

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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## Blake Street Public School

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### School Access

It was so nice to see many of you in this week to collect your child's belongings. If you were not able to come in this week, note that all student belongings have been collected, bagged and labelled by room number, which will be put out for retrieval in the fall.

### Celebrating Arts Week

If you have not yet accessed the shared link sent earlier to you this week, be sure to check out the arts week video. A big thanks to Ms. Psarologos for all her efforts putting this together.

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1OYnTn6Lpqn\\_BkFY08oJfFLTKmNF6sgd](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1OYnTn6Lpqn_BkFY08oJfFLTKmNF6sgd)

### Wrapping up the School Year with a Farewell Parade

Mark your calendars!!!! At noon, on Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, Blake Street staff will be organizing a Farewell Parade, which will begin at the corner of Pape and Riverdale. The parade route will be shared with you in next week's newsletter, so be sure to check in out, and wave us farewell as we drive and bike through the neighbourhood.

### Blake Street PS Staffing updates

At this time I would like to share with you the tentative teaching assignments for the fall of 2020. We are obliged to create and develop classroom models and class lists based on projected enrolment data, and at this time, a number of our classes are very high, which may trigger a re-organization in the fall.

I would also like to share some goodbyes, and some welcomes.

We would like to say farewell to Ms. Church, who r her teaching career here at Blake 18 years ago. She has been a staple in our Blake Street community and we wish her well in her move to Norway PS, where she will continue on teaching Kindergarten.

We would like to say farewell to Mr. Fowler who has been at Blake Street for the past three years, teaching both in kindergarten and in primary grades. Mr. Fowler is off to Gledhill and will be missed.

We would like to say Farewell to Mme Laanvere, who has just completed her first year of teaching. She is moving to Second Street in Etobicoke. We also want to say farewell to Mme Burke, who will be leaving us as she and her family move to Peterborough. Mme Laanvere and Mme Burke have co-taught the grade ½ French Immersion class this year, and have proven themselves to be a dream team. We are sorry to see them go.

We would like to say farewell to Mr Alexopoulos who started the year with us teaching physical education. He has been off on leave since November, and will be moving to Flemingdon PS. We wish him well at this new school.

We would like to say farewell to Mme Richaudaud and Mme Muela, both who have worked as Early Childhood Educators in our SK French Immersion classrooms this year. We wish them the best in their moves, and thank them for all they have contributed to our school.

We would also like to say farewell to our wonderful long term occasional, teachers, some who have been with us all year, some just a few months. Regardless, we have been fortunate to find such gems of teachers, and we thank them for their support of our students, and community. We do wish to see them all in the fall in some capacity or another. Farewell to Ms. Arthur, Ms. Damer, and Mr. Stanfield.

We welcome back Ms. Barr, Ms. Dymont, Mme Wald and Ms. Kiil, all returning from leaves this year.

Finally, some welcomes. We would like to welcome Ms. Pao, our new grade 4 AM teacher who comes to us with many years of teaching experience, most recently at Fraser Mustard. We continue to work through hiring for a Kindergarten teacher, and will share any updates we have prior to the end of the school year.

#### English:

**JKK** – Room 100: Ms. Whiteside (under 16 students with no ECE)

**FDK** – Room 101: TBD, with Ms. Rada and Ms. Naranyan

**FDK** – Room 102: Ms. Motala with Ms. Mitoulas and Ms. Mahbub

**Grade 1 / 2** (Rm 107): Ms. Barr and **Grade 1 / 2** (Rm 106): Mr. Lowe- co-teaching

**Grade 2 / 3** – Room 108 : Ms. Kagan

**Grade 3 / 4** – Room 212 : Mr. Tsai

**Grade 4 AM** – Room 312 : Ms Pao

**Grade 5 AM and 4/5 PM** – Room 308 : Mr. Nicolaou

**Grade 6** – Room 310 : Mr. Richman

#### French:

**SK FI** – Room 104: Mme Molder (under 16 students with no ECE)

**SK FI** – Room 105 – Mme Morton with Mme Kaushal and Mme Kuzina

**Grade 1:** Room 109 – Mme O'Sullivan

**Grade 1 / 2 FI** (Room 206): Mme Wald and **Grade 1 / 2 FI** (Room 207): Mme Jang - co-teaching

**Grade 2/3 FI** (Room 208) : Mme Thomas and **Grade 3/ 4 FI** (Room 209) : Mme Lafontaine- co-teaching

**Grade 4/5** ( Room 200) Mme Prakesch

**Grade 5 / 6** (Room 203): Mme Dungo

**Music** – Room 103: Ms. Paton

**Primary Special Education** – Room 213: Ms. Logan

**Junior Special Education:** Ms. Kiil

**Core French and French Immersion Special Education:** Mme Stagni

**Library and Physical Education:** Ms. Dymont

**Physical Education and Drama and Dance:** Ms. Psaralogos

**Half Physical Education:** Ms. Wallace

#### TD Summer Reading Program

The TD Summer Reading Club is the biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages. It is co-created and delivered by over 2,000 public libraries across Canada with the goal of preventing summer learning loss by engaging kids in the joy of reading and learning.

