

# Blake News

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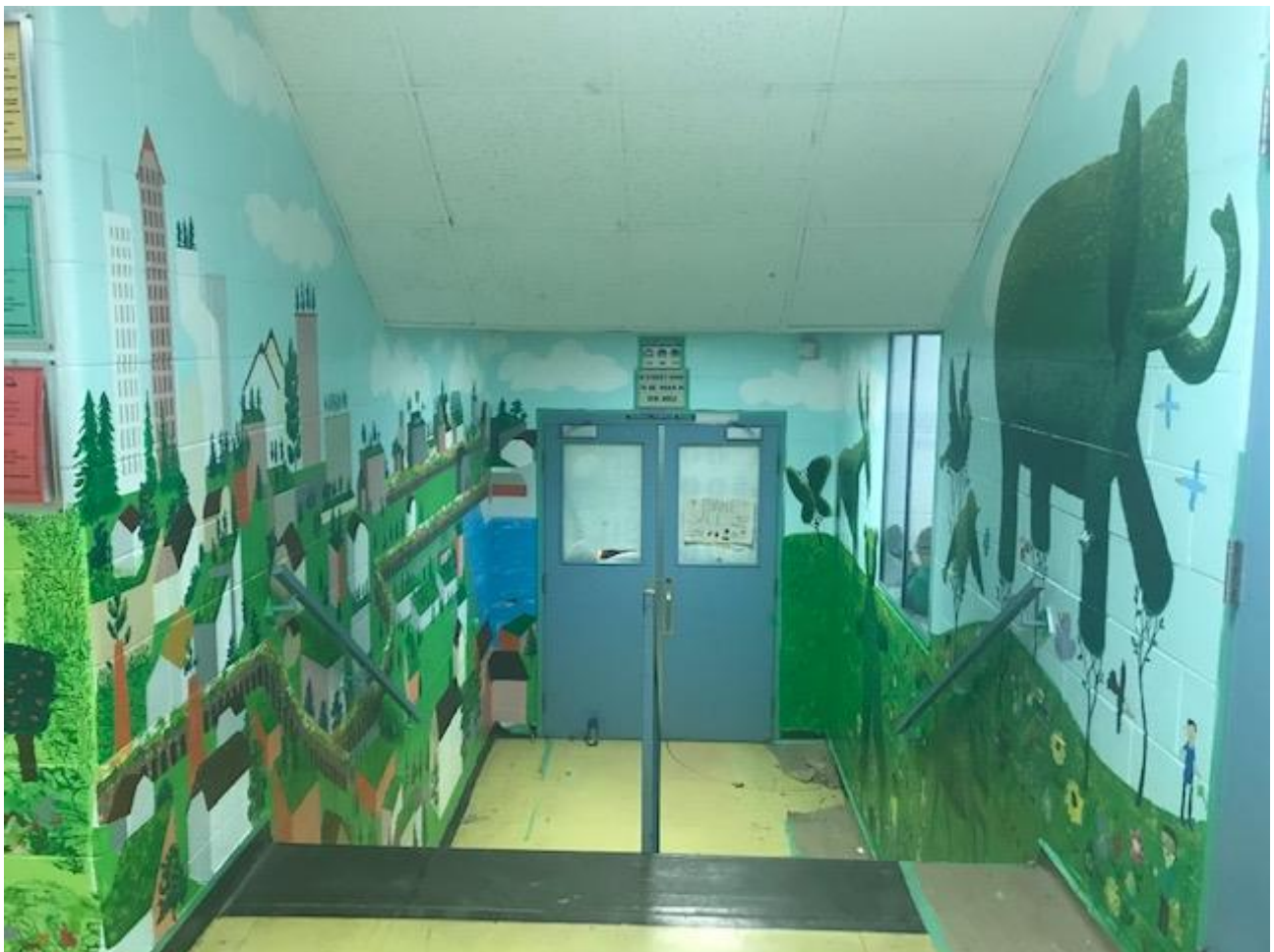
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**A reminder that the deadline for early French Immersion (completed online) is due tonight. The link for the application is [www.tdsb.on.ca/pars](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/pars)**

Our mural is now complete, and we are thrilled with the results. As has been previously shared, our theme was Growth Mindset, and our supporting quote for the mural was "The way we choose to see the world, creates the world we see." We want our students to recognize that beauty and possibility is all in front of us, we just need to choose to see them. A special thanks to our visiting artist Alycia Uccello for her incredible efforts and commitment in supporting us in our efforts to bring art to the halls and walls of Blake Street. I firmly believe that our environment shares our culture, and we continue to work hard to develop a culture of inclusion, community, diversity of representation, and student voice.







For those interested, Matty Eckler Community Centre (953 Gerrard St E) is hosting a FREE pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The event also includes crafts, raffle prizes and a visit from Santa! You are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation.

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)

A reminder that next Friday, December 6th is a PA Day, and the school is closed to children. The Extended Day Program remains open during regular hours from 7:15 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Grade 4 Junior Extended French Program

Sent home today with all grade 3 English students was information about the application process for the Grade 4 Extended French Program (also attached to this newsletter for reference). The application process is completed online. It opens January 6, 2020, and the application deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### WE Schools "Socks 4 Souls Canada" Fundraiser!



Hey Blake and EAST! Again this year, WE Schools is raising money for "Socks 4 Souls", a Canadian non-profit organization that provides clean, warm and dry socks to homeless people in Toronto in need.

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."

Last year we collected a total of \$260 which surpassed our goal. We hope to surpass our goal again this year, which is \$350 ... but we can only do it with your help!

Even \$1 can make a difference! For every \$1 donated, two pairs of socks can be purchased by Socks 4 Souls Canada! 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!

Thank you,

Blake St Jr PS WE Schools members

### 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 – A FURTHER UPDATE

To further reduce the amount of water being tracked into the gm during breakfast program, students and families are asked to use the staff entry door off the parking lot. **Students should use the walkway to access the steps to the door, and not the parking lot.**

### 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

**New from Parent Council**

#### Movie Night Tonight! – The Secret Life of Pets 2

- Doors open at 6pm. Movie starts at 6.15pm
- Treats available for purchase
- Children must be accompanied by an adult
- *Please have consideration for those cleaning up afterwards and remind your kids to bin their garbage*

**Fall Raffle** - Dreaming of an iPad? Here's your chance! Get your tickets in by **December 11th**.

PRIZES | iPad 32 GB | PlayStation 4 Pro | Beats Studio3 Wireless Headphones | Raptors Tickets

- The THREE classes that sell the most tickets will be rewarded with a class prize.
- Students can return ticket stubs and money raised at any time.
- If you need extra tickets, they are available in the school office or from any of the Raffle committee.
- Draw date is **December 18th**. All ticket stubs and money must be returned by **December 11th**.

#### A big shout out to our sponsors:

[Intelliware](#), [Stratus Design Build](#), [Claudio Cerrito](#), [Fatima Bregman](#) and the Weslak/Gusen family.

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

#### Reminders:

- December snack menus [JK/SK](#), [Grade 1-6](#)

Upcoming Dates

- 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
- January 3: Deadline for grade 4 (completed online) and 7 (handed in to the office)  
Extended French

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