

Blake News

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I am almost finished my family check-ins, and it has been a pleasure to talk with so many of you. I am so relieved to know you are all managing and keeping healthy during these difficult times. We are here to help, so please continue to reach out.

A number of technology drop offs have been made, and I know that many of you are still waiting. I am sorry for the delay in processing, and appreciate how frustrating this is. Jacki and I are working to ensure that all submissions have rightfully been received so no one goes without. This process takes a while, as the TDSB alone is attempting to process over 50 000 computers for family use.

I have also had the chance to spend a good chunk of time on Google classroom and the website links this week to see the wonderful activities your children are engaged in. A BIG thanks to our teachers for their continued efforts in making learning fun, relevant, and meaningful.

Mr. Nicolaou's class has been creating and posting messages of hope and appreciation. Here are some examples of the students' work:





Wednesday, the world celebrated the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. A HUGE thanks to the Lawson family for helping clean up our school yard.

To celebrate, I am sharing an email that Mr. Richman shared with his class. Wes Tank raps Dr. Seuss' classic children's book "The Lorax" over Dr. Dre's legendary hip hop beats.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tgMsmyenj6k>

On Wednesday, an email and a phone message were sent to all Blake families allowing you to complete a survey to access food cards. If you did not receive the email, you can access the link at: [complete the registration online](#)

If you require support completing this survey, please contact your child's teacher or reply to this email.

Today is whacky hair day. While it seems that every day for the past 6 weeks has been a whacky hair day, please check out our teacher video and enjoy. We hope this brings a smile to your faces, and please feel free to share your own photos.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WY1ZUWm2Et-Jb_qCZXRxQGTJ8pDsbXJ1/view?usp=sharing

Finally, if you have not done so, I encourage you to apply for direct funding to offset the cost of buying materials to support your children's learning, while they practice self-isolation and physical distancing. Eligible parents will receive a one-time per child payment of:

- \$200 for children aged 0 to 12
- \$250 for children or youth aged 0 to 21 with special needs

This funding can help parents with the costs of work books, educational apps, educational subscription services, movies and other tools to support learning at home. To apply, please access the link below

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-support-families>

For those of you began to observe the holy month of Ramadan yesterday, we wish you Ramadan Mubarak!

Please know that we are here to help however we can. If there is anything we can do to support you and your families, we are just an email away.

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

Be well and have a great weekend.

Jenn and Jackilyn