

BLAKE *BEAT*



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A Note From Our Blake Street School Council Chairs

Hello Blake Street Students and Parents,

It's hard to believe that only two more months remain for the school year!

April was a busy and active month. The month got off to a great start with the Movie Night, featuring 'Night at the Museum', which, quite possibly, was more enjoyable for the parents than the kids. The kids then enjoyed the ever popular Pizza Lunch and Spirit Day, in which hoodies were in style. To close the month, 'Blake Showcase' offered its second installment, a 'Bollywood Dance' workshop.

May will be just as busy and active. The Fun Fair Committee continues to work tirelessly to raise as much funds possible and organize activities for our showcase event on Saturday, June 6. We hope you're looking forward to the day as much as we are. As always, the committee is looking for volunteers, so please speak to Jamie, Valerie or Eric if you're interested in helping out. Additionally, we will organize another Pizza Lunch and Spirit Day, and will close the month by celebrating the third installment of 'Blake Showcase' with the theme of 'Storytelling for Asian Heritage Month'.

Our next School Council meeting is on Thursday, May 14 from 6.00 to 7.30pm in the school library. As always, these meetings provide dinner and child care. Every parent or caregiver of a child is welcome to come out and connect with your school administration and fellow parents and caregivers.

Thanks for your continued support and for making Blake all that it can be. Wishing you the best for now!

Emma & Sean



Mission Statement and Philosophy

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.

Principal: Kiki Karailiadis

School Council Chairs: Sean Neeb and Emma Brejak

Superintendent: Mike Gallagher

Trustee: Jennifer Story

Newsletter Submissions

This newsletter is not possible without the hard work of the many hands who volunteered 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 25th 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.

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Parenting and Family Literacy Centre

Looking for a place to hang out with your baby, toddler or pre-schooler? If so, the Blake Street Parenting Centre (in the kindergarten area) is just the place for you!

Open from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday to Friday, we offer a safe, fun place for children ages 0 to 4 years to play with you and other children, while you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and relax with other parents, grandparents and caregivers. No registration is required; stay for a long time or a short visit, whichever suits your schedule and your child's needs. For questions please drop by to talk to Margot in the Centre. Hope to see you soon!



Spring Has Sprung in Room 102!

By Ms. Vlahos

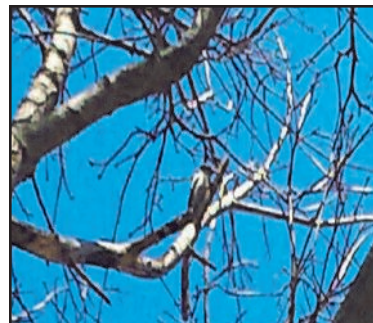
After a long, cold, winter the Kinders in room 102 were excited for spring! The excitement began with the anticipation of seeing more rainbows due to "spring showers". We made our own rainbows to look at until we can see the real thing.

We helped Elin clean out the garden and put down some soil. We had fun getting out and working with our hands. We even got to see a real woodpecker!

When outside playing we heard many birds and saw many empty, old nests. This led to a discussion of "where will the birds live now"? We investigated how birds build nests and learned that they use twigs to keep the nests sturdy and they also use various materials to help keep the nests warm. Using this information we built our own nests using twigs and yarn.

Finally, we created Kadinsky Trees using different coloured and sized circles. We studied some of Wassili Kadinsky's art and discovered he used many different shapes in his paintings. We decided brightly coloured circles was a pretty way to represent trees blooming during spring.

Room 102 hopes you are all enjoying spring as much as we are!



Blake Street Goes to the Science Centre

By Jamie Gillingham

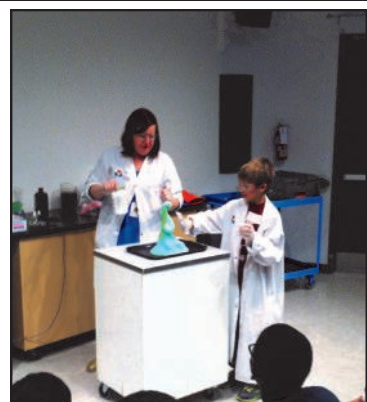
In April the junior grades went on a full-day field trip to the Ontario Science Centre. After a quick march to the subway station, we all crowded onto the route 25 bus and made our way north. Although the core activity of the day was a science workshop in the afternoon, everyone had the morning to explore the Centre.

