

BLAKE STREET PS NEWSLETTER: Friday March 22, 2019



Welcome to spring...it is so nice to hear the birds chirping and to see some buds on the trees. We look forward to the warmer days ahead.

With all the ice melting in the back, our field is a muddy place, so please be sure your child continues to wear boots, and has an extra pair of indoor shoes for use.

Women's History Month

Big shout-out to the Rees family for colour printing these 8 wonderful posters celebrating women's achievements in science and technology in honour of #WomensHistoryMonth. We have put all 8 around the school - come find them and read about them all! More info on these women here <https://bit.ly/2H7d2ZZ>



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Global Water Issues

This morning from 8:30-9:30 a.m. the students involved in our WE Schools Club (grade 4-6 students, Thursdays at lunch) were able to participate in a WE Global Classroom event entitled, "Water: A Vital Resource" to mark World Water Day 2019. While we experienced a technical glitch for the first 15 minutes, the final 45 minutes was filled with engaging student speakers from Kenya, Switzerland, and on-site with staff at the WE Global Learning Centre on Queen Street East in Toronto.

Our Club will be sharing information soon on our #WEWalkforWaterDay which is coming up on May 10th! In the meantime, more information can be found here: <https://www.we.org/we-schools/program/campaigns/we-walk-for-water/>



Welcoming New Staff

We want to formally welcome Mr. Brad Tapley who has taken over for Ms. Kiil's afternoon physical education position while off on pregnancy leave, as well as Ms. Alison Damer who is in for Ms. Macpherson who worked briefly in the library for additional literacy support in the mornings.

Pizza

A reminder that a new pizza term began last week. If you would like your child to continue to receive pizza lunch, please be sure to fill out the envelopes. There are 13 more Fridays to go at a cost of \$65.00. Pizza envelopes are always available in the office, and, as always, you can sign up for pizza any way you want – once in a while, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or every Friday until the end of the school year. Envelopes must be received in the office by Wednesdays at 3:30 unless the Friday happens to be a PA day in which case envelopes need to be received by

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Tuesday at 3:30. The proceeds of the Pizza lunches have gone to support many exciting initiatives at Blake. Thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Dates:

March 28: 6:00 -8:30: Parent Wellness Workshops Sponsored by Parent Council
March 29: EARTH HOUR from 2:00 – 3:00
April 3: One Little Goat theatre performance
April 8: KM Club starts before school (8:15-8:25 and morning recess)
April 9: Performance from the National Ballet at Blake
April 11: Day of Pink
April 18: Lice Check
April 19: Good Friday – no school
April 22: Easter Monday – no school
April 23: Earth Day Assembly
April 26: School Wide Earth Day Clean Up
May 2: Prologue Presentation – Silk Road
May 2: NUIT BLAKE A Celebration of the Arts 6:00 – 7:00
May 6: Start of Ramadan
May 8: Family Fun Night and Parent Presentation on Inquiry, 6:00 – 7:00
May 21-31: EQAO for Grades 3 and 6
May 24: Parent Council Silent Auction
May 23: 6:00 – 7:00 Welcome to Kindergarten Night for both English and French Immersion
June 7: PA DAY – no school
June 10 – 12: Grade 6s at Mono Cliffs
June 18: Volunteer Tea
June 20: Play Day for grades 1- 6
June 26: Blake Graduation, 6:00 – 7:00
June 27: Last Day of School

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

Blake School Council Announcements

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Family Wellness Event - Blake's Family Wellness Night is Thursday, March 28 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. in the school library. We'll be offering a series of parenting workshops focused on mental, physical and sexual health.

Free dinner and childcare will be provided. Hope to see you there!

- Mindful Eating and the New Nutrition Guide - Barbara Taylor, Toronto Public Health Nurse
- Kids have Stress too - Laurette Jack-Ogbonna
- Raising Sexually Healthy Kids - Tharani Selvanthan, Toronto Public Health Nurse
- Qui Gong for Health- Moving and Non-Moving Meditations - Daniel Aikalin
- The Effects of Safety on Children/Youth Mental Health - Keith Cunningham, family therapist

For more details on the workshops, visit <https://blakestreetparents.wordpress.com>. And to view the flyer in multiple languages, see the attached.



Blake Street Jr PS
Wellness Night

New Date for Silent Auction – If you didn't catch it on our [Blake Street PS Families](#) Facebook group; the new date is **Saturday May 25th**. Get your sitter booked!

Summer Day Camp at Eastview – Early registration for summer day camp opens on **April 1st**. Those registering on April 1st may receive the discounted rate. Further details can be found [here](#) or by calling 4163921750 x300.

Subsidies: Forms will be available at 86 Blake Street on April 1, 2019. Please fill out and return to qualify. There are only 6 subsidy spots per week & you can only qualify for 2 weeks at a time. You must make an appointment

Free Tax Clinics – If you need help with your income tax filing you may qualify for the free income tax clinic offered by WoodGreen. To see if you qualify and for further information visit their [website](#), call [416-645-6000](tel:416-645-6000) ext. 1187 or e-mail taxclinic@woodgreen.org to book your tax appointment.

Thank You! – Again, to all who worked hard petitioning and supporting the campaign to have traffic lights installed at Jones/Boultbee. Work has begun and is expected to be complete in 2-3 weeks.

Contact the School Council - blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com for any school council related initiatives, questions or if you'd like to volunteer for any of our events e.g. Silent Auction, Funfair, Raffle, School Dance.

Have a great weekend!

- **Blake's School Council**