

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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Yesterday, despite the rain, we celebrated Halloween with our annual parades. In the week to come, we ask that you limit the amount of treats you send your child with to one a day.....we cannot tell you how much this would be appreciated.



By now, you should have received a letter to sign up for our first set of parent-teacher interviews, scheduled for Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> p.m. and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> a.m. Please be sure to return the interview request form at your earliest convenience. Progress reports are sent home with your child on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

A reminder that Daylight Savings occurs this weekend when we turn our clocks back an hour.

## School Mural: Growth Mindset

Our mural grows daily. Check out some recent photos.





Spirit Wear

Blake spirit wear is ready to be ordered. Look out for the order form that was sent home with your child today. You can also drop into the school office to pick one up. Please put your orders with the correct cash amount, or a cheque made out to Blake P.S., in an envelope and hand it in to the office. Please note that taxes have been included in the price. The first order will be placed November 11<sup>th</sup>, however further orders can be placed at any time.

We Scare Hunger

Thank you so much to all of Blake and EAST for your incredible support for our “We Scare Hunger” campaign! With all of your support we will be donating over 1300 items to Eastview's Food bank. We want to send a special shout out to Room 200 Mme O'Sullivan, Room 102, Ms. Motala and Room 201, Mme Prakesch's classes for each donating over 100 items. The winning class was Room 100, Ms. Whiteside's class, who donated over 175 ITEMS. Thank you again to every class at Blake and EAST for your amazing support!



We Are Looking for Reading Volunteers

P.A.L.S. WANTED

(Partners in the Acquisition of Literacy Skills)

*This may be the PERFECT volunteer opportunity you've been looking for....*

Why:

- You can make a big difference in an individual child's success at school
- You can learn how to effectively help your own child be a successful reader
- You can add valuable volunteer experience to your resume
- It is convenient. Your commitment is only for 15 minutes a day, preferable 5 days a week (or as often as possible), just after you drop your own child off at school.

Who:

- Parents, caregivers, grandparents, Faculty of Education applicants, others who want to help (please note that due to TDSB policy, a criminal check will be needed)

What:

- Read one-on-one with a K-Grade 3 student who needs help

How:

- Training, on-going support and materials will be provided by Blake PS primary teachers

Where:

- Find a quiet spot in the library, hall, or classroom and enjoy reading together

### Extra Curriculars

**Current running extra curriculars include:**

- Ambassadors Club for Junior Students (grades 4-6): Monday at lunch
- Junior Choir (grades 4-6): Tuesday and Thursday pm recess
- We Schools (grades 4-6): Thursdays at lunch
- Girls Club (grades 4-6): Monday and Tuesdays at lunch for grades 4-6
- Advanced Uke (grades 4-6): Monday at lunch
- Beginner Uke (grades 4-6): Wednesday at lunch
- Junior Girls Basketball (grades 4-6): Monday and Tuesday after school
- Junior Boy's Tripleball – Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30

New from Parent Council

# Blake Street Public School 4th ANNUAL FALL RAFFLE

Our fourth annual **Fall Raffle** has begun! Information and tickets will be coming home in Friday folders starting this week.

This year we have 10,000 tickets to sell! Last year's raffle was a fantastic fundraiser. Tickets are \$2 each. A booklet of tickets costs \$20.

- There are two parts to each ticket. The buyer fills in their personal information on the ticket stub so they can be contacted if they win. The student keeps this stub (to return to the school), and the buyer keeps the larger portion of the ticket that has the prize information on it. Each ticket must have the information written clearly.
- SAFETY FIRST– Tickets should be sold to friends, family, neighbours and coworkers. Children should NOT be allowed to go unescorted into the neighbourhood to sell tickets.
- The THREE classes that sell the most tickets will be rewarded with a class prize!
- Students can return ticket stubs and money raised to date to their classrooms every day! Extra tickets are available in the office.
- It is very important that you and your child keep track of these tickets, all **unsold raffle tickets and stubs must be turned in and accounted for as they have a monetary value.**
- All ticket stubs, money and unsold tickets are due back as soon as possible and must be returned to the school NO LATER THAN Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Prizes this year are:

**1<sup>st</sup> iPad 32 GB**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> PlayStation 4 Pro**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Beats Studio3 Wireless Headphones**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Raptors Tickets**  
**DRAW DATE: DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

We could not do this raffle without your participation, and the support of our sponsors. Thank you!

