

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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With the cold weather and snow here, the skate library is open and ready for our families to begin using! The skate library will operate a little differently than in years past. Families are being instructed to email their child's classroom teacher with skate requests and they will facilitate sizing. When you are done borrowing the skates for the season (March), we ask that you return the skates to your child's teacher.

**A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is a Professional Activity Day, and the school is closed to students. The Extended Day Program is open for enrolled students and will run from 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

## The Junior Divisions Trip to the Raptors 905 Game

Today all the junior classes went on a field trip to Scotiabank Arena where we watched the Raptors 905 basketball game. The Raptors 905 played against the Long Island Nets, and lost by one point 117 to 116. Logan caught a t-shirt for the court. It was an excellent experience and we were thrilled to go.



## WE Schools "Socks 4 Souls Canada" Fundraiser

We only have 1 week left in our Socks 4 Souls Fundraiser ... please, please help us achieve our \$350 goal. So far, we have raised \$29 which is 58 pairs of socks! Our goal this year is to raise \$350 for 700 pairs of socks!

"Socks 4 Souls", is a Canadian non-profit organization that provides clean, warm and dry socks to homeless people in need, in Toronto. Why are we raising money for this organization? Because, according to their website <https://www.socks4soulsCanada.com>:


- "Socks are the most needed but least donated item of clothing to homeless shelters.
- Over 20% of medical problems experienced by homeless people are related to foot care.
- Walking is the primary form of transportation for homeless people. Good, clean socks help promote good foot care and allow them to better access food, shelter, medical and housing services."

Even \$1 can make a difference!! Please drop the money off in the jar in the office or send it with your child. We are collecting until Friday, December 13th. Please donate and help us reach our \$350 goal (which is 700 pairs of socks) to help the homeless!

Thank you,

Blake St Jr PS WE Schools members

## Looking for Guest Speakers for our Living Library



Come to Blake St. Jr. PS and

# SHARE YOUR STORY

Our Living Library project invites guest speakers in to share with our Junior students about community, leadership, and planning for the future.

Sessions last about 1 hour and usually a short talk and some time for questions.

Visit [www.bit.ly/2NR4rfG](http://www.bit.ly/2NR4rfG) to apply

**Extra Curriculars****Current running extra curriculars include:**

- Ambassadors Club for Junior Students (grades 4-6): Monday at lunch
- Advanced Uke (grades 4-6): Monday at lunch
- Girls Club (grades 4-6): Monday and Tuesdays at lunch for grades 4-6
- Boys Basketball, Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30
- Junior Choir (grades 4-6): Tuesday and Thursday pm recess
- Eco Film Club, Wednesdays at lunch
- Beginner Uke (grades 4-6): Wednesday at lunch
- We Schools (grades 4-6): Thursdays at lunch

**BREAKFAST CLUB ENTRY CHANGE**

Participants in the Breakfast Club program have been entering through the gym door 7B on the north side of the gym. Beginning this Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, we are asking all Breakfast participants to enter through gym door 7A on the south side of the gym closer to the parking lot. We are trying to avoid tracking snow, mud and wet boots through the entire gym. Our gym floor is tiled and in order to preserve it we need to keep it as dry as possible. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Upcoming Dates**

December 13: Prologue Presentation: Duffle Bag Theatre K - 6

December 20: SPIRIT DAY – WHITE PARTY (wear only white)

December 23 – January 3: WINTER BREAK

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](mailto:jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca)

Have a great weekend.

Jenn and Tina