

# Blake News

The Newsletter of  
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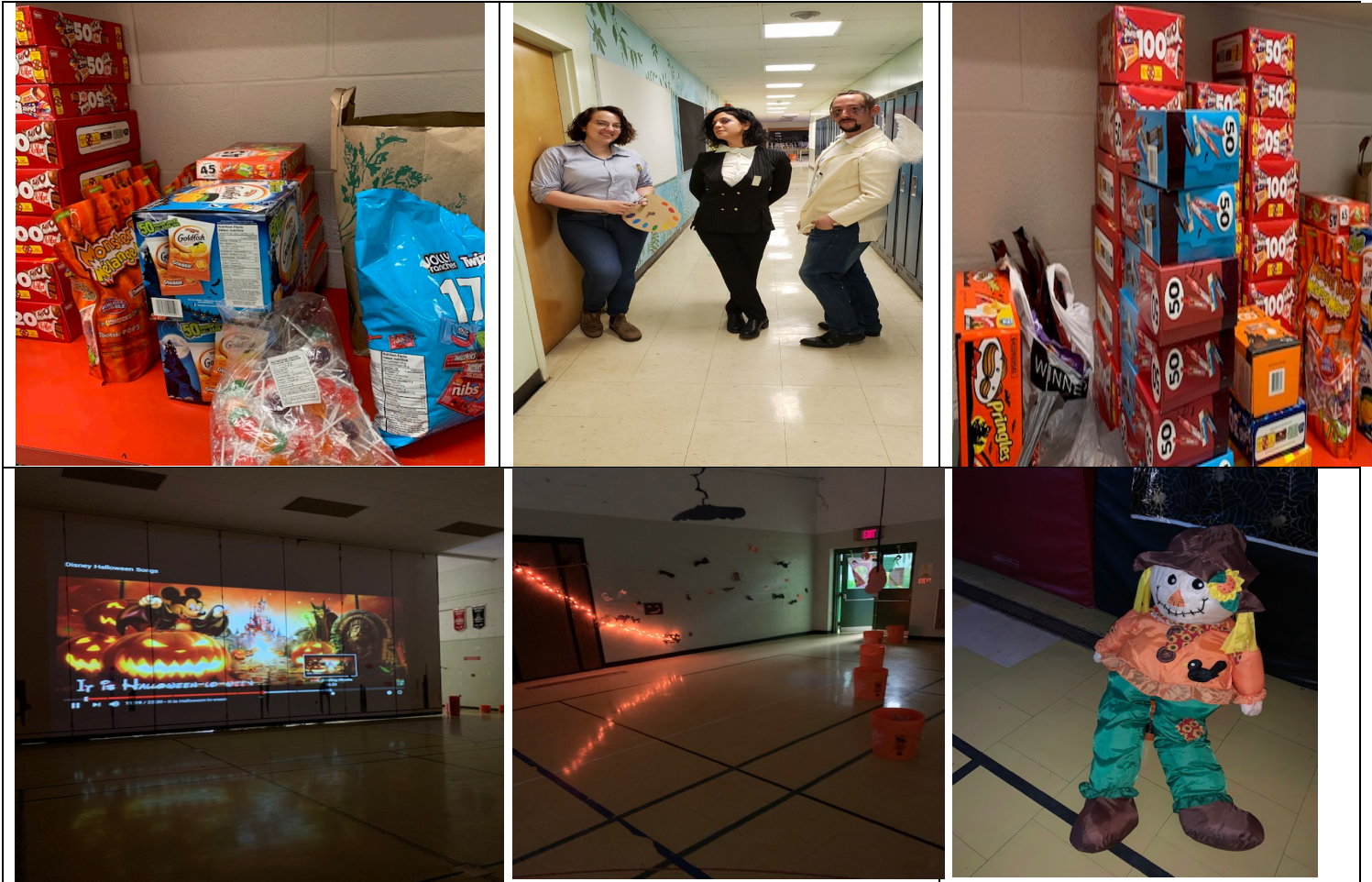


## Halloween Celebrations

Even a worldwide pandemic could not squash our Halloween fun. All classes participated, one at a time, in our Blake Street parade route, posing for individual and class photos, and trick or treating as they went. It was a wonderful and lighthearted day. Thank you to our very generous family donations, we received more than 5000 pieces of candy that we were able to divide up and pass out to the children. Thank you for making our community the wonderful place it is! Enjoy some of the photos below. A slideshow of student photos will be shared next week...







