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School Update

EQAO

A reminder that Grade 6 students write EQAO next week (Tuesday to Friday).

It is imperative that children arrive on time on those dates.

This Week's Music Share

Ms. Paton and the 4/5 and 5/6 classes created a presentation of what they learned from Ghanaian master drummer Kwasi Dunyo over the past few weeks! The whole school came out to join them and participate on Tuesday. Thanks to all of our parents who came out to watch and support our students!



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Elementary Summer School 2022

The focus of the 2022 Elementary Literacy and Numeracy Summer School Program is to continue student engagement through the month of July. Programs, embedded in Literacy and Numeracy, are developed by the local summer school principal to reflect the local school focus.

Programs are offered in-person to students in K to Grade 8, from July 4 to July 29, 2022. This year, one online (remote) summer school program will be available.

Registration Information

- Program Dates: July 4-29, 2022
- Registration is online (see link below).
- Program delivery method is in-person this year. One remote (online) program is available. Please see full list of programs
- Most classes run for three (3) hours from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., except for seven (7) full day sites that run 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. which include: Alexander Stirling, Gracedale, Flemington, Parkdale, Rose Avenue, St.Margaret's and Yorkwoods.
- Please note, there are limited spaces available for both in-person and remote (online) programs.
- The remote (online) program is NOT associated with a particular school. Students who are registered will be grouped by grade and assigned an online teacher.
- Winchester Jr. & Sr. Public School will be offering a half-day French Immersion Program this summer.

For application inquiries, please click on the link below

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>

EDP Summer Camp

EDP Summer Camp registration is now open to all school families including non-EDP students. We currently have a few spaces available for the summer program at the following EDP locations:

- Blake Street Junior Public School
- Bowmore Road Junior and Senior Public School
- Market Lane Junior and Senior Public School

If your child does not currently attend the TDSB EDP and wants to register for one of the locations above, please send an email to EDP@tdsb.on.ca and we will follow-up with activation instructions. In order to review your request, you must ensure to include your child's name, grade and current TDSB school.

Extra-Curricular Board

Junior Clubs added weekly!

Monday NB 1A: Cat Club for Students in Grades 1 and 2

Monday: NB 1A Junior Basketball (grades 4-6)

Monday: 3:00 - 4:00 Ultimate Frisbee, Grade 5/6

Tuesday: NB 1 - Art Club

Tuesday: NB 1B - Junior Ambassadors with Ms Paton

Tuesday: 3:00 - 4:00 - Junior Track and Field (Grades 4-6)

Tuesday: GSA - every

Wednesday: NB 1A Junior Basketball (grades 4-6)

Wednesday: NB 1B - Grade 3 Choir

Wednesday: 3:00 - 4:00 Ultimate Frisbee, Grade 5/6

Thursday: NB 1 - Art Club

Thursday: NB 2 - Knitting Club

Thursday: NB 2 - Knitting Club with Mme Brisson (*note this is a change as it was initially on Fridays)

Thursday: 3:00 - 4:00 - Junior Track and Field (grades 4 - 6)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NB 1A	ART CLUB 10:20-10:45 Room 101 NB 1A + 1B	Cat Club Gr 1 & 2 10:20-10:45 Rm. 104/107 Basketball Gr 4, 5, & 6 10:20-10:45 Rm. 104/107 Choir Gr 3 Wednesdays 11:00-11:15 Rm. 104/107	ART CLUB 10:20-10:45 Room 101 NB 1A + 1B	GSA Every other week
NB 1B	Ambassadors NB 1B			
NB 2A			Knitting Club 12:10 to 12:50 Room 204 Every Thursday	
NB 2B				
Ultimate Gr 5/6 3:00-4:00	Track and Field	Ultimate Gr 5/6 3:00-4:00	Track and Field	

Blake School Garden

It was another busy week in the Blake School Garden! We began planting our berry bushes along the hill in the front kindergarten yard as part of our school garden expansion. Students from some primary and junior classes worked hard digging, planting, mulching, and watering our new bushes. We have 5 new raspberry bushes, 5 blueberry bushes, 2 currant bushes, and 5 serviceberry trees. Over the next several months, we will have berries to harvest in the school garden!



A big thank you to Beech Nursery at Carlaw and Lakeshore for supporting us with our planting project!

