

Earth Day Assembly

This Tuesday, the school came together to celebrate Earth Day. The audience was captivated by a wonderful French film created by Mme. Stagni, Mr. Richman and our grade 5/6 students. Their messages of action and hope were appreciated, as was their efforts in the film making process. We also heard from the students in Ms. Kagan's grade 2/3 class who presented a reader's theatre called "Earth Day". We then heard listened to the students in Mr. Richman's class who shared their Earth Day poems, and the assembly concluded with skits from our We Schools members that spoke of action and global change. We thank all participating classes for a wonderful and reflective assembly. Our Earth Day clean- up, which was to take place today, was cancelled as a result of the rain, but will be re scheduled for next Friday.



Soil Delivery - Help Needed

Next Wednesday May 1st, we will be having our first of two soil deliveries to prepare our garden beds for the summer. Parent volunteers will be needed!!! If you are available to help out for part of the day, please drop by. We will also be needing to borrow large garden shovels. If you are willing to lend them to us for the day, please label them and drop them off in the office by Wednesday morning prior the start of the school day.

Nuit Blake A Celebration of the Arts

Don't forget to come on out to our first annual Nuit Blake celebration of the Arts next Thursday evening from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. You can explore the artistic creations your child has been involved in and take in some live student busking.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the content of this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me at <u>jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca</u> Have a great weekend,

Jennifer and Tina

Reminders:

Extended Day Program

For those of you interested in child care through the extended day program, your registration in this program, prior to April 23rd is important, as they will be using registration numbers up to this date to staff us. To help ensure the best possibility that all who want a spot get a spot, please register by then.

To submit a registration application for our Extended Day Program please visit <u>https://ereg.tdsb.on.ca/public/edplogin.aspx</u>.

For more information about TDSB EDPs, please visit our website at: <u>https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EDP</u>, or email the EDP team at <u>EDP@tdsb.on.ca</u>

Summer School Applications Are Out

Summer School Programs will be offered throughout TDSB for students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 again this summer. Summer programs increase engagement and build self-confidence in our students. Attached to this letter is an application for the program being offered at Rose Avenue PS., which is the closest location to our school. At Rose Avenue the program will run from 9:00 to 3:00 each day. The focus of this program is literacy and is open to students in Grades 1 - 8. The program will build literacy skills through a creative curriculum that can include technology, physical fitness, art, music and drama. Other Summer Program locations may have a different focus. To see the full listing of participating schools, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/summer.

There are additional summer programs throughout TDSB which focus on the following:

- International Languages
- Music
- Outdoor Education Summer Camps

Information and applications for all programs can be found at <u>www.tdsb.on.ca/summer</u>.

The application for Rose Avenue Summer School was sent home this week. If you are interested, please complete all three pages of the application and return it to our school. We will ensure that it is returned to Rose Avenue. If you wish to apply to another school listed on the website, please complete the application and return it to Blake as well. Plese note that as part of the application process, you will need to include a photocopy of the February report card.

Upcoming Dates:

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 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 Jue 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

1) Here are the minutes from the April 17 School Council meeting: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-</u> wXJilBs9uZLj0ps9A8QDZNysNQHxIE_XOTXIzxO9Fc/edit?usp=sharing

2) Taking Action Against Education Cuts event on May

8: https://t.e2ma.net/message/qc0osm/aoq49dc

3) Passionate volunteers make our School Council the amazing success it is. There are many ways for you to contribute, depending on your availability and interest. We appreciate every hour you can give whether you bake for the bake sale, pop popcorn for movie night, or ask businesses in the area to contribute to our silent auction (just to name a few examples!) Joining the Executive Team is another way to support our work. If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in the role of Chair, Treasurer, or Recording Secretary, please email us for more information.

(<u>blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com</u>) Official elections will be held in the fall, but we encourage you to ask questions in advance to find out what is entailed in these roles.

You can learn more by reviewing the Blake School Council bylaws at <u>Blake</u> <u>bylaws.docx.pdf</u>