



# BLYTHWOOD JPS

Principal: Mrs. R. Barone-Pace  
Superintendent: Mr. Roni Felsen

School Office: 416.393-9105  
Trustee: Rachel Chernos-Lin  
October 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



We have had a wonderful start to our new school year. Students have settled into classroom and school routines and are working diligently. It is my greatest pleasure to hear the wonderful classroom discussions that take place and to see all the beautiful student work displays in our hallways. Thank you to staff for all their hard work and dedication to our students.

Thank you for attending our Curriculum Night held on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you found it to be both an informative session and a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher. If you were unable to attend and have questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

I am very pleased to welcome back, Mr. Markotic. He will be our ESL teacher in the morning.

At the start of the school year, all families received a copy of the Parent Handbook. It outlines important information. Please contact your child's teacher and/or the office if you did not receive one.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parent volunteers for organizing our welcome back breakfast for new families, our Pizza Lunch and Hot Lunch. We look forward to the Welcome Back BBQ on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Your countless efforts and time dedicated to Blythwood is very much appreciated and most welcome.

October will prove to be another busy month here at Blythwood JPS. We wish our Cross-Country team the best of luck at our cross-country meet on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Earl Bales Park. We will also have our boys and girls' soccer teams and football teams that will be competing this month. Thank you to Ms. Ugolini and Mr. Haywood for coaching and all parent volunteers for assisting. We wish them great luck! Go Bulldogs!

We are very fortunate to be hosting a number of teacher candidates and early childhood educators in

some of our classrooms. They are a most welcome addition to our learning community.

On behalf of the staff of Blythwood JPS staff, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We wish you a wonderful celebration with family and friends. Please note that Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> is a P.A. Day, there will be no school for students and the school will be closed on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Monday.

Regards,  
**Mrs. Barone-Pace**

### BLYTHWOOD GOOGLE WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating our school website. Please visit our web site and stay connected with what is going on at our school at:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/blythwood/>

### BLYTHWOOD GOOGLE CALENDAR

Please use the google calendar to keep yourself informed of upcoming events.

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tdsb.on.ca\\_5b4gdr1s35d2l615lde8dji4gc%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FToronto](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tdsb.on.ca_5b4gdr1s35d2l615lde8dji4gc%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FToronto)

### VOLUNTEER FORM- VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECKS (VSS)

Please be reminded that all parent volunteers must complete a VSS before permission may be given to volunteer for school events. Toronto Police Services has moved its Vulnerable Sector Checks (VSS) application online. This will expedite the process of onboarding new staff.

The TDSB has been given a unique code that applicants will be required to use when filling out their application. [A step-by-step process is available online as a PDF.](#) All applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online. If you require any additional information, please email the Police Reference Check Office at [PoliceReferenceCheckOffice@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:PoliceReferenceCheckOffice@tdsb.on.ca)

**For everyone that has already obtained a VSS, please complete your annual Offence Declaration Form. I**

have attached a copy for your convenience. This form must be returned to the school asap.

### EQAO Results

As a staff, we are proud of the performance of our students, and we will strive to continue to improve the results for this upcoming school year. Our results are as follows in terms of percentage of students achieving levels 3 and 4:

Grade 3 Reading – 94.8%

Grade 3 Writing – 94.8%

Grade 3 Mathematics – 95.1%

Grade 6 Reading – 95.4%

Grade 6 Writing – 95.3%

Grade 6 Mathematics – 95.3%

### WATER BOTTLES AND UTENSILS

Students must remember to bring their water bottles and utensils for lunch. The school will not be providing water cups and utensils on a regular basis. We appreciate that students may occasionally require these items however, we have students asking for these items daily. We ask that you please ensure that your child have all necessary item for the day.

## SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### TERRY FOX RUN



Our students participated in the annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

To date Blythwood raised \$2835.00!



### CHARACTER EDUCATION



The virtue for the month of September was Respect.

Our character education assembly was held on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr.

Carnide and Ms. Brown's classes organized the assembly with a focus on the Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Students reflected on the upon the

experiences and history of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities in Canada.



The virtue of the month for October is **Responsibility**.

## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

**Ms. Katyal's Grade 2s**-While focusing on the concept of



Belonging, Mrs. Katyal's Grade 2 students were asked to bring in 3 items that best describe each child's interests and/or skills. Here is a glimpse of what every student brought in.

**Mr. Zamora's Kindergartens**- Room 3 students are



learning about the letter Bb and counting using a Bee theme. We learned about the life cycle of the bee, counting 1 to 5, reading poems



about bees, creating bee art, and writing our numbers. We are busy as a bee!



**Ms. Brown's Grade 5/6 Class**- The students further developing their math skills by playing a math game ("Make 10" War).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WELCOME BACK BBQ**- Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

All BBQ orders can be purchased on Cash Online, until Sunday evening. Cash online link:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

If you would like to volunteer for the BBQ, please sign up using this link: [Click Here to Sign Up](#).

**Teacher Appreciation Day**- Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**PHOTO DAY-** Our Photo Day will be on **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**



## UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

This month we have students that will be competing Cross Country, Soccer and Football. Please refer to the Blythwood school calendar for competition dates and practices. A huge thank you to Ms.

Ugolini and Mr. Haywood for coaching our cross-country team. Mr. Haywood is coaching both our soccer and football teams. Please direct any questions to him. Below is the link to our Blythwood school calendar.