Having fun with French idioms in the classroom

The students in Mme Brisson are learning to use common French idioms, such as "entre chiens et chats" and "monter sur ses grand chevaux". Click on the link to see their creative work and maybe you will recognize a few expressions commonly used in English as well. Here is the link [Les expressions](#)

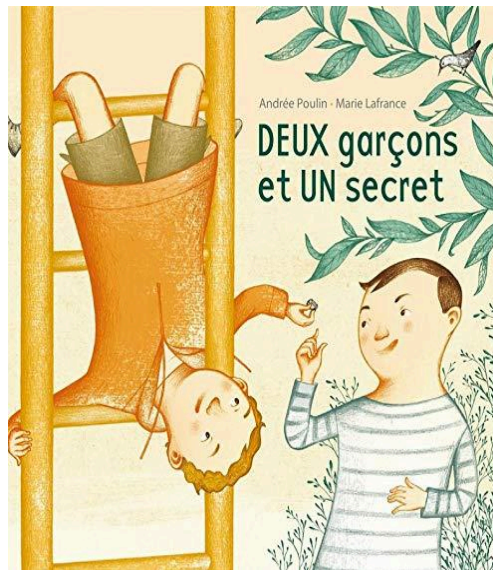
Book Nook

Here are some new books in the Blake library to honour our Indigenous National History, and Pride Months!



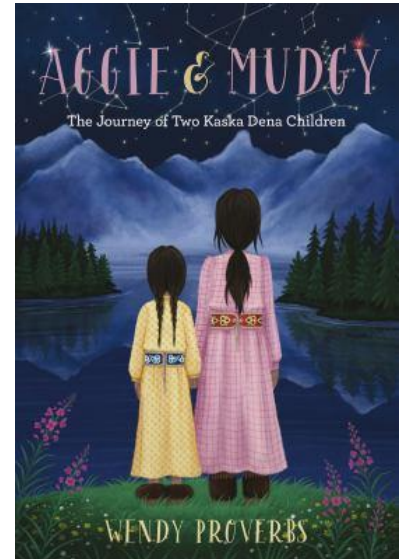
Be Amazing: A History of Pride

"The book's author, Desmond is Amazing, is a drag-kid, model, fashion icon, and social justice activist. When he isn't slaying on the catwalk or performing drag, he's an outspoken anti-bullying and LGBTQ advocate. In this uplifting picture book about being yourself, Desmond shows how he can be amazing thanks to courageous people like Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and RuPaul who paved the way for a safer, more inclusive society for LGBTQ individuals. A kid-friendly primer to LGBTQ history that covers everything from the Stonewall Riots to RuPaul's Drag Race, "Be Amazing" shows young readers why we



Deux garçons et un secret

"Sensitive story where we hear the tale of how Émile proposes to his best friend to marry him, when he finds a ring in the sandbox of the park in his neighbourhood. Having fun organizing a celebration with the other children in the area, the two boys soon celebrate their union. However, on returning home, Emile's parents are shocked to learn that their son "married" a boy. They answer him: "Don't talk nonsense, Émile. A guy doesn't marry a guy. It's not done." Same reaction with Mathis. Saddened, the next morning Émile confides in his friend Marianne who reassures him by making him realize that sometimes parents make mistakes and



Aggie & Muddy: The Journey of Two Kaska Dena Children

"Based on the true story of the author's biological mother and aunt, this middle-grade novel traces the long and frightening journey of two Kaska Dena sisters as they are taken from their home to attend residential school. When Maddy discovers an old photograph of two little girls in her grandmother's belongings, she wants to know who they are. Unlike many books on this subject, this story focuses on the journey to residential school rather than the experience of attending the school itself. It offers a glimpse into the act of being physically uprooted and transported far away from loved ones. "Aggie and Muddy" captures the

should celebrate the fight for LGBTQ rights."

English Non-Fiction Picture Book

that we have the right to have our little secrets. Émile then offers Mathis a necklace made, like his, with a purple ribbon, this as a symbol of their attachment."

French Picture book

breakdown of family by the forces of colonialism, but also celebrates the survival and perseverance of the descendants of residential school survivors to reestablish the bonds of family."

