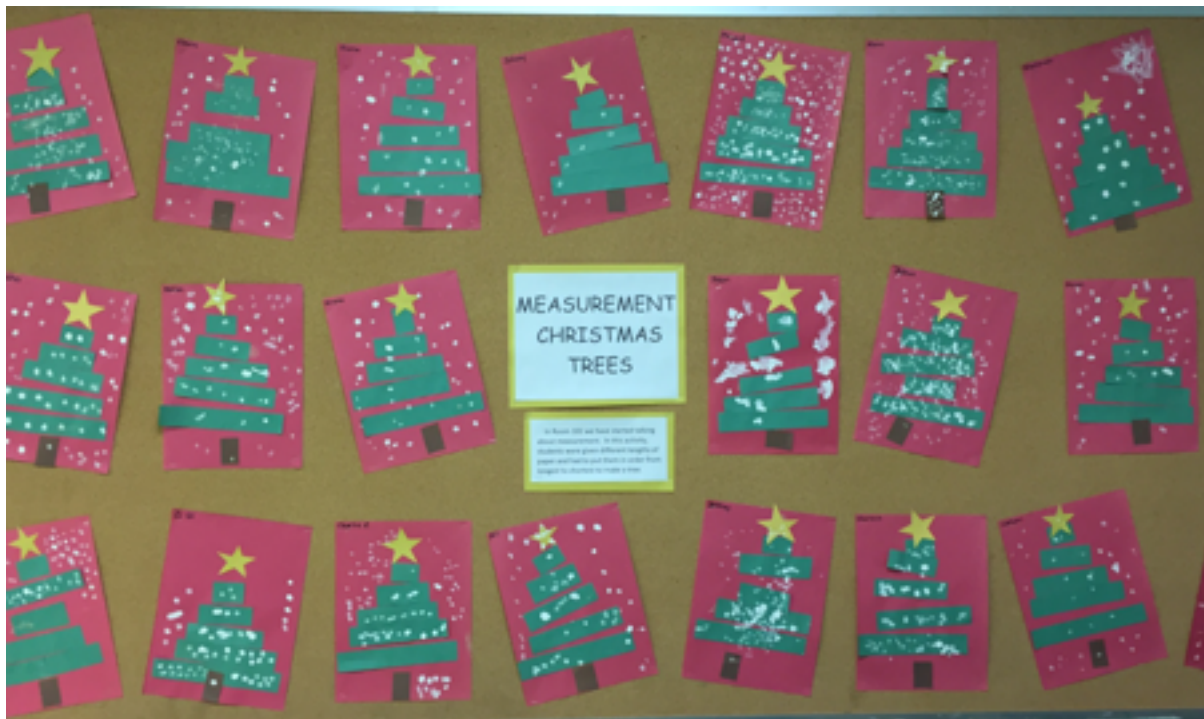
## Upcoming Neighbourhood Events

- Free public skate time at City rinks, limited hours on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, visit [Toronto.ca/skate](http://Toronto.ca/skate) for updated schedules
- December 23, 7pm and December 24, 2pm: Robin Hood - A Merry Magical Pantomime, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #001, 243 Coxwell Ave., \$35/adults, \$25/children 12 and under
- December 24, 9am: Evergreen Brickworks Weekend Farmers Market, 550 Bayview Ave.
- December 24, 6:30: Chanukah Candle Lighting in Kew Gardens, Queen St. E. & Lee Ave.
- January 2-6: Eastview Community Centre winter break programming, contact Eastview at [416.392.1750](tel:416.392.1750) for more info
- January 5, 12 noon - 5pm: Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment visit Greenwood rink with Hockey Hall of Fame display, games, activities, music and appearances by NHL alumni and other special guests.

If you would like to promote an event, please contact us at  
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# From the Classroom: JK/SK Room 102

By Jennifer Yoannou



In Room 102 we have started talking about measurement and comparing how long things are. In this activity, students were given different lengths of green construction paper, and had to order them from longest to shortest in order to make a tree.



# Morning Meal - January 2017

Monday Jan 9	Tuesday Jan 10	Wednesday Jan 11	Thursday Jan 12	Friday Jan 13
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Apples	Bread/Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Carrots & Cucumbers	Bun/bagels/Crackers Yogourt Tube Oranges	Pita Hummous Red & Yellow Peppers	1 slice baked goods White Milk Melon
Monday Jan 16	Tuesday Jan 17	Wednesday Jan 18	Thursday Jan 19	Friday Jan 20
Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Tomatoes & Peppers	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Pears	Pita Hummous Carrots & Snow Peas	1 sliced baked goods Chocolate Milk Melons	<b>PA Day No School</b>
Monday Jan 23	Tuesday Jan 24	Wednesday Jan 25	Thursday Jan 26	Friday Jan 27
Pita Hummous Tomatoes & Snow Peas	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Apples	English Muffin/Bagel Cream Cheese Cauliflower, Broccoli & Dip	1 sliced baked goods White Milk Pears	Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Cucumbers & Carrots
Monday Jan 30	Tuesday Jan 31	Wednesday Feb 1	Thursday Feb 2	Friday Feb 3
Bun/bagels/Crackers Yogourt Tube Oranges	Bread/Crackers Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Carrots & Cucumbers	Nut-free low-fat Cereal Vanilla Yogourt Strawberries	Pita Hummous Orange & Yellow Peppers	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/>

