

PRINCIPAL: Z. VALERIO

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 18– Pizza Day
- Jan. 19– PA Day/No School
- Jan. 26– Gr. 1-3 ROM Trip
- Feb.9– Grade 5 “Grad” photos
- Feb.10– Lunar New Year
- Feb.14– Valentine’s pancake breakfast K-5  
-report cards sent home
- Feb.15– Parent/Teacher Interviews, 4-7pm
- Feb.16– Parent/Teacher Interviews, 9-11am, No School-PA Day
- Feb. 19– No School/ Family Day
- Feb.29– Black History Assembly
- Mar.8– Holi
- Mar. 11-15– March Break
- Mar.29/Apr.1– Easter, No School

# Bladyon Public School



JANUARY 2024

## Principal's Message

Happy New Year to our Blaydon community! Blaydon staff hope that 2024 will be filled with health and happiness for all of our families.

The annual Parent Conference is taking place on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Secondary School. The conference is a great way to connect with parents across TDSB, and to participate in various workshops. Here is a link for more information: [www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences](http://www.torontopiac.com/whats-happening/conferences) and here is the [conference flyer](#).

Are you looking for homework help for your child? Support is available for elementary students through Brainfuse in all subject areas and grades. Brainfuse can help with enrichment activities, daily homework and is available every day of the week on demand. If you're interested you can sign up for tutoring support at [www.brainfuse.com](http://www.brainfuse.com).

Thank-you to our school council for organizing a fun afternoon of winter crafts and hot chocolate before the winter break! The gingerbread house contest was especially fun!

-Z. Valerio, Principal



### JANUARY IS

### TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH



### 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.

### Tamil Heritage Month

Tamil Heritage Month is proudly recognized during January at the TDSB. This year, the theme is *Our Memories, Our Truths, Our Paths Forward: A Mosaic of Tamil Identity*. The theme is a reminder to pause and reflect on our memories and narratives, to consider how they shape us individually, and to look at ways that we can come together to honour and celebrate our individuality while moving forward with our collective humanity in mind. [To learn more, visit the Tamil heritage month webpage.](#)

## 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, 2024 can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2024. Register online using the Online Registration System. Click here for more information and to register online: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/Kinder-gartenMonth>.



## 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>.

## Junior Dance Workshop

Junior classes enjoyed engaging in a dance workshop last fall organized by Mr. Mayne. It's exciting for students to experience different dance genres and learn about their hidden talents.



## 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  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  or lower, students are kept indoors. However, recesses and the lunch hour may be shortened if the temperature and wind chill reading is between  $-28^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; 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!



## BLAYDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### Blaydon Wins the Volleyball Tournament Second Year in a Row!

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!

The winter sing-a-long was incredibly fun as students participated in various songs, dances and performances. Thank-you to all of the parents/caregivers who were able to join us in our annual school community sing-a-long!