Starting June 15th, kids can register online at [tdsummerreadingclub.ca](https://tdsummerreadingclub.ca) to access free ebooks, read a web comic and share book recommendations, jokes, silly stories and more with children across the country.

Participants can also vote for their favorite summer read as two books go head-to-head each week as part of our new Battle of the Books feature.

Also new this year, we will be offering 28 author/illustrator online readings and workshops. Please follow us on Instagram or Facebook to receive our scheduled lineup announcement in the coming weeks: [https://www.instagram.com/tdsrc\\_cletd/](https://www.instagram.com/tdsrc_cletd/) <https://www.facebook.com/TDSRC.CLETD>

We hope to see you this summer!

Please see these resources for sharing with teachers and parents to promote this



program.

[Teacher Information Letter](#)

[Family/Community Information Letter](#)

## Summer School

Our optional elementary summer school program focus is to close the achievement and well-being gap and to continue student engagement into July. Programs for students in Grades 3 to 8 will be delivered from July 6 to 31, 2020 from 9am to 12pm.

For students registering for English summer school, learning is focused on:

- Black affirmative learning content.
- Literacy instruction to improve fluency and comprehension.
- Learn about Transformative Justice.

Remote synchronous learning will be offered. There is a possibility that learning may move from remote learning to in-class learning environments in accordance with the ongoing guidance of the Ministry of Education. Registration is online and is currently open to the public. Check out the attached poster, and access the registration form, please visit :

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaq9ZoziqnlM4NXXLk5T0rWirNqi-6vzSvR8GO4I\\_4M4TIIA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0JKT\\_5hAcXxwjNfJm9LqJYfTRbuhv0pPMb0aPSxFpJSim3ehMFTtgVVE](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaq9ZoziqnlM4NXXLk5T0rWirNqi-6vzSvR8GO4I_4M4TIIA/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0JKT_5hAcXxwjNfJm9LqJYfTRbuhv0pPMb0aPSxFpJSim3ehMFTtgVVE)

French programs will also be available for students currently in a French Immersion or Extended French Program.. More information is available at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>

## International Languages Elementary/African Heritage

The International Languages Elementary/African Heritage Program offers language classes to students Kindergarten to Grade 8. Classes will run from July 6 to 31, 2020 from 1:30 to 4pm. A minimum of 23 students is required to open a language class. Remote synchronous learning will be offered. There is a possibility that language learning may move from remote learning to in-class learning environments in accordance with the ongoing guidance of the Ministry of Education. Registration will be online and open on Monday, May 25, 2020. More information is available on [www.ileprograms.ca](https://www.ileprograms.ca).

## Community Programs

Adult General Interest courses will be offered in July to continue to engage with existing learners, while increasing the presence and awareness of Learn4Life programs to new learners. Courses will be offered from July 6 to 31, 2020 through a synchronous online delivery model. Registration will be available through our website at [www.learn4life.ca](https://www.learn4life.ca).

### **Adult ESL**

Adult ESL is planning to deliver a remote synchronous learning model, with whole group and small group instruction, from July 6 to July 24, 2020 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Classes will be five days a week for three weeks. We will also be implementing a modified Portfolio-Based Language Assessment program to include 1 to 2 assessments. The number of classes and levels will be based on student enrollment, interest and funding. More information is available on [www.ESLtoronto.ca](http://www.ESLtoronto.ca)

## **News from Parent Council**

### **Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction will run starting this Monday June 15th at 10am to Saturday June 20th closing with last bids at 5pm!

Share the link far and wide! <https://www.32auctions.com/BlakeStJPS>

Direct monetary donations can also be accepted via the auction portal, so if you are able, please consider giving that way as well.

Valerie can still add items, so please get them to her ASAP!! 324 Riverdale Ave.

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](mailto:jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca)

Be well and have a great weekend.

Jenn and Jacki