## Quinoa with Stir Fry Winter Vegetables

### Ingredients:

- 1 200g quinoa
- 2 5 tbsp olive oil
- 3 2 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 4 3 carrots, cut into thin sticks
- 5 300g leek, sliced
- 6 300g broccoli, cut into small florets
- 7 100g sundried tomato, drained and chopped
- 8 200ml vegetable stock
- 9 2 tsp tomato purée
- 10 juice of 1 lemon

From BBC Good Food [www.bbcgoodfood.com](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com)

### Directions:

1. Cook the quinoa according to pack instructions. Meanwhile, heat 3 tbsp of the oil in a wok or large pan, then add the garlic and quickly fry for 1 min. Throw in the carrots, leeks and broccoli, then stir-fry for 2 mins until everything is glistening.
2. Add the sundried tomatoes, mix together the stock and tomato purée, then add to the pan. Cover, then cook for 3 mins. Drain the quinoa, then toss in the remaining oil and the lemon juice. Divide between warm plates and spoon the vegetables on top.

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

Hello Blake Street Students and Parents,

Can you believe we have already arrived at our winter break? This year seems to be flying by.

We would like to wish happy holidays to the entire Blake Street School community! All the staff works so hard for the kids and we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break. To all the Blake families, we hope that you have a very peaceful and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2017! It promises to be another fantastic year at Blake.



ALAN LYONS

JEANETTE REES

The excitement from the Raffle is building... at "press time" we don't yet know who the lucky winners are, but congrats in advance to me... er, I mean, them. Thanks to our incredible Raffle team to getting our first ever "stand alone" Raffle up and running.

As we look ahead to 2017, we are very excited... We're already looking forward to the Valentine's Dance! As we

move into 2017 our focus will shift even more to the Fun Fair. In this deep freeze, it's hard to imagine eating ice cream and freezies outside on a hot summer day, but it is coming fast! For your New Year's resolution, let's make 2017 the year that you volunteer for the Fun Fair!

Thanks very much,  
Jeanette Rees & Alan Lyons

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## Coffee Fundraising

Don't forget our ongoing coffee fundraising! Order forms come home in the Friday Folders, and orders go in at the end of the month.

You can also order Fair Trade organic teas, and delicious hot chocolate. They also have Kurig cups!

Look for the form in your Friday Folder.



**Next Parent Council Meeting:  
TUESDAY 17 JANUARY at 6pm**

# Winter Holiday Scavenger Hunt: Win Principal for the Morning!

Looking for something to do over the break? Work on the Blake Bucket List. Bring your list to the office to be entered to win PRINCIPAL FOR THE MORNING - including lunch with Principal Karailidis!

Not everyone will be able to complete every item. If you can - good for you! If not, that's OK! Do your best to finish as many items as you can and send it in with your Friday File on Monday January 9.

Your name:

Your grade:

Your teacher:

**Remember:** get permission from your mom, your dad or your caregiver before you start working on your bucket list. Make sure that they are ready to give you a hand before you start.

Find three streets in your neighbourhood that begin with the letter B and list them here:

I did it! \_\_\_\_

Go to the Greenwood Train Yard and find the viewpoint on Oakvale. Find a way to get a conductor to honk a subway horn for you! (Be safe! We recommend pumping your arm up and down as the train chugs into the tunnel beneath you...)

I did it! \_\_\_\_

Bake something for or with someone. What did you bake? Who did you bake it with?

I did it! \_\_\_\_

Visit the library. Can you find a book about winter? What is the title and the author?

I did it! \_\_\_\_

Write a thank you card to someone who has helped you this year. It could be a friend, a grownup, your teacher or even the school crossing guard! Who did you choose, and why?

I did it! \_\_\_\_\_

Go sledding at Kempton Howard Park.

I did it! \_\_\_\_\_

Learn about the different holidays that different cultures celebrate at this time of year. Can you name three different holidays?

I did it! \_\_\_\_\_

Watch a movie or read a book about the holiday you celebrate with your family. What did you watch or read?

I did it! \_\_\_\_\_

Do something nice for someone else...without telling them it was you. What did you do and who did you do it for?

I did it! \_\_\_\_\_

Think about the last year. What is something you learned how to do? What do you want to learn in 2017?

I did it! \_\_\_\_\_



# Upcoming Events at Blake St School

## December

### PA Day

The school will be closed  
**FRIDAY, 20 JANUARY** for a  
PA Day.  
Have a great break everyone!

### Spirit Day

Spirit Day will be **FRIDAY, 27 JANUARY**  
It's the Return of the Pyjama Day - so come  
dressed ready for bed, but don't snooze  
during class!

### Pizza Lunch

Pizza lunch will be  
held on **FRIDAY,**  
**27 JANUARY.**



### School Closed for Winter Break

The school will be closed **MONDAY, 26 DECEMBER** for 2 weeks, and will  
reopen for classes on **MONDAY, JANUARY 9.**  
Best wishes to everyone - maybe there will snow to play in?

## In the New Year

### Parent Council Meeting

The Parent Council is taking a break for the  
month of December. The next meeting of the  
Parent Council will be **TUESDAY, 17**  
**JANUARY** 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!