

Blake News

The Newsletter of
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It has been a glorious week, full of sunshine and warmer temperatures. We hope you have all had the chance to get out and enjoy it. The weekend is bringing even warmer weather on its way!!!!

Arts Week

We appreciate how hard remote learning is for our students, not to mention our parents. Because of this, next week, we will be celebrating Arts Week, with the hope of reducing some stress at home, and re-engaging in fun and creativity. All classroom learning tasks will have an art feature to them, and students will be asked to share their work submissions so that we can highlight and celebrate the arts at Blake Street. A big thanks to Ms. Psarologos who will be working to compile these arts submissions into a video we will be sharing with you in a few weeks

Updated School Council Meeting Date

Please note that we have decided to reschedule our last School Council meeting of the year, making it earlier than was advertised last week. Our new school council date is Wednesday, June 3rd. 6.30pm over Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email our school council chair so he can send you an invite. He can be reached at lanrickbennettjr@gmail.com

Honouring our Grade 6 Graduates

For families of grade 6 graduates, please feel free to take a photo in front of our graduate window. We look forward to celebrating with you soon.

**The Book Bank**

The book Bank has shared that it is offering curbside pickup on May 27th, from 12 – 3:00 (weather permitting). You can pick up safely packaged age appropriate bags of books for your children to take home for free. The book Bank will be observing the guidelines issued by the Ontario Government and the Ministry of Health. Book Bank is just a short streetcar ride away at 350 Berkley Street (Parliament and Gerrard).

A Note from the Toronto Public Library

Dear Families,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. With online learning well underway, I thought it would be a great opportunity to let you know of some services at Toronto Public Library (TPL) that you and your students can access from home.

Digital Library Card

For those who do not currently have a library card, TPL offers a new "instant" digital card. This card gives non-TPL cardholders in Toronto free, temporary access to [OverDrive](#), our largest collection of ebooks and audiobooks which includes children's fiction, non-fiction and picture book titles. To register for a card or to learn more, click [here](#).

Online Programs and Resources

From storytimes to STEM activities, author visits and workshops, explore and discover online programs at tpl.ca/programs. Bonus, you don't need a library card to participate!

We also have free online homework help from [Brainfuse](#), fun activities like jokes and riddles on our [TPL Kids site](#) and stories over the phone with [Dial-a-Story](#) – we're sure you and your students will be able to find something that will appeal to your individual needs! For more resources, click [here](#).

Summer Reading and Learning

We know that summer learning loss may be of particular concern this year for teachers and families. TPL's [Summer Wonder](#) programs are designed to encourage exploration and discovery, and will be available online starting June 22nd! Check out our [TPL](#) website and [TPL Kids](#) sites in June to see more of what's in store this summer.

In addition, the [TD Summer Reading Club](#) is moving online this summer! The website will launch on June 15 and kids will be able to create an online notebook to track their reading, read ebooks, write stories, participate in weekly trivia, view author and illustrator workshops, and more!

We wish you all well and look forward to seeing everyone back in the library when we reopen!

Hearts and Minds Newsletter

Please take a moment to read through the attached newsletter, Hearts & Minds, which is being shared by the TDSB's Psychological Services department. It's full of information, tips, and ideas meant to make parenting a little bit easier, for you and your children.

Extended Day Program

For families with children currently in EDP, their spots will naturally be extended. However, for families with new students registering, who need before and after care, registration is now open. This is a new registration process and no student number is required. You can access the registration link at www.tdsb.on.ca/EDP

The EDP program will be sending out an official confirmation of enrollment in the coming weeks. They ask for your patience and support as they work through planning for the upcoming school year. TDSB EDP is committed to families and will continue to provide updates as they become available.

Please know that we are here to help however we can. If there is anything we can do to support you and your families, we are just an email away. You are now also able to leave a voice mail message on the Blake PS phone at 416-393-9415 and Ms. Scott will receive it automatically.

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

Be well and have a great weekend.

Jenn and Jacki