

BLAKE STREET PS NEWSLETTER: Friday February 15th, 2019



Report Cards

This week you would have received your child's first term report card. The first term elementary provincial report card (for the period of September 2018 to January 2019) is designed to report on your child's achievement of curriculum expectations and development of the learning skills and academic progress. Comments that highlight your child's strengths and next steps for improvement are also included in the report card from your child's teacher.

The achievement of curriculum expectations (located on pages 2 and 3) for your child is reported on using letter grades for Grades 1-6. The report on your child's achievement also includes comments that describe your child's strengths, what they know and can do, and where appropriate, next steps for improvement. The achievement for the provincial curriculum expectations (page 4) provides the definitions of the four levels of achievement.

If you are interested in meeting with your child's teacher(s) to discuss your child's progress, but have not yet done so, please note that you can set up an interview at any time. The home school relationship is very important in supporting student achievement and school success. As parents and caregivers, you are important allies supporting in class learning and behaviours.

Kindergarten Registration

This week was our English JK registration. If you have not yet done so, please complete the online portion of the kindergarten registration which can be accessed at:
www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten

Once this portion of the registration is completed, you will still need to come in person to complete the process; you will need two proofs of address, birth certificate or passport, health card, and immunization records. We ask that you do so in the afternoons as Ms. Scott is by herself in the mornings.

For those getting ready to register for French Immersion Kindergarten, the in-person paper is the same for French as it is for English. Our French immersion Kindergarten registration week is taking place the week of March 4 – 8. Again, we ask that you come in to register in the afternoons.

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Random Acts of Kindness Week

As was shared in our last newsletter, this week we highlighted Random Acts of Kindness. During the course of each day, staff completed ballots for students engaged in random acts of kindness and, at the end of each day a draw was held. The winners of the draw were: Sally in Room 212, Lloyd in Room 308, Liyana in Room 106 and Sydney in Room 207. They were each awarded a child and adult movie pass in the hopes of supporting some family time this Family Day Weekend. As well, in support of our 'Contributing to Community' theme this term, a \$100 donation has been made on their behalf to the Eastview Food Bank.

Using the Crosswalk

It has come to my attention that some of our older students are jumping the high snowbanks in the front of our school to cross the road. On Thursday, this caused a near accident. Please remind your children of the importance of using the cross walk.

African Heritage Month in the TDSB

A reminder that the TDSB is hosting # the talk....Talking Race and Racism With Your Child.

The **#Talk** is a rite of passage for many children of African Descent: parental warnings on how to handle racial discrimination. This talk will explore the research, complexity and challenges navigating race and racism.

Session will be facilitated by Michelle Munroe,
Manager Parent and Community Engagement, TDSB

Wednesday February 13, 2019

6:30 p.m.

5050 Yonge Street, Boardroom

Wednesday February 27, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Scarborough Civic Centre, Room 3&4

140 Borough Drive

Upcoming Dates:

February 18: Family Day (no school)
February 22: Spirit Day - Wacky Socks
March 4 – 8: French Immersion Kindergarten Registration
March 6: Prologue presentation, pm for grades 1 - 6
March 8: Beach Day for grades 1 – 6
March 11 – 15: MARCH BREAK

A reminder that Friday is a PA Day, and that Monday is Family Day, so we will see all students back on Tuesday, February 19.

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Should you have any questions or concerns about the content of this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me at jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca

Have a great weekend,

Jennifer and Tina