



TIGER TRIBUNE



T. A. BLAKELOCK HIGH SCHOOL

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JUNE 2011

IMPORTANT DATES

August 29

Pre-Registration

August 30

Pre-Registration

September 5

Labour Day

September 6

First Day of School

September 22

Grade 9 Program Night

September 26

Parent Council

October 7

P.D. Day—No Classes

October 10

Thanksgiving Day—No Classes

October 13

Excellence Evening

October 14

Hall of Fame

October 17

5th Week Reports Mailed Home

November 2

Take Your Kid to Work Day—Grade 9

November 8

Last Day Term 1

November 9

First Day Term 2

November 11

Mid-Term Reports—Handed in Class

Congratulations!!!

Luke McCulloch and Simon Harmgardt Bronze Medalists at 2011 OFSAA Tennis, Mens Doubles



Pictured here from left: Simon Harmgardt, Luke McCulloch and OFSAA Athletic Convener, Mike Robinson.



The Tiger Cheerleaders competed at the National Competition held in Niagara Falls in May. The team performed their awesome routine against six other teams and placed an overall third. Thank you Tigers for doing such a great job during the school year. A huge Thank you goes to our community coaches: Laura Bound, Catherine Crooks and Brittany Johnson. Go Tigers. Have a great summer.

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From the Principal...

In a word, this year at T. A. Blakelock has been AWESOME! I am very impressed by our student's accomplishments through their efforts in the classroom, in co-curricular activities and in the broader community. The many year-end banquets, Recognition Assembly and Tiger Award ceremonies demonstrated the great commitment and achievements of our students. We participated in numerous events throughout the spring that demonstrated the Blakelock community's wonderful support to raise funds and awareness for a variety of causes. Wellness Week, car washes, Ecopalooza, Trivia Night, an outstanding Fashion Show, are but a few of the highlights in a remarkable spring of student and community engagement to support local and international charities. After six years, the effort of many students and staff, including our Ecoschools Team and **Mr. Warcholak**, resulted in the official opening of the incredible butterfly garden. The Inside Ride was, once again, a huge success as your commitment to fight childhood cancer raised over \$20000. We are all extremely proud to see the impressive efforts of so many of our students and staff as they truly make a difference by helping others. Il est remarquable de voir autant d'étudiants s'engager au niveau de nos activités scolaires et communautaires. Toutes ces activités ne font que sensibiliser nos étudiants à développer un esprit de collectivité.

I am very proud of our Tiger students as they continue to showcase their outstanding abilities and talents. Our students demonstrated their excellence at the annual Technological Skills competition held at White Oaks Secondary School. Tiger competitors won gold in two events...the four-person team Construction competition and the two-person Video Editing competition. Our Video Editing duo of **David Bocking** and **Teddy Florea** went on to win silver at the Provincial Skills competition in Kitchener-Waterloo. The wonderful Arts programs continue to be a superb trademark of our school. The creative initiative and artistic talent under the guidance of **Mr. Douglas** led to the development of the 2011 Anti-Bullying and Intervention calendar. This outstanding project won first place in the Halton Regional Police "Give Respect, Get Respect" contest against all other Halton Schools. The wonderful dramatic performances for our primary feeder school students, a superb season finale musical evening and the exceptional Grade 12 visual art show all capped off a very successful year for our Tiger artists. Their talents and accomplishments have been justly recognized across the region and the province all year. The Spring athletics season had a very high level of participation in a full range of sports including soccer, rugby, baseball, tennis and track and field. Congratulations to our Halton champions in girls soccer, boys baseball, tennis and track and field. Way to go Tigers! Chapeau!

I would like to recognize the many dedicated staff, parents and community volunteers who, through their support of student activities, facilitate these achievements. Every student event, team and club has at least one staff member who gives freely of their time and energy to work with students. The amazing Breakfast Club program has grown to support a nutritious and positive start to the school day for 170 students each morning. Parents **Geri Friend**, **Lynn Collaton** and **Angela Progosh** have tirelessly dedicated each morning to make this program a reality. Many thanks to all of our volunteers that support our students and the Blakelock community.