English Junior Fiction

Equity Learning and Action

This year, our school-wide learning theme is ALLYSHIP. Our School-Wide Equity Questions are:

1. What is an ally and who needs one?
2. *What action can we take to show our allyship?*

In Ms Motala's Room 102 Kindergarten class, Our connection and continuous learning about allyship and protection of Mother Earth, allowed us to connect to a focus around living and non-living things. We started our conversations about whether seeds are living or non-living things. Then, our focus connected to animals. We inquired about animal needs and how we can take care of them. Our Learning Areas in the classroom were transformed to reflect our learning. We changed our Dramatic centre into a Pet shop and then as the children wondered more about ways to be an ally towards animals, we changed it to an Animal Hospital. We got an opportunity to look and touch animals through the Pawsitively Pets program, which allowed the students to build their knowledge surrounding the needs of living things.

We read the story, "Sharing Our World" which highlights the importance of the Indigenous teachings and values of living in harmony with the wildlife that surrounds us. The book focuses on beautiful drawings that different Native artists created. We learned that each animal is honoured by a special quality and gift.

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCmwW4Lc7Gs>

We asked the students - Which animal do you connect with?

We wanted them to value the connection we have to our surrounding living things but to also look within themselves. We wanted them to think hard about the gift they bring.



TDSB Heritage Months

Indigenous National History Month

During the month of June, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is celebrated on Tuesday, June 21. This year, UIEC will have a board-wide virtual celebration on Friday, June 17.

This is a day of significance for many Indigenous Peoples in the country we call Canada today. It marks the day when the Sun is closest to the Earth. It is the longest day of the year and the shortest night. Many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples celebrate the Summer Solstice. It is a time that reminds us to remain grounded, humble and appreciative. It is usually celebrated by coming together with family and community for a feast. Traditional foods are an important aspect of the feast as they signify connection to the land and animals.

The TDSB will be hosting many student-centred events to celebrate this important month.

Learn about inspiring Indigenous Artists and Activists who have helped shape Canadian history.

Cherie Dimaline



Photo credit: Robin Sutherland

Métis author, Cherie Dimaline, is best known for the 2017 best-selling dystopian young adult novel, "The Marrow Thieves", which won awards in both Canada and the United States. She was born in 1975 and is a member of the Georgian Bay Métis Nation in Ontario.

Dimaline published her first book, "Red Rooms", in 2007. The novel won the Fiction Book of the Year award at the Anishinabe Aboriginal Literature Festival. She went on to publish her next novel, "The Girl Who Grew a Galaxy," in 2013. The following year, she was named the Emerging Artist of the Year at the Ontario Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts and became the first Indigenous Writer in Residence for the Toronto Public Library. Her short fiction collection, "A Gentle Habit," was published in 2016.

The "Marrow Thieves" is set in a dystopian future, but reflects the destructive impact of Indian Residential Schools on Indigenous peoples in Canada. It won a Governor General's Literary Award for Young People's Literature, the Kirkus Prize for young readers' literature, the Amy Mather's Young Reader's Award and was named the "One Book" for both the cities of Brampton and London, Ontario. It was also a finalist in the 2018 Canada Reads competition on CBC Radio and is the YA selection for the Global Read Aloud program. Vancouver-based Thunderbird Entertainment optioned the book's television rights. She has also been the editor of both FNH Magazine and Muskrat Magazine and is currently part of the editorial team at Theytus Books, Canada's oldest Indigenous publishing house.

Find out more at [Quill and Quire's article on Cherie Dimaline](#).

Jeremy Dutcher



Photo credit: Matt Barnes

Jeremy Dutcher is a classically-trained, First Nations tenor, composer, musicologist, performer and actor. His 2018 album, "Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa," a tribute to the traditional songs of his people, won both the Polaris Music Prize and a JUNO Award.

Dutcher was born in 1990 and is a Wolastoqiyik (previously known as Maliseet) member of the Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick. He studied music and social anthropology at Dalhousie University in Halifax where he began a research project exploring the tonal differences between Western classical music and traditional Wolastoqiyik music.

An interview with traditional Wolastoqiyik song-carrier Maggie Paul led him to study early 20th-century wax cylinder recordings of Wolastoqiyik music in the collection of the Canadian Museum of History. He was deeply moved to hear the recordings of his ancestors' songs, which had been declared illegal and had to be kept alive in secret, like so much of Indigenous spiritual and cultural practices.

