

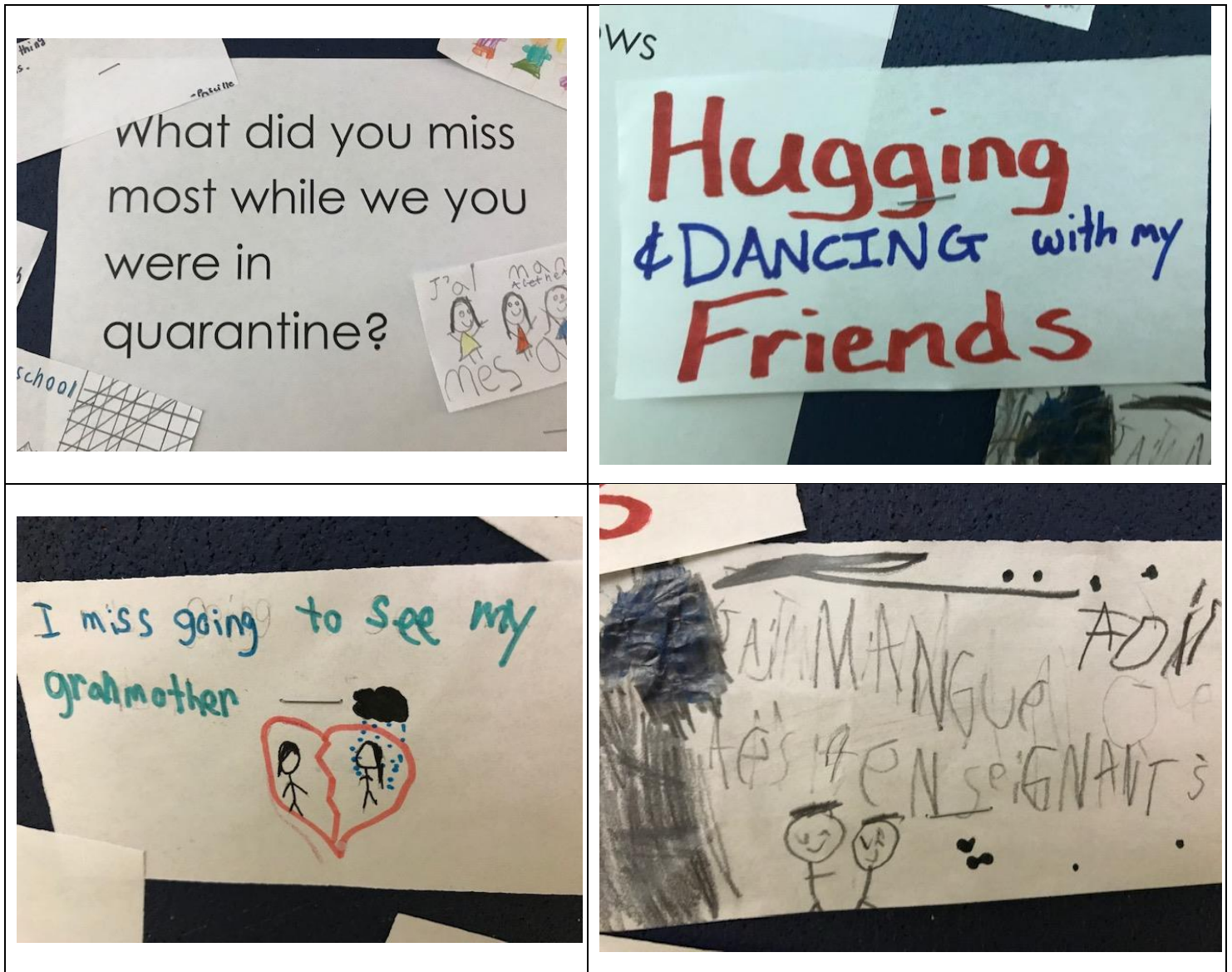
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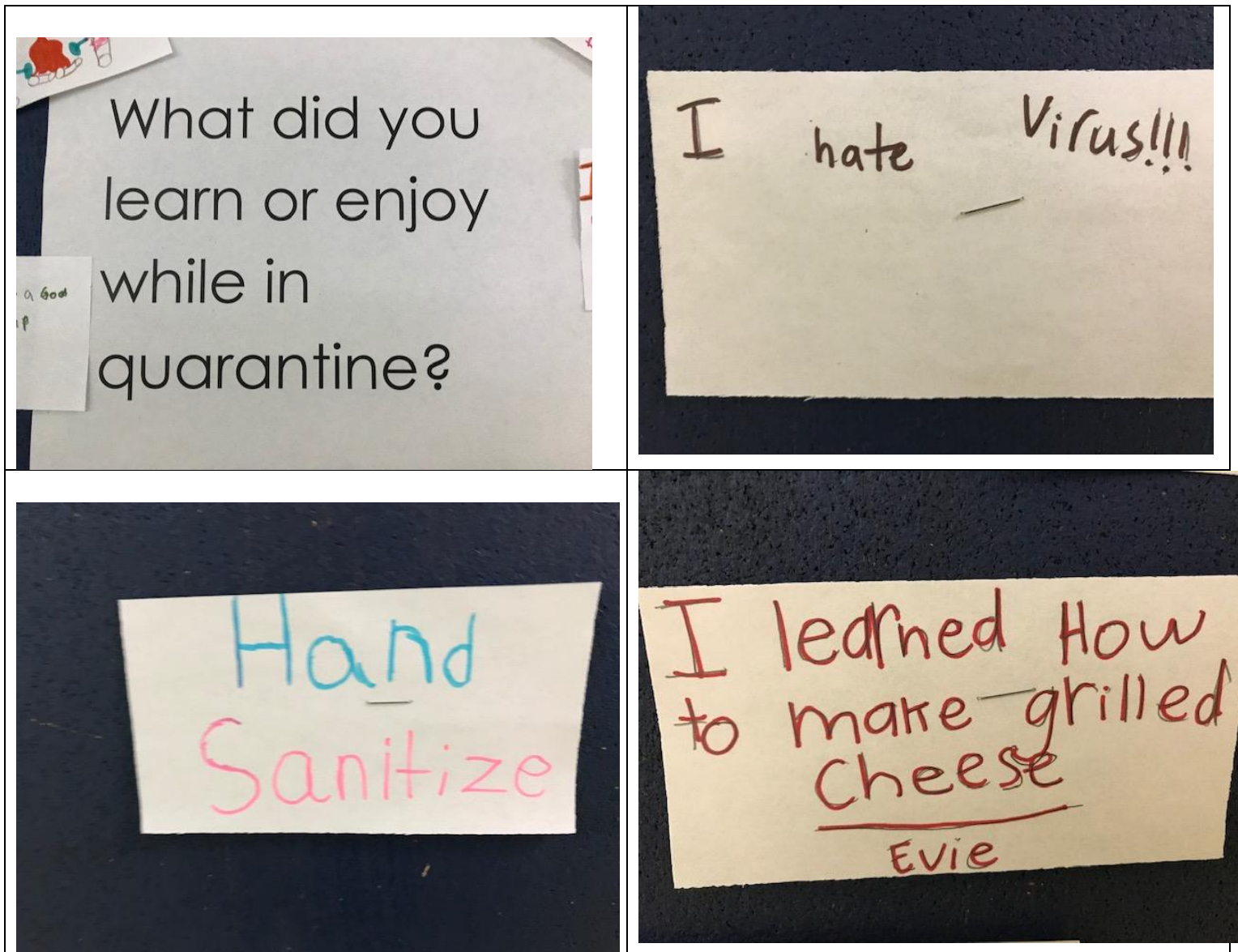
The Newsletter of
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During the first few weeks of school, students were asked to think about and reflect on the questions below as they related to Life in Quarantine. Here are their interesting answers, which have made up our latest bulletin board.





