

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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Another successful school improvement initiative has been completed this week with the installation of new carpet in the library. This new carpet adds much colour and pizzazz, and Ms. Psaralogos is working on creating cozy and comfortable reading nooks to encourage our students to read. The last phase of the library renewal will be the addition of our Kindergarten mural that will begin in April.



A reminder that next Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, **Blake will be hosting a flu-shot clinic at the school.** The clinic is open for all students at Blake, their family members and members of the community. It will take place between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. For convenience sake, this is the same day as the parent council sponsored Movie Night. The flu can be a serious illness and is very contagious. The flu shot is very safe and is the best defense against the flu. If you have a health card, please bring it with you. If not, just show up! We hope to see you then. Special thanks to the East End Community Health Centre for providing this service.

Next Friday, November 29 is a SPIRIT DAY – Students are encouraged to dress like their favourite video game character.

Councillor Paula Fletcher has shared with us news about the Annual Tree Lighting in Leslie Grove Park tonight, Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. There will be free hot chocolate and treats, music from singer-songwriter Tringa Rexhepi, Santa and plenty of festive cheer! The Tree Lighting will kick off the Leslieville BIA's Wanderlust event which is taking place Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

For those looking for before and/or after child care, our Extended Day programs has a few vacancies. If interested, please email [Sharon.hack@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Sharon.hack@tdsb.on.ca)

### Triple Ball Tournament; This Week

On Thursday the Jr Girls Basketball team, the Blake Street Bobcats, ventured to Sprucecourt for a three game tournament. Revved up and ready to play their first game against Nelson Mandela, the girl's battled hard with fast running and good defense and the game was tied until the last quarter. With a few turnovers and layups Nelson Mandela took the win. In their second game they faced Frankland who had excellent ball handling and turnover skills that challenged the girls in every quarter. Trinity fought back with a few fantastic shots and Elle's guarding skills brought them close, however Frankland won the game. Finally, we faced the hosts Sprucecourt and the girls were eager for a win. The first half was filled with a few bumps and pushes but the girls fought back with quick turnovers and great shots. Alicia did a great job bringing the ball up with Beatrice as well as getting the team set up. Hazel and Kauser fought for the rebounds and they made some quick shots to bring the final score to 12-8 for the Blake win!! All the girls should be proud of their accomplishments and representation of Blake. Well done girls! Coaches Ms. Arthur and Mr. Richman.

On Tuesday, November 19th, the Blake Boy's Tripleball team (14 athletes) participated in a tournament at Ryerson Public School. The team played against three other schools, playing all three games back to back. Our athletes were very tired as every player was on the court bumping and volleying, each and every game.

After a nail biting first set, during the semi-finals, and losing by only a few points, our time at the tournament had come to a close.

The boys should be very proud of the hard work that they put into the season. – Coach Fowler



### Grade 7 Extended French Program

Sent home today with all grade 6 students was information about the application process for the Grade 7 Extended French Program. Grade 7 Extended French programs are intensive French programs developed for students who do not speak French at home. They are designed to provide more experience in the French language than offered in the Core French program, but less than total Immersion. The Extended French program includes French and additional subjects taught in the French language.

Students enrolling in the Extended French program are expected to have successfully completed the Grade 6 Core French program. After Grade 8, students continue the Extended French program at designated secondary schools. Students who successfully complete the secondary program will receive a Certificate of Bilingual Studies in Extended French.

Additional information about the application process can be found as an attachment with this email.



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
- 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

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.

### News from Parent Council



**Movie Night** is next Friday, Nov.29 in the school gym.  
The Secret Life of Pets 2  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

#### Fall Raffle

Keep those ticket sales going for a chance of a fantastic prize!

Prizes:

iPad 32 GB!

PlayStation 4 Pro!

Beats Studio3 Wireless Headphones!

Raptors Tickets!

Don't forget that the THREE classes that sell the most tickets will be rewarded with a class prize.

Students can return ticket stubs and money raised to their classrooms at any time. Extra tickets are available in the office.

A big shout out to our sponsors:

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Full Details are on the Blake Blog <https://blakestreetparents.wordpress.com/2019/11/08/blake-street-ps-4th-annual-fall-raffle/>

You can read the minutes from our November meeting here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uw\\_OwVMlu1abnqCTEUaTt7GCiHlwWhz0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uw_OwVMlu1abnqCTEUaTt7GCiHlwWhz0/view?usp=sharing)

There is no school council meeting in December. Council meets next on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

### Upcoming Dates

#### 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 (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