

PRINCIPAL: Z. VALERIO

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Mar. 8- Girls's Volleyball Tournament @ Brookhaven

Mar. 9- Pizza Lunch

Mar. 13-17- March Break

Mar. 22- School Council Coffee Time @ 9:30am-all parents welcome

Mar. 23- Pizza Lunch

Mar.24- Grades 1-3 @ Science Centre

Mar. 29- Wellness Wednesday, Grades 1-5 PM

Apr.5-Passover Begins

Apr.7- Good Friday/No School

Apr.10- Easter Monday/No School

Apr. 13- Pink Shirt Day

Apr. 22- Eid al-Fitr/Earth

Apr. 28- Latin@/Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly-PM

Bladyon Public School



MARCH 2023

Principal's Message

Thank-you to all parents and guardians who took time to meet with your child's teacher for the recent Parent/Teacher conferences regarding the February Report Card. We are half way through the year and have many goals still to achieve! We continuously value your support as we **together** strive to help each child reach their potential in learning this year.

Mental health and well-being is a priority focus for TDSB and at Blaydon PS. *The Caring, Safe and Accepting School Committee* is working hard to provide strategies and supports for our students throughout the school year. Here is a TDSB resource that parents and caregivers may find useful at home: [Updated MH Action Toolkit- Parents, Caregivers and Guardians.pdf](#).

To support our students' well-being, we will be beginning **Wellness Wednesdays** on the last Wednesday of the month for students in Grades 1-5. Teachers will be organizing fun workshops, (ie: cooking, painting, crafts, karaoke, etc), that students will be able to sign up for. This will be an opportunity for students to learn new activities, meet different teachers and students and learn strategies to support their well-being.

Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:30am in the Library/Learning Commons. We will have a "coffee time" gathering where we can share some school updates and hear from our Community Support Worker, Colleen Huggins. All parents are welcome!

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable March Break.

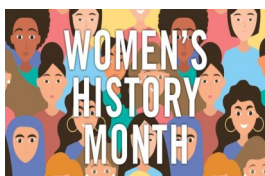
-Z. Valerio

MARCH IS

**GREEK HERITAGE
MONTH AND**

WOMEN'S

HISTORY MONTH



March is Greek Heritage Month at the TDSB

The Toronto District School Board is proud to recognize Greek Heritage Month (GHM) during the month of March. During the month of March, several activities will be shared to mark GHM. This year's theme is based on TDSB's priorities: **Joy, Engagement, Belonging.**



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.

Programs at Downsview Public Library

There are great programs taking place at **Downsview Public Library** including some during the March Break. Take a look at this link for more information: <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/downsview/>. This location also includes an Early Literacy Centre and a Borrow a Musical Instrument service. There are many ongoing programs and special events:

- Wonderphil Magic Show
- Dog Man Mania
- Mario Kart Tournament
- Sphero Funday.



Students learning how to code with Ms. Frenjjan, our Digital Lead Teacher.

Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast



Thank-you to our School Council and parent volunteers for organizing the fun breakfast for our students who LOVED coming together. Thank-you Ms. Palmieri and Ms. D'Andrea for flipping endless number of pancakes!

EQAO Parent Information

The grade 3 students will be participating in EQAO testing between May 10- June 14th this school year. Parents of Grade 3 students can register for live Webinars from EQAO at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/eqao-webinar-for-parents-and-guardians-of-elementary-school-students-registration-451955981507>.

For more information, please visit <https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/primary-division/>.



Ms. Jamil will host a virtual information session for her grade 3 parents on Thursday, March 30th at 6pm. A google meet link will be shared.

BLAYDON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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 Trustee of Education: Alexandra Lulka
 School Council Chairs: Genevieve Keats & Ashley Flarity



Celebrating Lunar New Year & Black History Month

Teachers created meaningful learning experiences for all students to participate in our library in January for Lunar New Year and February for Black History Month.



Our Black History assembly was a fantastic celebration of students' learning about TDSB's theme: **Black Joy**, through song, poetry and dance.

