

PRINCIPAL: Z. VALERIO

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 22– Lunar New Year

Feb. 1– Black Canadian 365 virtual performance for K-5

Feb.10– Grade 5 “Grad” photos

Feb.14– Valentine’s pancake breakfast K-5

Feb.15– Report Cards sent home

Feb.16– Parent/Teacher Interviews, 4-7pm

Feb. 17– Parent/Teacher Interviews, 9-11am, No School-PA Day

Feb. 20– No School/ Family Day

Mar. 7- “In the Zone” Character Assembly by Duane Gibson, K-5

Mar. 13-17– March Break

Bladyon Public School



JANUARY 2023

Principal's Message

Happy New Year to our Blaydon community! I hope that 2023 will be filled with health and happiness for all of our families.

Students will be bringing home their *Provincial Report card* or their *Kindergarten Communication of Learning* report on February 15th. Parents are encouraged to attend the Parent/Teacher Interviews to review your child’s progress and discuss next steps in your child’s learning on February 16th in the evening or February 17th in the morning.

How is your child progressing in the different curriculum areas? Is he or she reading at the grade level? How are your child’s learning skills? What are your child’s learning strengths and what areas does he/she need to improve on? These are some of the questions that you want to find answers for through the *Provincial Report Card* and during your *Parent/Teacher Conference*. We look forward to meeting with all of our parents!

We still have several food bags with non-perishable items available. Please stop by the office to pick one up.

Also, our clothing exchange is taking place during the week of January 16th. Please stop by the front hall before and after school to take a look.

-Z. Valerio

JANUARY IS

**TAMIL HERITAGE
MONTH AND
LUNAR NEW YEAR**



Tamil Heritage Month

Toronto has the largest Tamil population outside of the South Asian subcontinent with thousands of TDSB students and staff members heritage identified as Tamil. The importance of building awareness, creating a strong self identity and understanding one’s own roots and rights are important objectives of the Tamil Heritage Month volunteer planning committee. This year’s theme is: Community. Belonging. Joy.



Safe Arrival Program

If your child will be absent, please call the school at 416-395-2070 and leave a message with your child’s name, classroom and reason for absence.

This voice message system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Kindergarten Registration Starts in February

Registration for all TDSB Kindergarten programs begins in February. We look forward to welcoming you and your child! Children who will be four by December 31, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2023. Register online using the Online Registration System. Click here for more information and to register online: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/.KindergartenMonth>.



TDSB Virtual

Library

The TDSB Virtual Library is a great resource for parents and students where you can find many research materials, online books and games: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/library>.

Winter Recess Times

Elementary school students are kept indoors for recess and lunch times for a number of weather conditions such as rain, lightning in the area, extreme winds and extreme cold. When temperature and wind chill measure -28°C or lower, students are kept indoors. However, recesses and the lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between -28°C and -20°C ; recesses for 10 minutes and lunch recess for 20 minutes. Please make sure your child is dressed for the winter weather. Students need to wear extra layers of clothing, boots, hats, mitts and scarves. Bring extra socks in case your feet get wet. Keep in mind that our students love to play outside in the snow building forts and snow creations!



COVID Information

TDSB emailed to all parents a letter from Toronto Public Health regarding health and safety measures as we return to school. Please take time to read the letter thoroughly. Here are a few reminder points:

Your child is encouraged to:

- ☑ **Stay home when sick** to prevent the spread of infections.
- ☑ **Complete the TPH School Screening Tool or Provincial School Screening Tool** each day before arriving at school. Translated resources will be available.
- ☑ **Clean their hands often and cover their cough.**
- ☑ **Stay up-to-date on vaccinations:**
- ☑ **Masking:** Masking is highly recommended to be worn indoors.

BLAYDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Superintendent: Domenic Giorgi

Trustee of Education: Alexandra Lulka

School Council Chairs: Genevieve Keats & Ashley Flarity



Blaydon Wins the Volleyball Tournament

Blaydon's Co-ed Junior volleyball team played to win during December's tournament against two schools. We demonstrated skill, enthusiasm, sportsmanship and collaboration. Congratulations on winning first place at the tournament! Thank-you to our coaches who supported our students through practices and games.



Winter Treat & Sing-a-long Fun!

Blaydon kicked off the winter break with a fun sing-a-long! It's great to be able to enjoy time together again. Students also enjoyed hot chocolate and a cookie treat organized by our parent volunteers. Thank-you to our parents!