We are sooo thrilled to remind you of our upcoming annual clothing swap. This is a swap, so you donate what no longer is needed or fits (deadline was Friday) and then whether you donated or not, you can attend the swap on Tuesday and take what you now need. This is a wonderful initiative that helps to make sure our families and students have appropriate winter clothing, while also limiting waste in our land fill. We hope to see you on Tuesday. Please see more details below under the School Council section. Please note that this year's event has been coordinated with the support of Toronto Public Health and meets all necessary guidelines.

A number of parents have asked how and when they will be informed of a positive case of COVID-19 within our school building. It is understandable that parents, students and staff all have an interest in knowing when a COVID-19 positive case has been identified in their school.

Students or staff members may withdraw from school if a family or household member has a confirmed case of COVID-19 but information will not be posted in these instances.

In the interests of privacy, information provided to school communities will not identify the student or staff member that has received a positive COVID-19 test.

A cohort associated with a positive case will immediately be sent home to self-isolate for 14 days. Because it is important to act quickly, we will not wait to hear back from TPH about which classes we are to send home. This may mean that initially, more students are sent home than necessary, and TPH may tell us that certain students / staff can return earlier than originally stated. However, we believe that it is important to be cautious.

If public health advises that a class, cohort or a school should be closed for a period of time, parents, students and staff will be notified immediately after the school receives notification from TPH.

To summarize, **parents and guardians will be notified** of a confirmed case within the school. **Parents and guardians will NOT be notified** of a case when a student and/or staff are self-isolating at home as mandated by TPH because they are deemed to have been in close contact with a positive case.

