



February 2019 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

- March 1: Gratitude Mirrors Workshop**
- March 5: 1st Assembly of Term 3**
- March 7: Parent-Teacher Meetings; Half-Day Schedule**
- March 7: Student Council Bake Sale**
- March 8: Midterm Report Cards**
- March 11 - 15: March Break**
- March 20: Air Hockey Tournament**
- March 21: Term 3 Withdrawal Date**
- March 27: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test**
- March 29: Survival Skills Class & Maple Syrup Tapping Trip**

Principal's Note

As part of our attempt to ensure that our students are becoming global citizens and are developing a better understanding of not only their place in the world but the issues that are playing out on the global stage, we have introduced a new extracurricular club called The Global Affairs Club. This club is led by Mr. Janakan Muthukumar (Mr. Jay), and I was fortunate enough to be part of their first meeting today.

Topics for consideration and discussion include, but are not limited to: politics, international relations, economics, business, and conflict/war. Students will be challenged to discuss and debate these topics, will have the opportunity to learn from guest speakers, and will also cultivate our student magazine which will explore these topics in greater depth through students' work in their courses at Blyth ET.

This club provides a great opportunity for our students to consider issues outside of our community and I encourage all of our students to attend a meeting. There was a great turnout today and we would love to see more next Thursday at lunch in Tidewater.

Laurie Foley

Message from Student Council

This month, Student Council has been working on a number of ongoing initiatives. Following months of fundraising and hard work, we were able to purchase an air hockey table for the school community that is now set up in the lunch room. Additionally, Student Council ran a successful Valentine's Day candy-gram fundraiser, and we hosted our large group of new Term 3 students at one of our regular council meetings. We encourage the rest of the school community to welcome our new students when you see a new face in our halls! For the month of March, the student body has a number of exciting events planned including an Air Hockey Tournament for charity that is to take place on March 20th. Stay tuned for more information!

Blyth ET Student Council

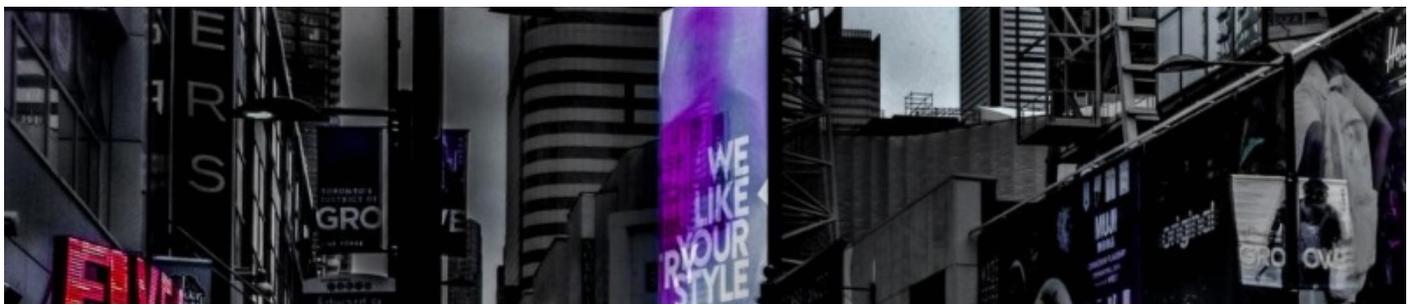
Boxing Demo



On Friday, February 15th, the Foundations class participated in a boxing demo led by Chantel H. and Maia F. The class learned the basic skills of boxing including six punches: jab, cross, right hook, left hook, right uppercut and left uppercut. The class learned the numbers that go along with boxing and self defense. Finally, the class practiced the proper way to plank and concluded the session with a wall sit competition to improve leg strength. By the end, we all knew more about boxing techniques and overall physical fitness!

Photography: AWQ2O

The photography class this term has captured the interest of many students at Blyth Etobicoke. When asked to reflect on the course thus far, students revealed that they learned how to focus on a point using the aperture and ISO to their benefit, how to use different priority modes to create blurred effects, how to use light to create stunning effects, and many more interesting technical skills with cameras. Below are examples of some of the images captured so far this term. Check out more of their work over the term on display at the bottom of the main staircase!





Cubing Club

We are happy to announce that we have yet another new extracurricular club for students to join - Cubing Club! Cubing Club is held on Fridays at lunch and you won't want to miss it! Led by Ms. Leonard and Chantel H., participants will be learning how to solve a Rubik's Cube starting with the basic algorithms and notation of a Rubik's Cube. Not only that, but you can experiment with unique Rubik's Cubes such as 2x2 and 4x4 cubes. Come and check it out! Beginners welcome!

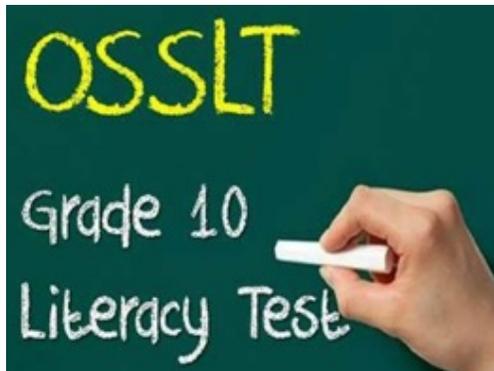
Winter Activity Day

Wednesday, February 20th was our Blyth-wide Winter Activity Day. We made the trek to Snow Valley in Barrie for a beautiful day of skiing, snowboarding, and tubing. Despite the chilly temperatures, everyone had fun and even got to show off some snowboard tricks! Stay tuned for the videos at our first assembly of term 3!





Guidance Corner



On Wednesday, March 27th, 2019, grade 10 students across the province will be writing the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test. The OSSLT is a province-wide annually-administered standardized test, which is used to determine whether students meet a minimum standard of literacy. A level 3 is the provincial expectation for achievement, however, test achievement is reported as "successful" or "unsuccessful". Successful completion of the OSSLT is one of the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

We are offering OSSLT preparation sessions every Monday from 2:00 - 3:30 with Mr. Cimino. It is highly recommended that all students writing the test attend the preparation sessions.

If you would like your child to practice for the test at home, please visit the following websites:

- [EQAO Resources: Planning and Preparation Guide](#)
- [EQAO Resources: Getting Ready Guide](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pace in Guidance.

Meet Our Team...





Spotlight on Ms. Jennifer Leonard, Teacher & Faculty Advisor

Ms. Leonard has her BEd and BSc in Mathematics from Brock University, where she completed the concurrent education program. She is a senior level math teacher who is excited to be joining the Blyth Academy Etobicoke faculty. Ms. Leonard first joined the Blyth team at the Thornhill campus, where she also taught Geography, Earth & Space Science, and Resource & the Environment. In addition to teaching at Blyth ET, Ms. Leonard is also the Faculty Advisor. In this role, she has a share of the responsibility for faculty team instruction and support within the campus. Ms. Leonard travelled to Mexico and Costa Rica with the Blyth International Summers program. In her spare time, Ms. Leonard loves baking, playing board games, tap dancing, working out at OrangeTheory, and watching Toronto Rock lacrosse games. Come join her in the Cubing Club!

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