

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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Progress Reports will be sent home with all students this coming Wednesday. By now, you should have received a teacher interview request form. We encourage all parents / caregivers to take advantage of this opportunity. Regular and ongoing conversations between home and school support student learning and achievement. If you have not yet made an interview appointment, please be sure to contact your child's teacher directly or through the office. Teachers are more than happy to find a mutually agreeable time beyond those offered as we appreciate that many of us have varied work schedules.

Monday marks Remembrance Day, and we as a school will be commemorating this important event with our annual Remembrance Day assembly. Parents are welcome to attend. This assembly will begin promptly at 10:45 a.m. in the gym. If you wish to donate to our poppy fund, poppy pins can be found in the office.

A reminder that next Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> is A PA Day and as such there is no school for students, however EDP remains open during regular hours (7:00 – 6:00). Please be sure to schedule a parent teacher interview to discuss your child's progress to date.

Our annual clothing fair is open Thursday afternoon, from 4:00 – 8:00, and on Friday morning from 8:30 – 12:00. We look forward to seeing you there. For those of you new to Blake, this is a wonderful opportunity to come and browse donated clothing, and take what you need. Please note that you do not need to bring something in order to participate – the fair is open to all Blake families.

## School Mural: Growth Mindset

Our mural grows daily. Check out some recent photos.











## 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

## Photo Retakes and Sibling Photos

Student photos were sent home with your child earlier this week. If you would like to place an order, please note that all orders are due to the office no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Photo retake and sibling photo day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. A hard copy form was sent home with each child today. If your child requires a photo retake and/or a sibling photo, please complete the form and return it to us by next week.

## 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
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### New! from Parent Council

The next School Council meeting is next Wednesday, November 13, from 6:00-8:00pm in the school library. Dinner and childcare are provided. See the minutes from October's School Council meeting: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jnGHSR6Qpvu4\\_cyPEufxZf9imUScj88-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jnGHSR6Qpvu4_cyPEufxZf9imUScj88-/view?usp=sharing)

Can you believe it's almost here? The Blake Street Clothing Fair and Textile Drive is next Thursday and Friday!

Pop by the gym during the following hours:

- [Thursday November 14, 3:30pm-8:00pm](#)
- [Friday November 15, 9:00am-12:00pm](#)

The last day to drop off items you would like to donate is next Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Remember: We are also collecting ripped, stained or worn out items for the **bag2school textile drive**. Please label your bags accordingly!  
See you at the Fair!

The 2019 Blake Fall Raffle is underway! Tickets for families to sell should come home in today's Friday folder if they didn't come home last week. Additional tickets are available at the office or from one of the Raffle committee members.

Tickets are \$2 each. A booklet of tickets costs \$20. 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>.

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

**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