Today, Wolastoquey is an endangered language, with fewer than 100 people who speak it fluently. His award-winning album, Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa intertwines songs he composed and sings with samples of original recordings of traditional songs. Dutcher is devoted to the renaissance in Indigenous languages and cultures.

Find out more at JeremyDutcher.com.

Alanis Obomsawin



Photo credit: Cosmos Image

Alanis Obomsawin is a prominent First Nations documentary filmmaker, singer, artist, storyteller and activist who has focused her work on the struggles of Indigenous peoples and on ensuring their voices are heard.

Obomsawin is a member of the Abenaki Nation, born in August 1932 in New Hampshire on Abenaki territory but grew up on the Odanak Reserve near Sorel, Québec. Her family moved to Trois-Rivières, Québec and it was a difficult time during which she faced bullying, racism and the death of her father from tuberculosis. She moved to Montreal, Québec, in the late 1950s where she became known as a singer and activist, making appearances on reserves, in schools, in prisons, at folk festivals and on television.

Obomsawin was hired by the National Film Board of Canada in 1967 and directed her first film which was released in 1971. Since then, she has made many films that focus on issues such as the plight of Indigenous children in foster care, addictions and Indigenous peoples' struggles for their land and resource rights. Her film on the 1990 conflict between the Mohawk and government at Oka, titled *Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance*, was acclaimed nationally and internationally. Obomsawin is an officer of the Order of Canada, a Grand Officer of the Ordre national du Québec, received the Canadian Screen Awards' Humanitarian Award, multiple Governor General's Awards and lifetime achievement awards.

Find out more at [The Canadian Encyclopedia, Alanis Obomsawin](#).

Thelma Chalifoux



Photo Credit: Senate of Canada

Thelma Chalifoux was the first Indigenous woman and the first Métis person to be appointed to the Canadian Senate.

Chalifoux was born in 1929 in Calgary, Alberta. She married at a young age, but at a critical point early in her life, her 4 children were taken away from her in 1958 as part of what is now known as the Sixties Scoop. Chalifoux fought to get her children back and did so by 1965 while working two jobs and finishing high school. In the late 1960s, she went to the Edmonton office of the Métis Association of Alberta to update her membership; staff spotted her drive and talent and offered her a job as a fieldworker. Soon after she was responsible for setting up the association's welfare and land departments. Work took her to Slave Lake, Alberta where she co-founded the Native Friendship Centre and ran the first shelter for women fleeing domestic violence. She served in the Company of Young Canadians, working on Indigenous housing and community development. She also hosted a weekly radio show.

In the early 1980s, Chalifoux was part of a Métis delegation in constitutional talks with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, working for recognition of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples as separate and distinct nations. In 1997, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appointed her to the Senate, where she focused on issues including Métis housing, the environment and relations between pharmaceutical companies and the government. After she retired from the Senate in 2004, she founded the Michif Cultural Institute, now the Michif Cultural Connections, a museum and resource centre dedicated to preserving and promoting Métis culture. She died on September 22, 2017.

Find out more at [The Canadian Encyclopedia, Thelma Chalifoux](#).

TDSB Celebrates LGBTQ Pride!

Queer and Trans Pride is the concept that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, queer, questioning, intersexed, and two spirited (LGBTQQI2S) people should be proud of their sexual orientation and gender identity. The movement has three main premises: that

people should be proud of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; that diversity is a gift; and that sexual orientation and gender identity are inherent and cannot be intentionally altered. The use of the abbreviated Gay Pride and Pride have since become mainstream and shorthand expressions inclusive of all individuals in various LBTTQQI2S communities.

The modern "Pride" movement began after the "Stonewall riots" in 1969. Instead of backing down to unconstitutional raids by New York Police, drag queens and queer street kids fought back. While it was a violent situation it also gave the underground community the first sense of communal pride in a very well publicized incident.

From the yearly parade that commemorated the anniversary of the Stonewall riots began a national grassroots movement. Today many countries around the world celebrate pride.

The pride movement has furthered the cause of queer and trans rights by lobbying politicians, registering voters and increasing visibility to educate on issues important to queer and trans communities. Pride advocates work for equal "rights and benefits" and "respect and dignity" for queer and trans persons.

