

BLAKE STREET PS NEWSLETTER: Friday May 31, 2019



Learning Assembly

On Thursday May 30th we had a learning assembly about the positive effects of exercise on our mental health. We were fortunate enough to have several guest speakers, one of whom was Roz Morton, our very own SK FI Teacher and successful marathon runner. Two of our FI classes have been training for the past 5 weeks (room 200/201) for an upcoming run called the Team Unbreakable 5k Race. The students have been tracking their mood before and after running for 20 minutes daily and have noticed that running helps them return to the green zone when they are feeling tired, stressed, over stimulated,... Team Unbreakable is an organization that uses a health based approach to improving overall well being and promoting mental fitness through physical fitness among children and teenagers. The goal of Team Unbreakable is to build confidence and self-esteem.

The students in these classes will be participating in the 5K race on Saturday June 8th at Coronation Park at 9:30am. Anyone interested in joining "Team Blake" is welcome to do so. For more information go to www.teamunbreakable.ca and search Team Blake. As this is not a TDSB event participants are required to be accompanied by an adult and be able to travel to and from the event themselves. Go Team Blake!

Upcoming Talent Show

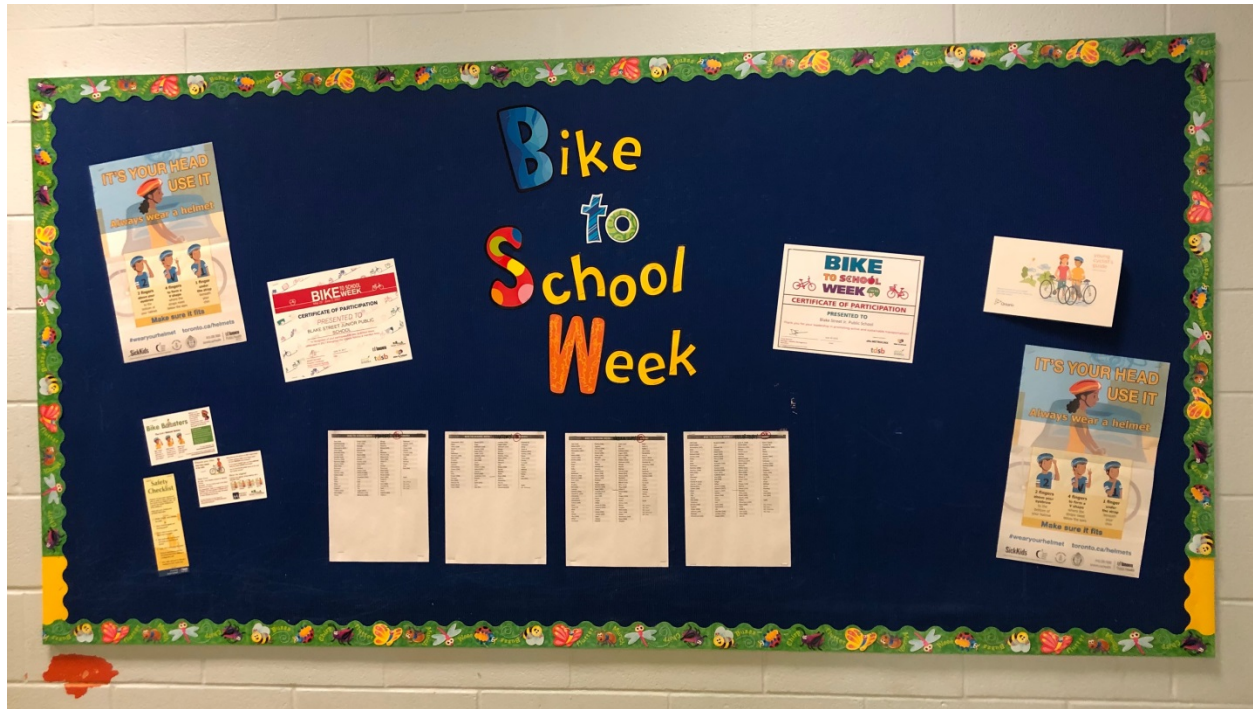
Next week, all students from grade 1-6 will bring home a letter about our in-music-class talent shows, which will take place during music classes in the middle of June. Students are encouraged to participate with any act they feel is appropriate - a song, a dance, a dramatic reading, magic trick, joke, martial arts routine, personal anecdote, etc. etc... The focus is on building confidence, celebrating learning, and having fun.

