

Blake News

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It was great to see so many of you out at yesterday's Potluck and Curriculum Night. A special thank you to all of our school council volunteers for arranging this incredible event. The sense of community is obvious, and I feel so fortunate to have landed here.



A reminder that next Thursday October 5th is our first Pizza lunch and Spirit Day (Wear Your Blake Colours and Gear). Thursday is also World Teacher Day, so be sure to thank your child's teacher for all they do to advocate, encourage, and teach your children every day. Next Friday October 6th is a PD day focused on staff professional learning. As a result, school is closed to students.

Should you have any questions or concerns with the content of this newsletter, or any other school related issues, please email me directly at jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca

Jennifer Zurba

Indigo "Adopt a School" Fundraising

It's that time of year again! This is the 3rd year in a row that Blake has joined this successful fundraising venture to put more up-to-date books in our library. In the 2015 school year we raised \$4,000 through the online campaign all on our own. Last year we were adopted by one of the largest stores in Canada – the Eaton Centre location – and \$14,000 was raised for our school! This year we were

fortunate to be adopted again, this time by the Coles Beaches store – their goal is to raise \$6,000 for us, and combined with our regular \$4,000 that we're usually able to do on our own, we're hoping for another \$10,000 for our library! For every 2 books you donate online (\$20), Indigo will give us another (to a maximum of 100 extra books). You can also share a story about why books and/or our library are so important to you. We can have a maximum of 20 additional books for those stories, and

we're currently sitting at 5. You can also buy books at the Coles Store in the Beaches (2169 Queen Street East at Lee) and make a direct cash donation. Finally, be sure to look at our Indigo page and 'like' one of the stories that were shared. The top 5 'liked' schools will earn additional funds from Indigo – you can only vote once for one story, so choose wisely! Currently we're in 8th place! 5 days into the campaign we're at \$1,000! Here's the link: <https://adoptaschool.indigo.ca/eng/schools/612>

We Believe in Miracles : Terry Fox Walk at Blake / EAST

On Wednesday, September 27th, 2017, Blake and EAST students celebrated the legacy of the Canadian hero Terry Fox. We held a kick off assembly in the gym and learned that Terry Fox was only 19 years old when he was diagnosed with cancer. Students also learned that Terry ran an average of 42 km a day, from Newfoundland to Thunder Bay, ON, which is about 170 KM Club laps! After listening to a French song called "Terry Fox: La Perserverance" by Gregg LaRock, Ms. Nicole led an energetic warm-up and then students were off to walk/run around the neighbourhood and the school yard for our annual Terry Fox Walk.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this incredible event possible. And, congratulations to all Blake and EAST students in adding our loonies and toonies to the more than 700 million dollars that have been raised for cancer research to date in Terry's name.

As Terry said in 1979 "I'm not a dreamer, and I'm not saying this will initiate any kind of definitive answer or cure to cancer, but I believe in miracles. I have to."

Ms. Ellis, Mme Molder, Mme Morton, Mme Clark et Mme Asselin



We Day

On Thursday, Ms. Dymont and Ms. Logan took 8 junior students to the We Day Celebration at the Air Canada Centre. Here is what two of the participants had to say about their experiences on the day:

WE Day was a great experience. It was amazing how many people have raised money for WE, a great organization that helps people across the globe. There were so many inspirational speakers, such as Olympians, celebrities and even Prince Harry! I can't forget the performers such as Kelly Clarkson, Sabrina Carpenter and Hedley.

-Alex, Grade 6

This was the best day ever! I mean considering that I am not a fan of most concerts but this one I didn't like, I loved! My friends have been to WE Day many times and still love it every time. So I guess you could say that WE Day is one of the most fun days of my life (or the school year)! Me to We Rocks!

-Alima, grade 6



Some students and parents were also able to attend Family We Night as well.

Entry and Late:

Our morning entry bell rings at 8:40, at which time students are collected from their lines and

brought to class. After 8:45, Ms. Reashore will buzz in all late students through the front doors, and they are expected to come to the office for a late slip. Our instructional day begins at 8:45, and students entering the building after that time will be marked as late and will require a late slip. (This does not apply to students who take the bus).

Important Busing Information

This Wednesday, new and updated bus times and routes began. A letter was sent home with all bused students on Tuesday, reflecting the updated route times. They are as follows:

AM Route PFM0370

Thornccliffe, am 7:47
William Burgess, 7:55
Chester PS, 8:00
Leslieville, 8:16
Drop off at Blake at 8:29

AM Route CFM0302

McGregor, 8:21
Wilkinson, 8:27
Roden, 8:36
Drop off at Blake 8:45

PM Route PSN0955

Blake pick up at 3:35
Leslieville, 3:47
Wilkinson, 3:53
RH McGregor, 3:58
Chester, 4:08
William Burgess, 4:12
Thornccliffe, 4:18

PM Route CSC0884

Blake pick up at 3:25
Roden PS at 3:31
Wilkinson PS, 3:40

Thank you for your patience. We will continue to keep you updated as changes occur.

Orange Shirt Day

In honour of Orange t-shirt day, the students in Grades 1-6 have learned a traditional-based Cree song called "Nisakihaw" (arranged by Sheryl Sewepagaham) in music class this week. The song translates to "I love him/her", and refers to the love we have for our caregivers. Students also played along to the simple beat using shakers and drums.

Extra Curriculars – What's Up

Monday	Km club (am)
Tuesday	Km Club (am) Soccer (pm)
Wednesday	Km Club (am)
Thursday	Km Club (am) We Club (lunch) Soccer (pm)
Friday	Lego (lunch)

The minutes contain a short description of each School Council initiative as well as volunteer needs. If you have time to volunteer, even for an hour, we would love to hear from you.

We look forward to seeing you at the next School Council meeting on October 11th from 6-8pm. Remember that dinner and childcare are provided.

Parent Council Updates

Pizza Day - Thursday, October 5

This week's Friday folder will contain a calendar and full details for our 2017-18 Pizza Days. Our first Pizza Day takes place on Thursday, October 5. If you choose to participate, the cost is \$5 per child for two slices of cheese pizza from Madina Halal Pizza, cookies, and a drink. If you wish to pay cash, please use the envelope included in the Friday folder and return it to your child's teacher. You can also order and pay for Pizza Day online at this link: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/blakestreet/> Note that whether your pay in cash or online, all payments must be made by Monday—we are unable to accept late payments as we have tight timelines for ordering next week.

School Council News

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for the first School Council meeting of the year. We enjoyed seeing familiar and new members of our Blake School community. If you were unable to make the meeting, we hope you'll read the minutes to learn about the many initiatives teams are working on to make our school the best it can be. A link to the minutes was sent in an email from the school council, so if you did not get the email, please let us know at blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com. The minutes are also available on the Blake Blog. Check them out here: <https://blakestreetparents.wordpress.com/>

Date; to Remember

- October 2-** Cross Country
- October 5:** Pizza Lunch and Spirit Day (wear your Blake gear)
- October 6 –** Pa Day
- October 9 :** Thanksgiving
- October 12:** Grade 1-3 English to YPT
- October 13:** Grades 1-3 French to YPT
- October 20:** Photo Day
- October 27:** Pizza Lunch

Newsletter

This will be the last photocopied newsletter to be distributed. If you have not sent your email in already please do so.