As the event known as PRIDE has grown in popularity, so has its commercialization and its corporate and government sponsorships. Many in queer and trans communities deeply criticize sponsors' interference with PRIDE's original and intended political roots, and view freedom of expression as central to the event.

Pride Week 2013 is June 21st to the 30th Toronto. TDSB invites all students, staff, and community members to participate with the TDSB-sponsored contingent at the Toronto Pride Parade on Sunday, June 30, 2013.

The Gender-Based Violence Prevention Office and Equitable and Inclusive Schools encourage everyone to have a safe, celebratory and political pride! Staff are strongly encouraged to take this opportunity to use the curriculum resources found at the websites below to educate and promote equity for diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions.

TDSB will also be hosting student-centred events to highlight Two-Spirit Indigiqueer Pride.

Join us in the following events in celebration of LGBTQ Pride!

Worth Repeating

Library Books

Please take a look at home for any Blake Street library books that may be lying around. Library books are due back to the library **no later than Wednesday June 8th.**

Kindergarten Registration

To attend Junior Kindergarten in September, children must turn four years old by December 31, 2022. To register for Senior Kindergarten, children must be five years old by December 31, 2022. For more information about the Kindergarten program registration requirements, and to complete an online registration, please visit: www.tdsb.on.ca/kindergarten .

If you know any families in the community who may have a child who is ready to start school, please share this information with them. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school in September!

Have You Moved?

For those of you who have moved out of the Blake Street attendance area over the school year, your child has been permitted to complete their 2022 school year here at Blake. *For the 2022/2023 School Year you will need to register your child at his/her home school.*

Please help us by letting us know ASAP if your child WILL NOT be returning to Blake Street P.S. in September 2022.

Knitting Club Fundraiser for Ukraine

The students in Mme Brisson's class read an article in a French newspaper "L'express" called: "How to help Ukrainian refugees arriving in Toronto". As a class we learned how hard it is to live in a new country and be separated from your loved ones. To show that we are allies, we decided to include a special section in our online knitting store, The Blake Knittery called "Knit for Humanity". That is where you can buy knitted items in the colours of the Ukrainian flag (blue and yellow). All of the proceeds will go toward buying essential items such as food, water and clothes for a shelter where new Ukrainian refugees stay to get themselves situated in their new life in Canada. All of the items are knitted by Blake students. You too can be an ally by buying from or donating food, clothes, gift cards, books and toys. We collect all donations and deliver them to a shelter where many refugees reside at the moment.

Visit our [website](#) and see how you can help.

Ви союзники -We are allies.



Community Supports

Eastview Community

Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre has a number of programs available:

- Family Resources
- Child and Youth
- Seniors
- Newcomers
- Food Access
- Reading Support (details above)

Click the link below to learn more

<https://eastviewcentre.com/programs/>



SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

JULY 4 - AUGUST 26



Drop-in Sports
Monday-Friday
5:00-8:30

Media Arts & S.T.E.M.
Monday-Friday
4:00-6:30

Mural Arts
Monday-Thursday
11:00-4:00

Gender specific Programs
SWAG & HUMBLE
Tuesday and Thursday
6:00-8:00

Leadership
Tuesday-Friday
Jr/ 11:00-3:00
Sr/ 1:00-5:00

JOIN US

There will also be a variety of special events, trips, snack and more!!!!

www.reallygreatsite.com



8 weeks of fun!

Summer Camp Registration open NOW!





Summer Camp AFTER CARE
July 4-8- Wed 1
Extended care available from 3:30 to 5:45p.m

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Start/End Date Jul 4, 2022 - Jul 8, 2022
Site Blake/Eastview
Fee \$50.00
Born Between Jul 4, 2009 - Jul 4, 2017
Membership Boys & Girls Club Children



Sunday programs

April 3-June 17, 2022

EarlyON Drop-in
9:30am-12:30pm

Tutor/Homework Club
10:00am-1:00pm

JrNBA
2:30-3:30
\$50.00 register online

2:30-3:30
Craft Club
April 10

1:30-2:30
Jays Cares
Girls at Bat
April 10

Youth Drop-in basketball
3:30-4:30pm



SUNDAY TUTORING SESSIONS

86 Blake Street
April 3- June 17



Drop-in
10am-1pm
by qualified teachers and student volunteers!