I had half the Grade 5s in my group, a total of nine students. It was a great experience. We would tackle one zone at a time, and once everyone had explored each activity thoroughly, we would congregate back as a group and decide which zone of the Centre to go to next.

The one part of the day that stands out for me the most is when I watched a group of students (some from my group, some from another school) putting paper up the vertical wind tunnel. I highly recommend this activity...it's SO much fun to watch the paper shoot out the top of the tunnel five metres in the air! At any rate, our students had made a paper plane and were attempting to get it to shoot out the top of the tower. The tricky part was that it would get stuck at the top. I coached the kids to pump up the power of the air going through the tube; if all else fails, use brute force. However, Iverson started to turn DOWN the power. I couldn't understand at first why he was doing that...then, after he had reduced the wind speed enough, the plane simply dropped out of the position it had been stuck in, and the kids then figured out what to do next. I learned something, too!

After an active lunch outside in the amphitheatre in the beautiful weather where the students had a chance to run, everyone went back inside for the Grade 5 workshop. I can't remember the exact title of the workshop, but from outside the room I can remember the BOOMs as explosions were set off by the Science Centre instructor running the workshop, and the shrieks of the students following each BOOM. It sounded incredibly entertaining.

As a parent volunteer it was a very positive experience and I enjoyed myself the entire day.



WE NEED JARS!

(Please)



- 1) Fill a jar with unwanted toys (e.g., stickers, marbles, lego, action figures, craft supplies, rainbow loom bands, toy cars, etc.)
- 2) Donate the jar to the BLAKE FUN FAIR (Please drop off your jar in the "Jar Box" in the office)

Donations will be used for our "Jar Room"
Event: Draw a number and win a jar of toys!!

Come One, Come All!
**BLAKE'S FAMILY
FUN FAIR**

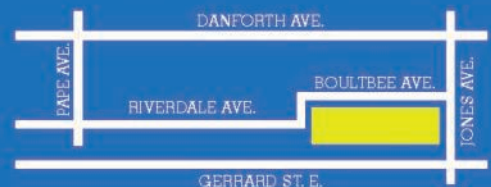
SATURDAY JUNE 6, 2015
11:00AM - 3:00PM (RAIN or SHINE!)



FOOD! ENTERTAINMENT! RIDES! RAFFLE! SILENT AUCTION!

BLAKE STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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JUST NORTH OF THE RAIL BRIDGE ON JONES AVE.





Cluster B3 Training Week

Tuesday May 26 to Thursday May 28, 2015

Tuesday, May 26th at Crescent Town E.S

- CPR/First Aid-Level C from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
to receive your certificate you must stay for all 7 hours of training

Wednesday, May 27th at DA Morrison MS

- Resume, Cover Letter, Job Searching from 9:30 – 11:30 am
- Job Searching and Interview Skills from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Thursday, May 28th at DA Morrison MS

- Cooking on a Budget- Feeding Picky Eaters from 9:30 – 11:30 am
- Nutrition Workshop- Food Guide, How to Read Labels from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Locations:

Crescent Town E.S – 4 Massey Square (Victoria Park & Daves)

DA Morrison – 271 Gledhill Avenue (Woodbine & Lumsden)

To register, contact your Community Support Worker:

Colleen Huggins

416.420.1647

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Spaces are limited! All participants must register.

Get certifications to put on your resume

Get information to support your child's learning and development

Empower yourself and build your skills

**Network with other parents
Free Training
Free Child-minding (no diapers)
Free Refreshments**



SOCIAL MEDIA ZOMBIES



A presentation for parents and educators from Steve Chapelle

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Westwood Middle School

994 Carlaw Avenue

Gym

Join the Westwood School Council for an examination of the importance of applying critical thinking during social media usage. We will explore these concerns from an Android and iOS perspective:

- Cyberbullying
- Willful self-exposure
- Unsecured confidential information

Risks, examples and most importantly, prevention measures will be presented. Questions will be welcome afterward.

Childcare is available but the presentation is for parents and educators-only.



About ...

Steve Chapelle has been providing social media behaviour education to Ontario schools and parents since 2006. Through this period he has also given information management best practices training to Canadian small business associations. Prior to this he spent 25 years in management and analyst roles across a range of technology. Steve has contributed to publications such as the Ontario Principals' Council's *OPC Register*, the Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario's *Principal Connections*, the *Lawyer's Weekly* and *The Bottom Line*. He has chaired a Toronto daycare, volunteered with Junior Achievement of Southern Ontario and is the father of two teenage children in Toronto.

