

Blake News

The Newsletter of
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It has been another busy week here at Blake Street PS. A big thank you to Ms. Weinberg, our lunchroom supervisors, and all of our staff, who so efficiently and calmly implemented our hold and secure during the lunch hour on Thursday. A hard copy note was sent home with all children yesterday afternoon, however in case you didn't see it, I have attached it for your reference. Our message continues to be how fortunate we are to live in such a wonderful, caring and vibrant community. Our school is a safe place, as is our community. In the event that last week's incident has created anxiety with you or your family, and you would like to talk with someone about this, please reach out and let your child's teacher or the office know so we can best support you.

It was wonderful to see so many of you out and about at last night's Curriculum Evening. Strong communication and relationships built on trust are the best way to support your child's school success. In the event that you missed curriculum night, or you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. The quicker we can solve a problem, the easier it is for all involved.

Terry Fox : A Canadian hero

This afternoon, all Blake and EAST students met in the gym to celebrate the life and contributions of a Canadian Hero – Terry Fox. As a school, we are investigating the guiding question: "What stories do names tell?" We asked, "What stories does the name Terry Fox tell us?" We learned he was an athlete, that he was brave and committed; he was a passionate cancer fighter, and an incredible fundraiser for cancer research. Rooms 106, 107 and 206/207 shared their in class learnings through a video, and the whole gym sang along to the Greg LaRock song "La Perseverance"

See photos below...."on course comme Terry.....Terry Fox"



Global Climate Strike



A number of our families went down to the rally at Queen's Park this afternoon (see photo on left), while others chose to stay and rally outside of the school after our Terry Fox Walk. They walked down Jones to Riverdale Collegiate, where they raised their signs, and received much support (in the form of honks) from cars passing by. (see the photo below)



Cross Country News

Attention Blake Cross-Country families!

The team needs your help. We are looking for parent volunteers to help supervise the runners on the morning of Friday, October 4th. We require volunteers for each grade as well as a few volunteer course marshals to work with the race convenors. Please email Mme. Morton roz.morton@tdsb.on.ca if you are interested and available. Thank you!

Science Centre is Free this Weekend

The Ontario Science Centre is celebrating its 50th birthday, and to honour the occasion, **admission will be free all weekend**

Basketball After School

A reminder about the procedures we developed last spring about after school basketball; as a result of the placement of the basketball court in close proximity to our pick up locations after school, students are asked to limit their play to the tri pod hoops, and to not play at the basketball court until the crowd for pick up has dispersed (no later than 3:35). We thank you for your cooperation in helping us limit the number of accidental injuries to parents and children at pick up time.

Claude Watson School of the Arts

Interested in the ARTS?

Dance • Drama • Film • Music • Visual Arts

Claude Watson Arts Program at Earl Haig S.S. wants to meet you!

OPEN HOUSE

Students Only: Wednesday, Oct 30th 9:30-11:30 AM

Parents and Students: Thursday, Nov 7th @ 6:30 PM

www.claudewatson.ca

Upcoming Extra Curriculars

Current running extra curriculars include:

Boys and Girls Soccer: Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30

KM Club: Monday to Thursdays with primaries (grades 1-3) running am recess, juniors (grades 4-6) running pm recess

Ambassadors Club for Junior Students (grades 4-6): Monday at lunch

Advanced Uke – Mondays at Lunch – Juniors (Grades 4-6)

Girls Club: Tuesdays at lunch for grades 4-6

Cross Country Team (**invited** grade 1-6 students): Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00 am

Beginner Uke - Wednesday at lunch – (Juniors Grades 4-6)

Junior Choir: Wednesday at lunch

We Schools: Thursdays at lunch

News from Parent Council

Blake School Council Announcements

Blake School Council meets next on **Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 p.m.** in the school library. Please disregard a previously-circulated date for this meeting.

If you missed our September meeting, you can read through the minutes here.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sokPKOy1m5Bz90biQgVJjGPvRuiRAHJR/view?usp=sharing>

Looking ahead, council will meet on:
 Wednesday, Nov. 13
 Wednesday, Dec. 11

Blake School Council is still looking for a co-chair and a co-secretary to join our executive this year. This is a great way to get involved at the school! Send an email to Blakeschoolcouncil.TDSB@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day
 October 4 – OPAL PLAY DAY
 October 4 – Cross Country South qualifier at Ashbridges Bay – 8:30
 October 9 – Prologue Presentation: Vision of Turtle Island, grades 1- 6
 October 10 – Lice Check
 October 11 -PA DAY – school closed for students
 October 14: THANKSGIVING
 October 21 – PHOTO DAY
 November 4- 20: Grade 1- 6 Mural
 November 11: Remembrance Day
 November 15: Parent Teacher Interview Day
 November 20: Photo Retake Day and Sibling Photos
 November 29: SPIRIT DAY – Dress Like your Favourite Video Game Character
 December 6: PA DAY
 December 13: Prologue Presentation: Duffle Bag Theatre K - 6
 December 20: SPIRIT DAY – WHITE PARTY
 December 23 – January 3: WINTER BREAK

Should you have any questions or concerns with the content of this newsletter, or any other school related issues, please email me directly at jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca

Have a great weekend.

Jenn and Tina