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tds.b.on.ca\\_5b4gdr1s35d2l615lde8dji4gc%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FToronto](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=tds.b.on.ca_5b4gdr1s35d2l615lde8dji4gc%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FToronto) .

Attached is also the October calendar with practice times and dates.

October						
SPORTS CALENDAR FOR SOCCER, FOOTBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY						
2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AV-BS & B6 XC PMA-GS	2 AM-BF PMA-GF	3 AV-BS & B6 XC PMA-GS & B7S	4 XC Qualifiers @ Earl Bain Park	5 PA Day - No practices	
8 Thanksgiving	9 Dns @ Northier	10 AV-GF & XC PMA-GF	11 AM-BF PMA-GF	12 AV-BS @Mire Valley MS qualifying Tournament	13	14
15 AV-GF PMA-GS	16 AM-BF PMA-GF	17 XC CONFERENCE FINALS @EARL BAIN PARK	18 GF Qualifying Tournament @ Earlston Park	19 BF Qualifying Tournament @ CH REST	20	21
22 ES & BSS GS CONFERENCE FINALS @ TSD	23	24	25 ES & BSS GS City Championship @ Meadow Park	26	27 BF/GF CONFERENCE FINALS	28
29 BF/GF CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS @ MCHAMOUNT	30	31				
LEGEND AM practices 8:00 a.m. PMA practices 4:45 a.m.	BS= boys soccer grade 5 BSS= boys soccer grade 6 GS= girls soccer	BF= boys' football GF= girls' football XC= cross country				

## HALLOWEEN



Each year, Halloween is marked in a variety of ways in school communities across the TDSB. Students can

choose whether to participate in Halloween related activities.

As we prepare for this day, there are often questions and concerns about Halloween costumes. **To support safe, welcoming, and dynamic learning spaces, we ask that you be reminded of cultural appropriation, stereotypes, and caricature. We remind students and staff that certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community.**

Additionally, school communities are reminded that it is important to be aware of the potential negative and triggering impact violent images and/or scenarios can have on students and families with varying lived experiences and backgrounds.

We ask our Blythwood community to ensure that costumes are appropriate. Any forms of weapons are not allowed at Blythwood. **Please do not send individual treats with your child to share with his/her classmates.** Blythwood is an allergen aware school and NUT free. We have many students with allergies and dietary restrictions.

## HALLOWEEN CLASS EVENTS



Class Parent Representatives may work with the classroom teacher on organizing some exciting and fun events, including possible class parties. Please ensure that student safety is always considered when planning a classroom party. Again, many of our students have allergies and dietary restrictions. It is very important that all students' needs are taken into consideration to ensure belonging and participation. **Please work directly with the classroom teacher as he/she knows their students best. Please DO NOT drop off food at the office to be refrigerated for any class parties.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

On Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be having our Halloween Parade. The parade will take place **outdoors**, around our school building. Students will parade outside, around the front and back of the school. Parents are welcome to watch the parade outdoors. Please note that the parade will continue outdoors rain or shine. We ask that parents remain outside for the parade and do not enter the building. Students need to come to school already dressed in their Halloween costumes if they choose to dress up for the day. We will begin the parade shortly after morning announcements around **9:20 a.m.**



- Wednesday Order Deadline - the previous Monday evening at 11pm

<https://order.lunchlady.ca>

**Late orders will be accepted if made the evening prior (before 11pm), with a 50cent surcharge.**

Please see below for details on how to register & order.

Any questions, please contact The Lunch Lady at [Khadija@thelunchlady.ca](mailto:Khadija@thelunchlady.ca)

## REMINDERS

### PIZZA LUNCH DATES

Thank you to Nezrine and Myrose who have kindly agreed to coordinate the pizza lunches for Blythwood this year. Our first pizza lunch on September 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Thank you to all our parent volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for a Pizza Lunch date, please sign up using the following link: [please Sign Up Here.](#)



### The Pizza Lunch Dates are as follows:

- October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
- November 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
- February 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>
- March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
- June 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

### HOT LUNCH

We are pleased to announce that we have engaged **The Lunch Lady** for our hot lunch service at Blythwood Jr PS. Service will run every **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Lunch ordering is completely online.

- Monday Order Deadline - the previous Thursday evening at 11pm

A flyer for 'Easy Peasy Lunches' with a green header and a smiling pea character. The text includes: 'Easy Peasy Lunches you'll love how easy it is!', 'We couldn't be more excited to be back doing what we love - serving wholesome meals to our school communities!', 'A warm welcome to our friends at Blythwood Jr. PS', 'Meals will be delivered on: Mondays &amp; Wednesdays Starting September 25th', 'Things to know: Special food needs? Email us before your list order. Reduce single use plastics and bring utensils from home. Sick Child? It happens. Email us before Barn to receive a credit.', 'To get started visit our ordering site: order.thelunchlady.ca', and a list of steps: Login or Register for an account, Select School / Comp Delivery, New User? Add students (customers) then select Order Now, Returning User? Confirm room info is correct, Select order delivery date, Add items to cart (return to calendar for more dates), Check out and complete your order, Relax and let us do the rest!. At the bottom, it says 'Have questions or need help? Khadija Somji/ khadija@thelunchlady.ca/ 647-294-9301'.