We remain vigilant in our mask wearing protocols and our hand hygiene routines.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jenn and Jacki

Notes and Updates from Parent Council

Annual Clothing Swap

October 20th from 9:30am-4pm (rain date October 21st)

Entry is in the backyard where the Kindergarten Playground is – at Kiswick Street.

Exit at Main entrance of school on Boulton. **Please refer to map – Blue arrow.**

Please wear a mask at all times – absolutely no entry without mask.

You will be asked to leave your name and phone number at the entry for tracing according to Public Health guidelines. Paperwork will be stored for 30 days and then destroyed.

You will be asked to use sanitizer upon entry.

No access to the school building, no toilet access.

You will have a 10 min window to “shop”. You can enter as many times as you want but you must exit after 10 mins and go back to the end of the line.

Please bring your own bags and make sure you wash the clothes on hot before using them.

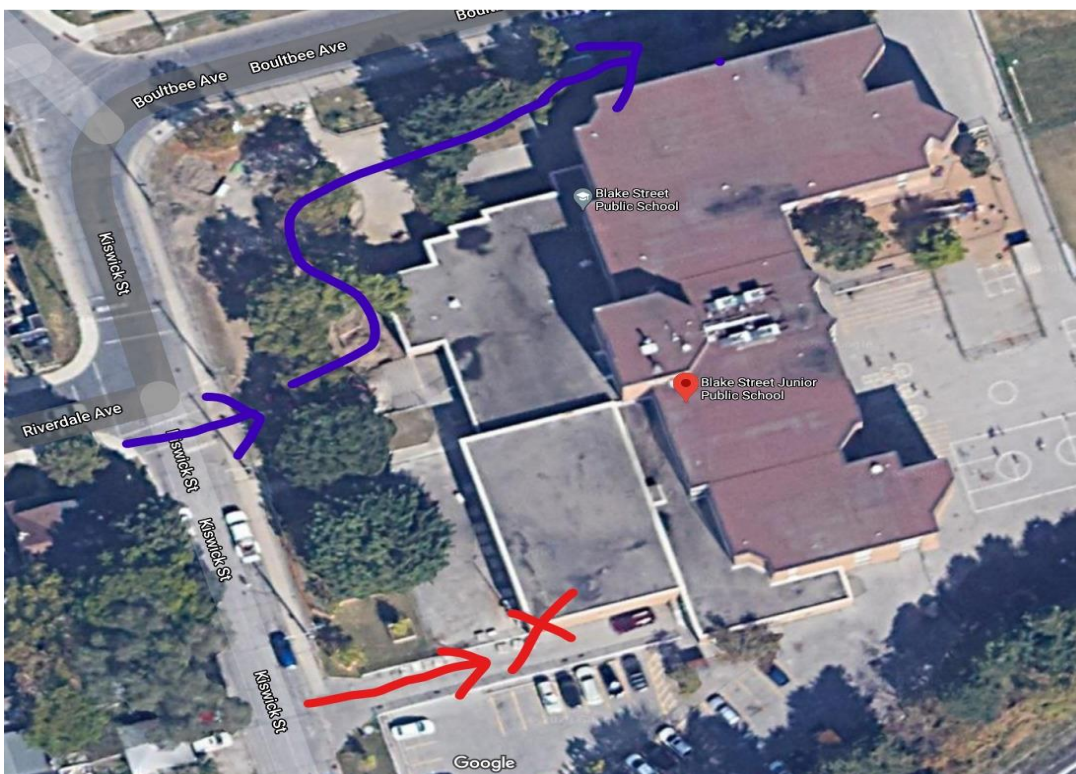
Looking for volunteers:

Sorting - Monday 19th

Swap - Tuesday 20th

Cleanup - Wednesday 21st (bagging & driving to value village)

Please email me at nora.schramek@gmx.com



WE NEED YOU!

Blake School Council and Blake events are only as good as its volunteers! Whether you are able to attend Council meetings or not, there's a place for everyone to help out. Please read through the committee descriptions below and sign up for any that you feel you can lend a hand to. If there is one that stands out as being one you'd like to take the lead on, please select the "I'd Like to Chair this committee option". Some committees will run all year while some are more of a shorter term commitment. If you think we have missed an opportunity to create a committee, please provide your feedback at the end of the survey.

[Committee Descriptions 2020-2021](#)

[Committee Sign Up Survey 2020-2021](#)

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School Council Co-Chair
Blake Street Junior Public School

Virtual Schools**Virtual Swap**

Blake has started its very own virtual clothing swap. Please go to Facebook and join. Everyone is welcome. Search: Blake Street PS Virtual Swap.