The end of the school year also brings closure to the career for one of our staff members and others who will be moving on to positions in various other locations. **Linda Epp** will be retiring after many years of great service to education in Halton and for the past 26 years as an educational assistant. We will deeply miss her commitment and care for the students in the TAB Secondary Centre. Vice Principal **Sharon Casey** will be taking her administrative talents to support the very diverse learning environment at Gary Allan High School in September. Our school will truly miss her energy, commitment and care for student learning and their safety and well-being. I would like to thank **Miss Casey** for her leadership and positive impact on the culture of our school. **Rachel Stecca**, **Natalia Gorska**, **Natasha Haist** and **Matthew Jenkins** will be continuing their teaching careers in new locations for next year. These folks will be missed and we wish them all the best. Il faudrait de plus remercier tous nos collègues de TAB qui nous quittent vers d'autres horizons. Il est important d'aller de l'avant et de faire face aux nouveaux défis que la vie nous lance.

We are very fortunate to have Vice Principal **Heather Stewart** joining the administration team at Blakelock for September. We welcome Mrs. Stewart and her wealth of administrative experience to our learning community at TAB. We look forward to having you on the Blakelock team.

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Every year at this time we say goodbye to our graduating class. This is the first graduating class that I have personally had the pleasure of knowing for each of their four years at Blakelock. I want to thank them for the contributions they have made to our school's history and show appreciation of their excellence, perseverance and dedication in reaching their graduation goal. I am proud to be the Principal of such a fine school with outstanding young people such as this graduating class. Nous aimerions aussi souhaiter bonne chance à tous nous étudiants de TAB qui commencent un nouveau chapitre de leur vie. Nous sommes plus que certains que leur formation à TAB leur permettra de réussir dans le domaine choisi.

Thank you to all the parents for your support. The success we experience in academics and co-curricular activities is only possible with your assistance and your encouragement of your sons and daughters.

Have an AWESOME summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you in September.

**Kevin Caughlin,
Principal**

Hall of Fame 2011

The tradition continues! T.A. Blakelock's Hall of Fame ceremony will take place on Friday, October 14, 2011. This year's inductees are **Leith Clark** and **Dr. Alan Brown**.

Leith began her fashion career at British *Vogue* Magazine assisting fashion director **Kate Phelan**. After several years at *Vogue*, Leith embarked upon a freelance styling career contributing to publications such as *Interview*, *Jane*, *Vanity Fair* and numerous international editions of *Vogue* including Italian, Chinese, Japanese, American, British and Teen. In 2005 Leith founded the biannual fashion magazine titled *Lula*. Lula prints 175,000 copies worldwide. Leith is Editor In Chief. The London Evening Standard named her one of the most Influential People in Fashion in 2007.

Her celebrity clients include **Keira Knightley**, **Emily Mortimer**, **Clemence Poesy** and **Michelle Williams**. Leith has just been named the "eleventh most influential celebrity stylist in the world". She is based in London, UK.

Alan is the Medical Director of Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. He has held this position since November 2004. Previously a child and adolescent psychiatrist at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, he was the consulting psychiatrist to the ADHD Child and Adolescent Clinic with outpatient treatment. He was responsible for the development of a day treatment program in cooperation with the Halton Board of Education and the development of the present regional child and adolescent inpatient program. He has maintained a private outpatient practice as well in Oakville 1983 to 1992 and from 1997 to present.

Alan received his (honours) B.Sc. in Biology / Psychiatry from McMaster in 1970. He received his M.A.Sc. in applied psychology from the University of Waterloo in 1973, his M.D. from McMaster University in 1979 and his fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians in Psychiatry in 1983. Dr. Brown has been on the teaching faculties of McMaster University Medical School and the University of Toronto.

Students and staff are looking forward to celebrating with these two former Blakelock graduates in the fall.

