

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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We hope you have all enjoyed this week's focus on celebrating the Arts!!! A big thanks to Ms. Psarologos who will be working to compile these arts submissions into a video we will be sharing with you in a few weeks

### Updated School Council Meeting Date

Please note that we have decided to reschedule our last School Council meeting of the year, making it earlier than was advertised last week. Our new school council date is Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. over Zoom. If you would like to attend, please email our school council chair so he can send you an invite. He can be reached at [lanrickbennettjr@gmail.com](mailto:lanrickbennettjr@gmail.com)

### Summer School

Our elementary summer school program focus is to close the achievement and well-being gap and to continue student engagement into July. Programs for students in Grades 3 to 8 will be delivered from July 6 to 31, 2020 from 9am to 12pm.

For students registering for English summer school, learning is focused on:

- Black affirmative learning content.
- Literacy instruction to improve fluency and comprehension.
- Learn about Transformative Justice.

Remote synchronous learning will be offered. There is a possibility that learning may move from remote learning to in-class learning environments in accordance with the ongoing guidance of the Ministry of Education. Registration is online and is currently open to the public. Check out the attached poster, and access the registration form, please visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaq9ZozignIM4NXXLk5T0rWirNqj-6vzSvR8GO4I\\_4M4TIIA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaq9ZozignIM4NXXLk5T0rWirNqj-6vzSvR8GO4I_4M4TIIA/viewform)

French programs will also be available for students currently in a French Immersion or Extended French Program.. More information is available at [www.tdsb.on.ca/summer](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/summer)

**International Languages Elementary/African Heritage**

The International Languages Elementary/African Heritage Program offers language classes to students Kindergarten to Grade 8. Classes will run from July 6 to 31, 2020 from 1:30 to 4pm. A minimum of 23 students is required to open a language class. Remote synchronous learning will be offered. There is a possibility that language learning may move from remote learning to in-class learning environments in accordance with the ongoing guidance of the Ministry of Education. Registration will be online and open on Monday, May 25, 2020. More information is available on [www.ileprograms.ca](http://www.ileprograms.ca).

**Community Programs**

Adult General Interest courses will be offered in July to continue to engage with existing learners, while increasing the presence and awareness of Learn4Life programs to new learners. Courses will be offered from July 6 to 31, 2020 through a synchronous online delivery model. Registration will be available through our website at [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca).

**Adult ESL**

Adult ESL is planning to deliver a remote synchronous learning model, with whole group and small group instruction, from July 6 to July 24, 2020 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Classes will be five days a week for three weeks. We will also be implementing a modified Portfolio-Based Language Assessment program to include 1 to 2 assessments. The number of classes and levels will be based on student enrollment, interest and funding. More information is available on [www.ESLtoronto.ca](http://www.ESLtoronto.ca)

**School Access**

A number of parents have emailed requesting access to the school to pick up their child's belongings left in the building prior to the school closure. One parent /guardian will be provided with school access during the week of June 8th to 12th to pick up their child's personal belongings. To help Jacki and I prepare a schedule, we are asking parents to complete the very short survey below. Parents will receive a separate email communication on Wednesday June 3rd, explaining how to retrieve belongings, as well as a link to sign up for a time slot. Please be sure to watch out for that email.

Link to Parent School Access survey:

<https://forms.gle/uL4DToqfpMCNNWbF9>

**News from Parent Council****Silent Auction**

The Silent Auction will be held online June 16-20 and we're still looking for donations from our families and community! Please contact Valerie Laurie ([valerielaurie@hotmail.com](mailto:valerielaurie@hotmail.com)) or drop off any time at 324 Riverdale Ave.

This is our last push to raise as much money as we can to support all Parent Council initiatives for next year, so all help is very much appreciated! This has been a tough year for many of our families and next year doesn't look like it will improve much. Parent Council wants to be able to support our families with as many resources as we can gather. Now's the time to help our community! Go Blake!

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. You are now also able to leave a voice mail message on the Blake PS phone at 416-393-9415 and Ms. Scott will receive it automatically.

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](mailto:jennifer.zurba@tdsb.on.ca)

Be well and have a great weekend.

Jenn and Jacki