

Blake News

The Newsletter of
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For many of us, this is the time of year we reflect on all we have to be thankful for. For me, this about my new found home at Blake Street Public School.

I am thankful to be part of such a vibrant, involved and active community.

I am thankful for the warm welcome I have received from parents and caregivers, teachers, and students; and I am excited about all the great things we will do together, all of which I will share with you in the newsletters to come.

I am thankful to work with incredibly dedicated and creative teachers, and I celebrate them today on World Teacher's Day.

I am also very thankful to our parent council communications team who has put in many hours to allow for the successful move to emailed newsletters. Hard copies of each and every newsletter will be made available every week on the trolley outside of the office.

Today we celebrated our first Spirit Day and Pizza Lunch. A BIG thank you to all volunteers who supported this initiative. A reminder that pizza sign-ups will only be accepted on or before the due date. Late pizza forms will not be accepted, as all pizza orders are done in advance and are reflective of the number of orders handed in on time.

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday October 6th is a PD Day, and the school is closed to students. As well, Monday is Thanksgiving, which means that school will resume on Tuesday October 10th.

I wish you all a relaxing long weekend, and for those of you who celebrate, a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Cross Country 2017

It was a beautiful Monday morning this week, when Ms. Barr, Ms. Dymont and Ms. Logan took 37 members of our Blake Cross-Country team to Ashbridges Bay to race along the sand and boardwalk. For the grades 1 and 2 it is a 1.17km fun run, with all participants receiving a participation ribbon. For grade 3 it's a 1.5km run, with the first 30 runners moving on to the conference semi-finals. And for the grades 4, 5, and 6 runners it's a 2km race with the top 30 advancing.

We were very excited to have two students advance this year! Congratulations to Kieran who placed 8th in the grade 3 boy category, and to Marie-Claire (MC) who placed 4th in the grade 4 girl category. Students are chosen for the cross-country

team each year by being consistent KM club runners - this helps build their stamina so that they're more successful at the meet. A big thank you also goes to our new kindergarten French Immersion teacher, Roz Morton, for doing some speed training with the students the Friday before the meet, and for making herself available two Sundays to run interested kids around the course at Ashbridges. We definitely noticed a more calm group this year as they were that much more prepared for the course!

Thanks to all the support from friends and family during the training, and on our beautiful day at the Beach. Until next October!



Girls Soccer

Our junior girls soccer team enjoyed a great tournament at Nelson Mandela today. They played well, worked as a team, and showed great spirit. Thanks to coaches Mme O'Sullivan, Ms. Morton, and parent coaches Valerie and Pablo.

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

Extra Curriculars – What's Up

Monday

Tuesday Soccer (pm)

Wednesday

Thursday We Club (lunch)
Soccer (pm)

Friday Lego (lunch)

Parent Council Updates

Blake Raffle

The Blake Raffle is returning this fall! Just like last year, we are going to have some amazing prizes including an iPad, a gaming console, Raptors tickets, and more! Tickets will be distributed soon, but if you want to get friends and family interested in purchasing tickets over this Thanksgiving holiday weekend, they will be \$2 each! The draw will be during the week of December 18th, right in time for our winter/holiday break.

Fundraising at Blake

Help us continue to support various enrichment programs for our students at Blake. We have lots of ways to support the school, something for everyone!
https://mabelslabels.com/c/?type=fundraiser&b=773&cur_web_site=base
When you place an online order at Mabel's Labels through this link, our school receives 20% of all sales.

[Www.estatescoffee.com](http://www.estatescoffee.com)

We have partnered with Mountain View Coffee to offer a wide range of coffees and flavours, as well as hot chocolate and tea. Our school receives 30% of all sales. Orders can be placed on a monthly basis. Paper forms are available in the main office or email Jamie at riverdaletax@gmail.com to place your order. Pay by cash

or cheque made out to Blake St School Council.

[Www.gsp.ca](http://www.gsp.ca). School ID: 3958253

Our annual fall fundraiser is from QSP - now specializing in magazine subscriptions, photobooks and much more. Visit their site and enter our school ID: 3958253 to order. Approximately 30-40% of all sales goes to our school.

If you are starting to think about holiday shopping, consider buying and Indigo Chapters gift cards through this link:
https://indigofundraising.flipgive.com/campaigns/54872-blake-st-public-school?fundraiser_id=185407

You can use the gift card to make your purchases or send to someone as a gift. It's easy to redeem using your smartphone. There are no hidden fees and 15% of your purchase goes to support Blake Street Public School.

Thanks for supporting our school!

TDSB Islamic Heritage Month event: How To Build Strong Relationships With Your Local School

October 16, 2017
6:30 PM at Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute

The National Council of Canadian Muslims will provide parents with the tools and information required to help them better support their children's learning and participation in the school environment with a shared goal of nurturing safe and inclusive spaces for all students.

Childcare provided

Register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/nccm-1-how-to-build-strong-relationships-with-your-local-school-registration-37717343590>

Next School Council Meeting:
Wednesday, October 11

We hope to see many of you at next Wednesday's School Council meeting! Meetings run from 6-8pm in the school library, and include free dinner and childcare. Being part of School Council is a great way to find out what's coming up at Blake and to get involved in making the school a better place. If you can't attend the meeting, there are lots of other ways to stay involved: join the Blake Street PS Families Facebook group and visit the Blake website/blog at <https://blakestreetparents.wordpress.com/>

Here are the minutes from our first meeting of the year, which took place on September 19:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oRzRlki1ig69FMUDzNDdHVU2qxx8DbShgLSPEw5jaig/e/dit>

Dates to Remember

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