The Search for Greatness: A Play by the Grade 11 Drama Class

Written: by Melissa Thomson

Is it possible Chuck could get them out of this muck? Many wondered this on the night of May 5th as they watched six friends search for a man with a vest of leather. The search led them through a Chuck Norris Convention, an underground lab, a trek up a high mountain. All this was in search of a cure for their unfortunate mutation, that were a result of falling into toxic Lake Ontario water. Each and every contribution to the performance was exceptional. The eccentric role of the very old and wise Mountain Man, played by **Madison D'Angelo**, kept the audience using their heads to unravel her mind bending riddles and rhymes. But not before an intense rap battle between 2 of the mutants and "The Chuckies", some hard-core Chuck Norris fans, played by **Stephanie Turner, Matthew Jacques** and **Tanwir Singh**. By the end of the show **Sheldon Allen**, who played "Denny", finally came to terms with his mutated third arm but not without help from the other mutants. The characters Stella and Bella, played by **Kimmy Drapack** and **Kimberley Haworth**, were stuck side by side throughout the show, literally, as they played conjoined mutated twins. The other mutants, played by **Camille Beaudoin, Gabby Bernier** and **Ryan Wheeler** who played a super fast flying machine, a mind reader and a boy with the ability to turn invisible. Each of their mutations helped them along their journey for greatness. However, perhaps the most impressive performance of the night was by **Peter Liberty**, who played Chuck Norris. With only 2 days to prepare for the big night, Peter performed a nearly flawless performance blending in perfectly with all of the much more prepared actors. Sound and lighting designed by **David LaRue** and **Melissa Thomson** went off without a glitch. The overall performance brought laughter, joy and excitement to the viewing audience and the entire cast and crew deserve a well earned round of applause for their hard work, commitment, ambition to perform and for achieving the greatness that they had been searching for.

Peer Leadership

The start of September can be an anxious time for the best of us—let alone a new Grade 9 student. To help ease the transition into high school, it's good for the Grade 8 students to feel welcome and comfortable here at TAB. In May, the GPP301 Peer Leadership class worked very hard to be mentors for the current Grade 8s, or rather, next September's Grade 9s. Grade 8s from our various feeder schools came to spend a special morning at TAB. They were greeted by the GPP students, and then taken on a tour around the building. This is an excellent opportunity to not only see all the great classes "in action", but to also get a feel for the complex building with its many "wings". It takes only a few days to figure out the layout of the building, but for many of our Grade 8s, they thought they were in a labyrinth maze! After the tour, they ended with a presentation by the GPPs to go over the "Things You Need to Know". This presentation is not teacher-driven, or about diploma requirements, but more so about helpful hints for a high school student. Lockers, backpack and binder usage, dress code, approaching teachers and support services, where to go for lunch (including off-campus), clubs and sports to sign up for, and advice in general, are all part of the presentation. The idea of teens talking to teens is a fantastic one, as they are their own best role models. Next year, when those new Grade 9s come, they'll already know these new Grade 12s just from meeting them on this special morning!

Tech Ed: Skills Competitions

Blakelock students enjoyed success this spring at both the Halton Skills Competition held at White Oaks Secondary School and the Ontario Skills Competition in Waterloo.

At the Halton Skills Competition, Jeremy Sims won the bronze medal in electrical wiring, the team of Jamie Feldman, Mitch Hatfield, Dan Radinovic, and



Pictured here: Left: Mr. Petti. Right: Ms Skakic.
Outhouse: Ryan Smith, Teddy Florea, Mitchell Hatfield, Jamie Feldman, Daniel Radinovic, David Bocking, Megan Marchand.
Absent from photo: Matthew Teague.

Ryan Smith won the gold medal in homebuilding, and the team of David Bocking and Teddy Florea won the gold medal in TV & video production.

The homebuilding and TV & video production teams went on to compete at the Ontario Skills Competition, where David and Teddy won the silver medal. Congratulations to the students and to Mr. Petti and Ms. Skakic for their coaching and mentorship.



The end of the semester is always a good time to reflect on our achievements, work ethic, attitude, perseverance, study habits, and kindness to others. For some students, this comes naturally. For other students, it takes effort and dedication. Either way, it is simply wonderful to have students serve as role models to us all. The winners of this semester's "Tiger Awards" have demonstrated these attributes in some way. At the end of each semester, teachers are asked to nominate one student from all of their classes who they feel may be deserving of a "Tiger Award". The criteria for this award can be for a demonstration of improvement, diligence, perseverance despite obstacles, or leadership within the classroom. Blakelock staff and students congratulate this semester's "Tiger Award" winners: **Cory Barter, Paul Brosseau, Charlie Carter, Ankita Chopra, Sahil Chopra,**

Tyler Connelly, Samiah Dhingra, Gagan Gill, Natasha Green, Luke Hatfield, Michael Hayward, Danny Hong, Andrew Howarth, Krystian Kielbasa, Brady Kinsman, Darren Knight, Emily Nash, Sally Newman, Phil Rebiere, Marcos Santa Eulalia Herce, Nick Shanks, Tyler Stephenson, Trish Thompson, Jacob VanSickle, Bryan Watson, Megan Watson, and Jacob Whitehouse. Congratulations to all these winners!