**Early French Immersion**

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's [Early French Immersion](#) Program (begins in Senior Kindergarten), we offer an online process to apply. [Attached](#) please find an important information package.

To apply for the Early French Immersion Program (SK entry) for September 2021 , applications must be completed online between [November 2 and November 27, 2020](#).

An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window.

Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in the same French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the "sibling option" within the online application.

For more information about the Early French Immersion (SK) application process, please join us for a [Virtual Information Session](#) on one of the following dates:

- November 2, 2020, 7 p.m.
- November 12, 2020, 7 p.m.
- November 19, 2020, 10 a.m.

In order to participate in a live scheduled webchat, please visit the web page below and a link will be available to join on the dates/times outlined above.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions>

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit [www.tdsb.on.ca/french](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/french).

For additional inquiries, please contact:

- Centrally Assigned Principal, Angela Caccamo at [angela.caccamo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:angela.caccamo@tdsb.on.ca)
- FSL Program Coordinator, Kirsten Johnston at [kirsten.johnston@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:kirsten.johnston@tdsb.on.ca)

**Individual Education Plans**

For students requiring extra support, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) were sent home earlier this week. An IEP is a written plan describing the special education program and/or services developed for a particular student. It outlines any accommodations and special education services needed to assist the students in achieving his or her learning expectations. It may also identify specific, measurable learning expectations that are modified from or alternative to the expectations given in the curriculum policy documents for the grade level subject or course. Ontario Regulation 181/98 governs the development of IEPs.

The IEP must be developed in consultation with parents. It must include:

- Accommodations – strategies and supports that differ from what is normally provided during instruction
- Appropriately specific and measurable educational expectations
- An outline of the special education program and services that will be received
- A statement about the methods for reviewing your child's progress
- A personalized transition plan with specific goals and actions that build on students strengths, needs and required supports. If a student does not need a transition plan, the plan will state that no action is required. The IEP must be completed within 30 school days after a child has been placed in a special education program and the principal must ensure that parents receive a copy of it. An IEP can also be developed for students who have not been formally identified as exceptional but who require special education programs and or services

**Pick Up and Drop Offs**

While we have begun to settle into this new normal, please note that our previously shared pick up and drop off procedures remain the same. The only parents/guardians allowed on the pavement area by Door 5 are kindergarten parents of students in Room 100. Otherwise, all other students are to be picked up on the field (grades 1 – 3), or picked up at a pre-determined location off school property. Your help in this matter is required.

**Virtual Schools**

The next date for switching between virtual or in-school learning is in January 2021.

**Food Drive to Support Eastview**

Dear parents and guardians, Blake is having a food drive to help those in need. All the donations go to the Emergency Eastview food bank. There is a bin in the front of the office for donations or your child can bring it down to the bin when they have time. Only donate non-perishable food (e.g. canned goods, cereal, rice, dry beans and pasta). We appreciate hygiene products but we will only be accepting non-perishable food. We hope you can donate some food for those in need.



<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/eastview-neighbourhood-community-centre/>

Thanks so much for your support!!!

**Claude Watson School of the Arts**

Please be advised that Claude Watson, will be hosting our annual open house virtually this year.

**Date: Thursday, Nov. 12.**

**6:00 pm Drama & Music**

**7:00 pm Dance, Film & Visual Arts**

Here is the CW Open House link for Thursday, November 12th

<https://forms.gle/yoFXmd8jE6eLwu4k6>

## **Updates from Toronto Public Health**

### **Low Barrier Covid Testing**

To better serve vulnerable members of our community, Michael Garron Hospital is making same day COVID-19 testing appointments available at the 825 Coxwell Assessment Centre for people with barriers to booking online.

#### **Eligibility**

- The patient says they do not have easy access to the internet

#### **AND**

- The patient meets current testing criteria

*Note: All residents of homeless shelters and long-term care homes are eligible for testing, regardless of whether they have any symptoms of COVID-19.*

*The most up to date testing criteria can always be found at [ONTARIO.CA/COVIDTEST](https://ontario.ca/covidtest)*

### **Access**

Individuals should identify themselves to the screener as wanting a “low-barrier appointment,” or disclose they don't have internet access. They will likely be accommodated immediately, but may be given a time to come back same day.

Individuals seeking testing should bring their health card, but it is not required.