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Summer Sports Family Fridays

What: An informal get-together of families from the Blake Street community. We'll use our great green field space to play sports together for fun.

When: Every Friday evening from 6p.m. to 8p.m. (starting Friday June 12th and continuing every Friday in June, July and August)

Where: The field of Blake Street Public School

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 you can bring a ball or a bat if you like! Please just come out.

Why?: To keep up connections with school friends over the summer, to exercise & stay healthy

Come on out on Fridays over the summer and have fun!



Morning Meal – May 2015*

Monday May 4	Tuesday May 5	Wednesday May 6	Thursday May 7	Friday May 8
Bagels/Buns Vanilla Yogourt Strawberries	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Carrots	Pita/Tortilla Hummous/Dip Oranges	Bagels/Buns Cream Cheese Tomatoes & Peppers	1 slice baked goods 2% White Milk Melon
Monday May 11	Tuesday May 12	Wednesday May 13	Thursday May 14	Friday May 15
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Cucumbers	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Grapes	Bagel/Bun Yogourt Tube Carrots & Peppers	1 slice baked goods 2% Chocolate Milk Apples	Pita/Tortilla Hummous/Dip Peppers & Cucumbers
Monday May 18	Tuesday May 19	Wednesday May 20	Thursday May 21	Friday May 22
Victoria Day No school	English Muffins Vanilla Yogourt Blueberries	Pita/Tortilla Hummous/Dip Tomatoes & Carrots	1 slice baked goods 2% White Milk Bananas	English Muffin Cream Cheese Cucumbers
Monday May 25	Tuesday May 26	Wednesday May 27	Thursday May 28	Friday May 29
Nut-free low-fat Cereal Strawberry Yogourt Apples	Pita/Tortilla Hummous/Dip Carrots	1 slice baked goods 2% White Milk Melon	Crackers/Bread Marble & Mozzarella Cheese Tomatoes & Peppers	English Muffin Yogourt Tube Oranges

*Fruits/vegetables subject to change due to supply – check the Blake website under “Nutrition Programs” for the most up-to-date menu

**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/>

MAY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Freak Friday—Lights Out Boys' Soccer Tournament @ Blake (Field) 9:00am—2:00pm Track & Field Practice (Gr. 2-6) 12:00pm—12:30pm Girls' Soccer Practice 3:15pm—4:00pm	2
3	4 Boys' Soccer Tournament Completion @ Blake (Field) 9:00am—2:00pm Folkdancing Practice (201) 12:00pm—12:30pm Girls' Soccer Practice 3:15pm—4:00pm Track & Field Practice (Gr. 2-6) 3:20pm—3:50pm	5 6 7 8 9 RESTORATIVE PRACTICES CONFERENCE			8 Freaky Friday—Lights Out Eco Adventure 9:00am—11:30am Trip To The Book Bank (Ms. Church's Class) Track & Field Practice (Gr. 2-6) 12:00pm—12:30pm	9
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17	18	19	20 Eco Club (106) 11:30am—12:15pm Junior Jazz Concert (Chester P.S.) 12:30pm—2:30pm	21 Staff Appreciation Potluck Lunch Welcome to Kindergarten Night	22 Freaky Friday—Lights Out	23
24	25	26	27 Eco Club (106) 11:30am—12:15pm	28 Character Trait Assembly—Integrity (Ms. Church/Mr. Stoch) STORYTELLING FOR ASIAN MONTH 6:00PM—7:00PM	29 Freaky Friday—Lights Out SPIRIT DAY PIZZA LUNCH	30
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MOTHER'S DAY FUN PAGE

Acrostic poem

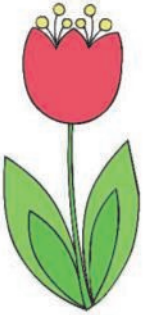
Words that describe my mum...

M _____
 O _____
 T _____
 H _____
 E _____
 P _____

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Mother's Day Cryptogram

Can you solve this cryptogram?
 The answer is a quote by Abraham Lincoln.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
21				24				3				

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
	11						20					

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 3 11 22 24 6 11 5 8 21 1 4 24 16

_ O _ _ E _ .
 5 11 6 9 24 19

Mother's Day Maze

This little boy wants to pick some flowers for his mother.
 Can you help him find the way?

