



Blaydon Public School

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GRADE RANGE: JK to 5

Interesting Feature

Building Partnerships

At Blaydon, we value the growth and development of the whole child from pre-school age on up to the end of Grade 5 when they leave for middle school. We liaise with the on-site daycare, Blaydon Community Daycare to assist with readiness activities for future students. We also work with outside agencies and provide readiness workshops for parents and young learners entering the school system. We provide opportunities for students to build leadership and empathy skills through activities such as Jump Rope for Heart, Terry Fox walk, assemblies and mindfulness activities.

Blaydon Public School is located in the Downsview community west of Keele Street and first opened in 1955. Blaydon is a small school in a close-knit community serving a diverse cultural population.

Blaydon recognizes that our mission is to improve student achievement and well-being through an equity focus. Professional development of staff, collaboration with our parent community, and consistent analysis of data helps us to implement programming to meet individual needs. Parents play an integral role and are encouraged to be actively involved in school life by connecting regularly with teachers, attending school functions such as School Council and other curriculum focused events.

Aiming High

At Blaydon, we set high expectations for all students. Dedicated teachers provide learning opportunities designed to build higher level thinking across the curriculum both in the 'outdoor' and indoor classroom. We gather, assess data to design learning tasks to meet the individual needs of all students. We offer special education programs and services to meet all needs such as behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical and multiple learning disabilities. All students are encouraged to take part in extra curricular activities: violin, recorders, cross country, various sports to develop their skills, interests and abilities.



More Information about Blaydon Public School

Building Strong Literacy Skills

We aim to build literacy skills that will encourage students to be actively engaged as a life long learner in the English and French Immersion program. Our school improvement plan focuses on implementing higher order thinking skills which will enable children to critically think and respond to a variety of social justice issues.



Numeracy

We strive to implement a balanced math program including 3 part math lessons, math journals and higher order questioning to assist students as they solve complex problems. Math manipulatives and Math Talks are integrated into authentic learning opportunities designed to provide students with the strategies and tools they need to be effective problem solvers.



Creating a Safe Community of Culture and Caring

Our focus is to build a culture where students feel safe and are ready to learn. We strive to ensure that we have a respectful, positive and supportive learning environment for all. Character Trait assemblies, Mindfulness activities, and Zones of Regulation bring an awareness to our students and demonstrate the need for an inclusive environment.



Engaging our Parents and Community

We endeavour to involve parents as much as possible in their children's learning and success. School Council works together with our Model Schools Community Support Worker to engage parents through BBQ's, special interest speakers and community supports. Council works diligently to assist staff and students with classroom learning, library, spirit days, pizza days.

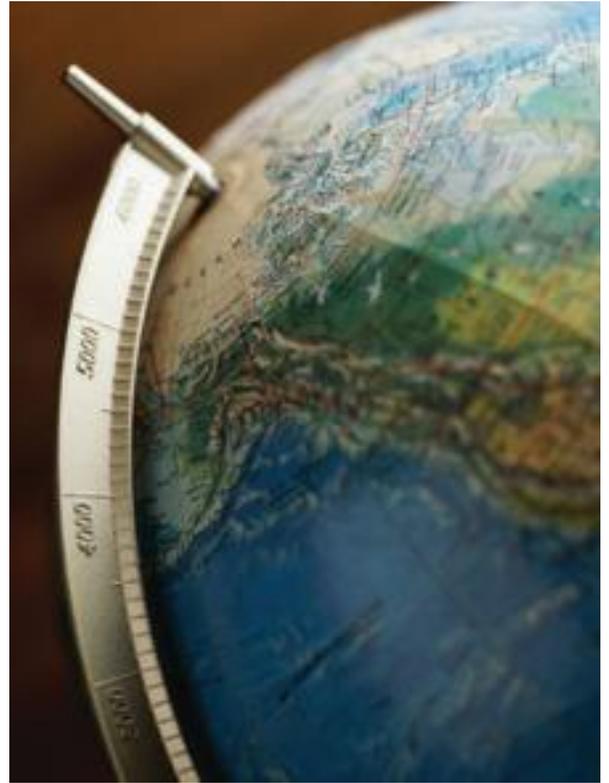


Additional Features

- Extended French- Grades 4 and 5
- English Language Learner Program
- Resource Support Programs
- Special Education ISP Programs
- Settlement Worker
- Nutrition Program

Student Life - Where You Belong

Students at Blaydon are involved in a variety of activities designed to develop the whole child. Because we offer an extended French program for grades 4 and 5, many of our initiatives include French language opportunities. Students can take part in extra curricular sports activities such as soccer, cross country, track, volleyball and basketball. They can learn about the environment through ECO initiatives, conservation awareness and school yard cleanup. Blaydon is part of the Model School Cluster initiative and is offered opportunities to visit special locations such as the Science Centre, the ROM and theatre performances. Students have opportunities to learn to play the recorder or the violin, learn coding and play chess. Junior students are participating in the Green Tower project which teaches them how to grow vegetables. Our Makerspace is an exciting space for STEM learning and critical thinking. Our morning meal snack program offers students a 3 part meal and a healthy start to their day. Blaydon students have many opportunities to learn about their world within their small school environment.



What Sets Us Apart

At Blaydon, we work to create an inclusive and cooperative environment where all students can experience success. Our primary goal is to build student success and instill values and beliefs that will enable students to be successful members of society. Our staff work to differentiate instruction and provide students with the approach they need to complement their learning styles. In this way, we monitor, celebrate and improve our efforts in providing a supportive and challenging learning environment for all. Our teachers take part in developing Teacher-Learning Critical Pathways in literacy and mathematics. These pathways are designed to set goals for student learning and help to make informed decisions for school improvement planning. Relevant materials focusing on social justice issues and individual points of view are an integral part of our Teaching-Learning critical Pathways. Input is obtained from a variety of sources such as student assessments, teacher feedback, parent feedback and surveys. Students routinely receive feedback that is constructive and positive.



Parent and Community Engagement

Blaydon strives to make our school the centre of the community. We collaborate with community/social agencies such as Sick Children's Hospital, Early Years Centre, 31 Division of the Police Department and the Downsview Public Library. School Council is involved in application of Safe and Caring Schools Policy, school improvement planning, setting school budget, and fundraising. Parents, staff and community work together in a partnership which connects all stakeholders and strives to create high expectations and success for all.



Imagine a TDSB where all schools share a common core set of characteristics. They are community-driven and focused on teaching and learning. Students and parents have a wide variety of opportunities and there are enough students in every school to increase program choices.

Imagine there is a clear focus on achieving student success and every student is engaged, has a voice, access to a caring adult and the opportunity to develop their full potential.

Here at the TDSB our focus is on student achievement, parent and community engagement and financial stability.

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