### **Toronto Public Health Launches Online Booking for Flu Vaccine Clinics**

Toronto Public Health (TPH) is launching the annual online flu vaccine booking system to help residents schedule their appointments for TPH's annual flu vaccine clinics. [Flu clinic appointments can be booked online](#). Flu shots are also available through doctors' offices and at participating pharmacies. More information is available online at [toronto.ca/flu](https://toronto.ca/flu).

## **Updates from our Community Support Worker**

### **Home Work Help Club - Virtual Learning for Newcomer Kids Ages 6 - 12**

Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services is offering Zoom Homework help anywhere in the city of Toronto for kids ages 6-12 on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Email Cheyenne to **register**:

[cchedid@polycultural.org](mailto:cchedid@polycultural.org). [Flyer](#)

### **For Newcomer Youth**

- [L.I.T Leaders in Training Oct 12 - Dec 28, 2020 \(Mondays\): 4 - 6 pm](#)
- [Youth Pet Therapy & Comfort by National Collaboration for Youth Mental Health Aug to Sep 2020 - Select a date works for you](#)
- [Challenging Islamophobia and racism through the arts - For High school students - New !](#)
- [Life of Hope Foundation FREE Tutoring Programs - Grade 9-12](#)
- [Newcomer Youth Green Economy Project for Newcomer Youth in the GTA](#)
- [Youth Job Connection Online program - Paid Training and Work Placement for Youth \(29 or under\) - New !](#)
- [Youth leadership and Empowerment Forum Oct 30, 2020](#)
- [Youth Possibilities Project \(YPP\) - Skill Building & Employment Support program for Under 30 Yrs New program starts in Nov 2020 - New !](#)

### **Employment**

- [Employment Skills for CNC & Precision Machining Program Begins in Fall 2020](#)
- [Entrepreneurship Connections - Next Programs Nov 2 - 27, 2020](#)
- [Trades & Pre-Apprenticeship - Horticulture Technician Pre-Apprenticeship Program](#)

### **Job Fair**

- [College / University Virtual JobExpo Career Fair Toronto Qampus.co Nov 6, Dec 4, 2020](#)
- [Toronto Senior Companion Job Fair Nov 11 & Dec 9, 2020](#)
- **For more job fairs, please visit:** <https://www.eventbrite.ca/d/canada--toronto/jobs-fair/>

### **Job Posting**



- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Officer (ED & I Officer) Deadline Oct 30, 2020- New !
- Executive Director at TESL Ontario Deadline Nov 06, 2020 - New !
- Housing Counselor at THHC Deadline Oct 30, 2020

### **Language Programs from Woodgreen Employment Services for Newcomer Families**

2 training programs offered by Woodgreen Employment Services.

- ELT Training - Finance & Accounting Oct 19 - Dec 18; Office Admin & Customer Services Nov 21, 2020 - Mar 25, 2021
- ELT Programs - Accounting & Financial Services, Engineering Start dates Oct 19, 21, 2020 - Updated !

### **Applications for Community Advisory Panel for the Race-Based Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting Policy**

The Toronto Police Service would like to invite members of the public to apply for one of 12 positions on its Community Advisory Panel for the Race-Based Data (RBD) Collection, Analysis and Reporting Policy. Interested applicants can apply online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TPSCAP>. The application process will close on October 30, 2020.

For more information about the Race-Based Data (RBD) Collection, Analysis and Reporting, including [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about the Community Advisory Panel, please visit: <https://www.torontopolice.on.ca/race-based-data/>.

### **Kids Help Phone Resource**

Kids Help Phone is a wonderful resource and they have recently added some additional supports for students around COVID-19, please check it out at <https://kidshelpphone.ca/>

**A reminder that our clocks fall back Saturday night, and we get one extra hour of sleep.** Have a wonderful weekend.

Jenn and Jacki

### **Notes and Updates from Parent Council**

#### **Sign-up!**

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help out with School Council initiatives. We still have a need for more people. Please click on the link below to see how you can support Blake.

We are especially still looking for people to help out with Communications, Raffle, Virtual Wellness Night, and Silent Auction.

<https://forms.gle/MejVxwhgDMqk933JA>

#### **Bottle Drive**



We had such a successful Bottle Drive last spring, we thought we'd do it again!

Save your beer, liquor and wine empties!

Volunteers will be collecting November 2-6th. If you have any questions, you can email [klthompson@yahoo.com](mailto:klthompson@yahoo.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

The next Parent Council Meeting will be November 17th  
Time: Nov 17, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/92871424520?pwd=YIZyU3ZVcURwYzdBTfFpFaWVSSWdiQT09>

Meeting ID: 928 7142 4520

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