Free Reading Support at Eastview

Eastview's [ReadUP Programme](#) is back and running again on Sundays from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. It operates as a drop-in and is a great support for students in need of extra reading support.

Community Support Worker Update

Here is the [Learning Centre 4 Community Support Worker Update](#)

TDSB Community Resources

TDSB Employment The Board employs over 15,000 support staff employees who support students and schools through a variety of occupations.

Culturally Responsive Resources

Covid 19 Resources

Find vaccination resources in many language resources.

[COVID-19: Vaccine Resources – City of Toronto](#)

COVID-19: Children & Vaccines. [Find out more here.](#)

Community-based clinic locations and operating hours can be found on the City's [COVID-19: How to Get Vaccinated webpage](#)

Food Security

Find all Food Bank and Food Security support information at [211.ca](#). Search by location or school name.

TDSB Nutrition Services are here to support your School and Community. Access your [Student Nutrition Liaison](#)

[Food Share](#)

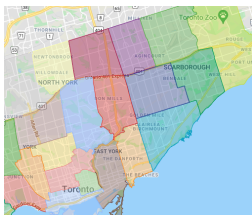
[Black Food Toronto](#)

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Check out [tdsbhub.ca](#) for [Upcoming Community Workshops](#). Check the new TDSB [system calendar](#) to see what's going on across the board.

TDSB Mental Health Resources



Find Community Resources by School Name

Check out our [Community Resource Map](#) powered by [211](#), the easy-to-remember free helpline and online database that connects families to the complete range of government, health, community and social services.

Accessing Mental Health Supports

Families can access support at:

- <https://www.mentalhealthto.ca/>

- There are also some great resources on the TDSB website

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being>

- The TDSB also offers virtual drop in hours for parents looking to access mental health supports

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/School-Year-2021-22/Mental-Health-and-Well-Being/Virtual-Office-Hours>

Important Dates

May 30-Jun 2 - "Bike/Roll to School Week"

June 3: PA Day - no school

June 7: School Council Virtual Presentation - Luana Shirt: The History of Tkaronto

June 10: DJ Party and Picnic (rain date June 17)

June 21: National Indigenous Day Ceremonial Fire - Greenwood Park

June 23: Blake Street PS Graduation, 6:00 - 7:00

June 24: Grade 1 - 6 Play Day

June 28: Report Cards Sent Home

June 30: Last day of School

*Have a wonderful weekend.
Jenn and Ruth*

School Council News

Your feedback is important to us. Feel free to submit your thoughts at any time through the link here:

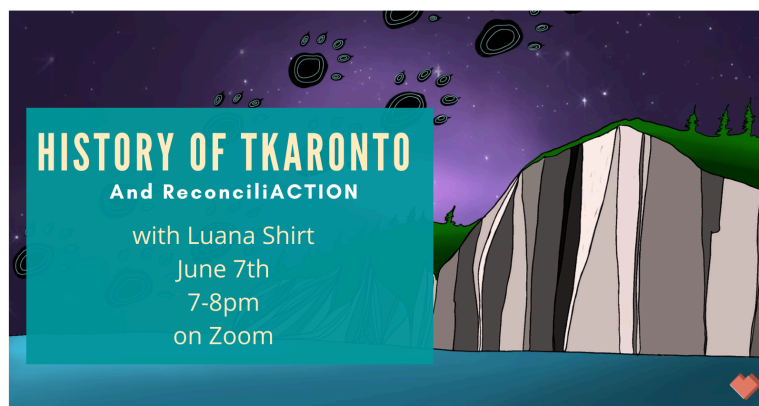
[Council Comment Card](#)

Online Auction

We did it! Thank-you to everyone who participated in our auction. It was a raging success and we hope you all had a lot of fun and scored some great deals! We were able to raise almost **\$12,000** and we couldn't have done that without everyone's contribution.

Council is only able to do all of the things we do for our students and community because of successful fundraisers like this one. Fundraising at Blake is never the focus of our Council work, but it is necessary so we can make our school the best it can be for our kids. Thank-you for helping us get there!

Indigenous Learning Series



Join us for the next session in our series on Tuesday, June 7th!

Please join us on Tuesday June 7th as we learn about the History of Tkaronto and the lands on which Toronto sits, and how to move forward in ally-ship towards reconciliation.

