

## **BLAKE STREET PS NEWSLETTER: Friday April 5, 2019**



### **Kindie Mural**

This Monday, we launch our Kindergarten mural. We continue to look for volunteers who are interested in working with our artist and support background painting. If interested, please feel free to pop by the kindergarten dressed in your painting clothes.

The theme of this mural is "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt." Next week, Kindergarten classes will get dirty, as they begin to paint their own garden creations.

Parent volunteers will be needed to support our artist in painting backgrounds. If interested, please contact the office. We really will need a number of volunteers so we are hoping many of you can lend a hand.



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### **One Little Goat**

On Wednesday afternoon students in grade 1 to 6 got to enjoy a performance from the One Little Goat Theatre Company. The performance traced the history of plays and theatre dating back to over 2000 years ago! All in all it was an informative and entertaining production.



### **Extended Day Program**

We recently learned that the Before- and After-School Program currently operated by Toronto Early Learning and Child Care Services (TELCCS) will be closing effective August 30th, 2019. Our school community has been fortunate to work in partnership with TELCCS over the years and we thank them for their service and dedication to our students and families.

The Toronto District School Board is committed to ensuring families have continued access to a before- and after-school program in our school. To that end, I am happy to announce that we will be opening a TDSB operated Extended Day Program at our school in September 2019.

TDSB Extended Day Programs are complementary to the core school day, and provide a seamless learning experience for children. The program is offered on both instructional and non-instructional days (e.g., PD days) from 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and accepts fee subsidies through the City of Toronto. Programming is also provided during school breaks (e.g., 1 week during Winter break, during March break, and over the summer where there is sufficient demand). The 2019-20 fee for the Extended Day Program is \$32.50 on instructional days and \$55 on non-instructional days. Fees are charged on a bi-weekly basis with automatic payments made through our secure online payment system.

Registration for this program is now open for children attending/registered to attend our school and who will be in Kindergarten to Grade 6 in September. To support this program transition and continuity of care for families, children currently registered in the TELCCS before- and after-school program will receive priority placement in the EDP. To submit a registration application for our Extended Day Program please visit <https://ereg.tdsb.on.ca/public/edplogin.aspx>. An information session will be held on April 9 from 3:00 – 6:00 in the library should you be interested in gaining more information.

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

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### **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](http://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 [www.tdsb.on.ca/summer](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer).

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. Please note that as part of the application process, you will need to include a photocopy of the February report card.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

April 9: Performance from the National Ballet at Blake

April 11: Day of Pink Assemblies

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

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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](mailto:jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca)  
Have a great weekend,

Jennifer and Tina

### **Blake School Council Announcements**

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Save the (new) date: Blake's Silent Auction is now on **May 25**. This adults-only event will be held at Eastview Community Centre May 25 from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Organizers are still looking for donations from the community; anything from sports tickets, classes, gift certificates and other goodies. If you have something to donate, please contact Valerie at [valerielaurie@hotmail.com](mailto:valerielaurie@hotmail.com).

Blake School Council will be hosting our next movie night the evening of **April 18**. Stay tuned for more details.

You can follow other school council news on our blog <https://blakestreetparents.wordpress.com>

Have a great weekend!

*Blake School Council*