Platinum Sponsors:



Silver Sponsor: N/A

Bronze Sponsors:



**Thank you** to all who helped out and came out to support the **Halloween Dance & Bake Sale** last week. It was a fun night. Some photos and video have been shared on the [Blake Street PS Families Facebook page](#) (scroll down to view the posts).

- Save the Date** – It may just be the start of the month, but you might want to note **November 29<sup>th</sup>** in your calendar. What's happening on the 29<sup>th</sup>?
- Spirit Day – start prepping for kids to come dressed as their favourite video game or book character
  - First movie night of the school year. Full details will be in a future newsletter



**Pumpkin Parades!** - Looking for a fun way to dispose of your Halloween pumpkin? Take it and the family to one of the many [Pumpkin Parades](#) happening in parks around the neighbourhoods tonight.

**Reminders:**

- November snack menus [JK/SK](#), [Grade 1-6](#)
- The countdown is on! The last day to bring in items for the Blake Clothing Fair is Monday November 11. Clean out your closets, bookshelves and toy chests and bring your items to room 203. Remember to bring in old textiles for bag2school. Please label all bags. The clothing fair takes place during parent teacher interviews on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-8:00pm and November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-12:00pm. See the poster below for full details.

Blake Street  
Junior Public School



FREE

CLOTHING FAIR & TEXTILE DRIVE

THUR, NOV. 14

FRI, NOV. 15

3:30PM-8:00PM

9AM-NOON

IN THE GYM AT BLAKE STREET JUNIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL

REASONS TO COME:

IT'S FREE FOR EVERYONE! YOU DON'T NEED TO DONATE TO PARTICIPATE.

THERE'S CLOTHING FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN. OUTDOOR WEAR, SHOES AND BOOTS, BOOKS, GAMES AND ELECTRONICS.

THE TEXTILE DRIVE IS AN ECO-FRIENDLY FUNDRAISER! BRINGING YOUR STAINED, RIPPED OR WORN OUT TEXTILES FOR BAG2SCHOOL RAISES MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL AND KEEPS ITEMS OUT OF LANDFILL BY GIVING THEM A SECOND LIFE AS STUFFING FOR VEHICLE SEATS, UPHOLSTERY, INSULATION, CLOTH WIPES, AND MORE.

KIDS AND ADULTS ALL LOVE TO HUNT FOR TREASURES! FIND THAT PERFECT OUTFIT OR THAT BOOK YOU HAVE BEEN EAGER TO READ.

IT BUILDS OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S A GREAT CHANCE TO MAKE FRIENDS AND COMPARE FABULOUS FINDS WITH OTHER FAMILIES FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

NEED A BUTTON? THERE WILL BE A CARE AND REPAIR TABLE, WHERE YOU CAN GIVE SOME LOVE TO YOUR CLOTHES THAT NEED A STITCH OR TWO.

IT'S GOOD FOR THE PLANET! WEARING PRELOVED CLOTHING KEEPS THEM OUT OF THE TRASH. ACCORDING TO BAG2SCHOOL, IN NORTH AMERICA 85% OF TEXTILES STILL END UP IN LANDFILL!

Remember to bring your own shopping bags!

WANT TO MAKE A DONATION?

DROP OFF CLEAN, GENTLY USED ITEMS TO ROOM 203 AT BLAKE STREET JPS BETWEEN OCTOBER 15 AND NOVEMBER 11.

BE SURE TO SEPARATE SWAP ITEMS FROM TEXTILE DRIVE (BAG2SCHOOL) ITEMS AND LABEL THEM ACCORDINGLY! IT REALLY HELPS OUR VOLUNTEERS OUT!

**Upcoming Dates**

November 11: Remembrance Day

November 15: PA DAY for Parent Teacher Interviews

November 20: Photo Retake Day and Sibling Photos

November 29: SPIRIT DAY – Dress Like your Favourite Video Game Character

**November 29: Deadline Early French Immersion Application**

December 6: PA DAY

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

December 20: SPIRIT DAY – WHITE PARTY

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