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/8134578721?pwd=dTcwVlEyNmVLN2JlTMWFsRnRYQ0NsUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 457 8721

Passcode: 908282

Year-End Dance Party and Picnic



Friday, June 10th - Picnic and DJ Dance Party in the field! (Rain Date is June 17th) 5:30-8pm

Come dance with us! Bring a picnic for your family, get your groove on the field with DJ Danny Floh Back and enjoy some treats, all provided by the School Council to celebrate the 2021-2022 School Year!

Volunteers are needed to help. Please sign up here: [at this link.](#)

National Indigenous Peoples' Month



Join us at Greenwood Park on June 21st @ 6:30 pm for a traditional fire. We will be passing the hat to support our drummer, dancer and elders.

Next Year's Council

- Message from Valerie

Hello Blake community! I've been co-chair of the Blake Council for the past couple of years now, and stepped into the role when the whole world was topsy turvy. I have tried to do my part in moving the needle towards making Blake a community where each student and caregiver feels proud to claim membership. I hope you have felt that Meaghan and I have brought thoughtfulness and intention to the role of council in our school community and have instigated some much-needed work that has impacted the vibe of school for our kids and their families.

But now, it is also with intention that I plan to step back after this year, in order to make space for those whose voices need to be heard more than mine. I am committed to amplifying the voices of those who don't look like me, and so I am getting out of the way.

If you identify as Black, Indigenous, or otherwise racialized, please feel empowered and welcome to put your name forward to put in some time, and perhaps a bit of your heart and soul, into leading our school community. Meaghan will be staying on to work with whoever joins her as co-chair and I certainly will be there to support you and your goals for our school community moving forward.

If you have any questions about what the role entails, please reach out! valerielaurie80@gmail.com. It need not be daunting. We are a casual, easy-going group that wants only to do the best for our kids. Your voice is crucial to that success!

Parent/Caregiver Coffee Social

Thanks to all of you who stopped by, grabbed a cup and said hello yesterday! It was great to chat and connect face to face. Hopefully we can make this a regular event next year!

Garden



We need volunteers to sign up for watering the garden this summer. Will all of the new beds and new berry bushes planted in the Kindie yard, we need to make sure they're watered throughout the summer to make sure they take.

If you'd like to help, please fill out this [Google Form](#)

Donations Needed:

We are looking for some donations from our community in order to build some creative play things at the school. Below is an example of an activity that we can mount on the fence in the Kindergarten yards. If you have any of the items below, please consider donating to the school.

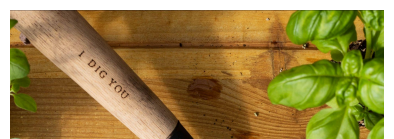


Items Needed:

- Metal pots and pans
- PVC pipes
- Metal xylophone
- Metal/Plastic/Wooden Kitchen utensils (spatulas, spoons, tongs, etc)
- Metal colanders
- Car Hub caps
- Metal baking sheets/pans
- Muffin tins
- Racks (oven racks, cooking racks)
- Pot lids
- Buckets
- Metal tins (le cookie tin)
- Cookie Sheets

Support School Council Fundraising Initiatives

It's a great time to order **SEEDLINGS** for your **GARDEN!**



Seedlings are starting to arrive and they look great! There's still time to order for planting this year's garden!

There are so many options to create your perfect garden. Order your garden now at www.plantables.ca using code BLAKEPLANTSFOOD at checkout

Join our team now and you'll get a \$5 bonus the first time you shop: **Join FlipGive Blake Team**
Or enter this code: **ZLW3VM**

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CASH BACK FOR TEAMS



Buy stuff from Indigo and Blake gets **15%** cashback on each purchase.

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Upcoming Meetings

Do you have something you'd like to discuss? Any learning you'd like to do? We want to hear from you so that we can make it a part of the agenda! Please reach out to blakeschoolcouncil.tdsb@gmail.com

Please join us for our next Council Meeting on Wednesday either in-person in the Library or via Zoom!

FINAL Meeting of 2021-2022:

June 14 - **HYBRID**

Library or Zoom [LINK HERE](#)

Childcare Provided

In Case You Missed It...

Please check out our recordings, slide decks, and minutes on our council website here:

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