Following the in-class presentations, the students who qualify at the class "auditions" will be invited to perform at our whole school talent show in the gym on Tuesday, June 25 at 10:30am. Families are welcome to attend to watch their child perform at the whole school show.

Ms. Paton, Ms. Damer and Ms. Dymont

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Bike to School Week



What a fabulous Bike to School Week we've had again at Blake! We had near perfect weather - not too hot, not too cold, and the result was that we had between 80 and 135 riders each day - even on rainy Tuesday! Thanks to all the parents and guardians for supporting the students - whether it meant coming a bit earlier to school, or allowing students to bike and scooter to their bus stops. Our kids love to bike! Check out our Twitter (@tdsbblake), Instagram (@tdsbblake), or Facebook Blake Street PS School Council page for pictures and updates from each day this week! Students earned one ballot for each day that they rode, and students who rode all five days will also be receiving a certificate. Draws for prizes will take place next week!

A reminder that our Bike Rodeos take place next week. Kindergarten Bike Rodeo is on Tuesday, June 4th from 9-10 am and grades 1-3 Bike Rodeo is on Thursday, June 6th from 9-10. Both events are weather permitting, so be sure to check our Facebook page if you're unsure of whether it's happening. If you can help pump tires, adjust helmets and raise bike seats - WE NEED YOU!! Please email Ms. Dymont to let her know that you can help out from 9-9:30 either one or both days - kelly.dymont@tdsb.on.ca. Thanks to those who have already connected. Thanks for the great week!!

Have you moved?

For those of you who have moved out of the Blake Street attendance area over the school year, your child has been permitted to complete their 2019 school year here at Blake. **For the 2019/2020 School Year you will need to register your child at his/her home school.**

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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, and a reminder that next Friday is a PA Day, and the school is closed for students.

Jennifer and Tina

Upcoming Dates:

June 7: PA DAY – no school
June 10 – 12: Grade 6s at Mono Cliffs
June 15: FUN FAIR
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

Blake School Council Announcements

- Withrow Park Farmers Market and bikeSauce are hosting a kids' bike exchange at the park on Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2305447193111257/>
- The Blake Bike Rodeo is taking place next week, June 3-6, for kindies and grades 1-3. We're looking for as many parent volunteers as possible for safety checks and bike adjustments. Also looking for donation of materials: pumps, ratchet sets, etc. If you can help, please contact Kelly Dymant at kelly.dymant@tdsb.on.ca
- Thursday June 6th, please join our walk-in to support fully funded public education. A Walk-IN is a display of solidarity between education workers, parents/guardians, and students. We will meet at 8am and rally until 8:45am. Please wear RED! Learn more at <https://linktr.ee/schoolwalkins>
- Blake Street School Garden volunteer opportunity: We need your help to keep the garden growing over the summer. Join Elin, our garden educator, and our summer watering team on Thursday June 13th at 7:30 pm in our school garden (Boulbee Ave. entrance 1) to learn about our garden and how you can help. Can't make it? No problem - just email school council and let us know your summer availability: blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com.
- The Blake Fun Fair is happening on Saturday, June 15, 11am-3pm! We are still looking for volunteers for before, during and after the event. If you can help, please contact Erin Barr, erin.barr@tdsb.on.ca
- Here are the minutes from the May 15 School Council meeting: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1W995_mKMLgLSj8eXn2p5glZD6JpEVwV/view?usp=sharing
- The final School Council meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00pm in the school library. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

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- Check out the latest newsletter from Parents Engaged in Education: <https://www.parentsengagedineducation.ca/media/docs/newsletters/may-19.pdf>