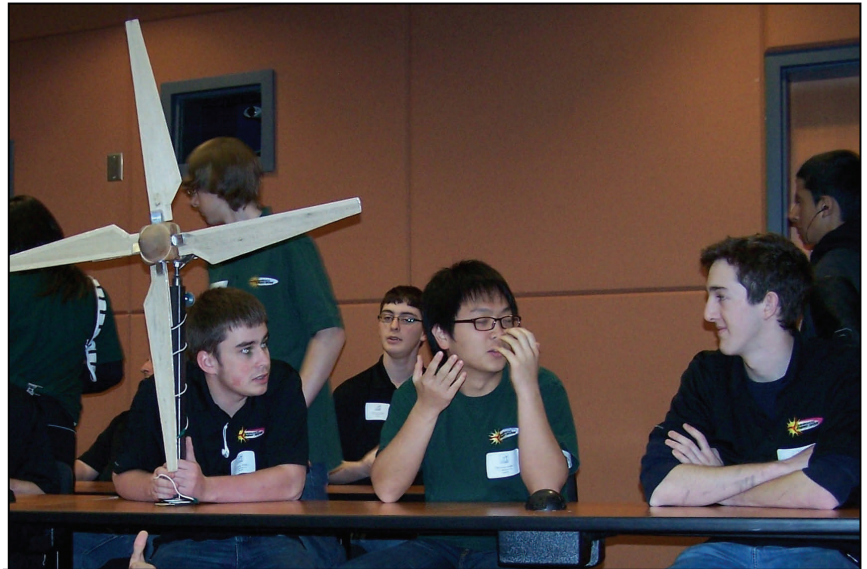
Energy SHSM

The Energy Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) completed its first year of operation in the 2010/2011 school year at Blakelock. Graduating students **Jamie Feldman, Mitchell Hatfield, and Paul Seo** are the first three TAB graduates to complete the Energy SHSM.

This year saw the start of many Energy SHSM projects including a CNC plasma cutter, a wind tunnel, and a frame jig to be used in the fabrication of a bio-diesel chopper. These projects will be continuing into next year.

In April, two teams of Energy SHSM students competed at WindENG 2011, a wind turbine competition hosted by the University of Guelph Faculty of Engineering. Given a 12V motor, students were required to design and build a wind turbine capable of producing maximum power in the Guelph Engineering wind tunnel. In a field of 38 teams, the TAB Energy SHSM teams finished 3rd and 7th, with the 3rd place team winning Rookie of the Year honours. Planning is already underway for next year's competition.

For more information on the Energy SHSM at TAB contact **Mr. Petti** (pettil@hdsb.ca) or **Mr. White** (whitep@hdsb.ca)



Fraser Simpson, Paul Seo, and Mitch Hatfield at WindENG 2011

Co-operative Education

Another successful semester for our students in the Co-op program. We would like to thank the following Co-op employers for continuing to support our program at Blakelock.

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Career</u>
Frank Baillie	Paradiso	Culinary
Jethro Begunu	Inovex	Computers
Kylie Brezden	Brookdale PS	Teaching
Sara Dermott	Eastview Public School	Education
Andrew Ernst	Avesta	Welding
Anthony Faria	Missing Links	School for Children with Autism
Jacob French	Jacox Automotive	Motorcycle Mechanics
Max Gauthier	Images That Suit	Fashion
Shjanne Glover	Oakville Beaver	Photography
Andree Hauschild	Pine Grove PS	Teaching
Josh Havin	High Performance	Sprint Canoeing
Megan Hayward	Wyndham Manor	Senior Residence
Katie Holbrook	High Performance	Irish Dancing
Max Hrubovcak	Shoufany Woodworking	Cabinet Making
Grant Jeffrey	North Star Electric	Electric
Brady Kinsman	Oakville Humane Society	Animal Care
Mindy Kwak	Oakville Place Dental	Dentistry
Leanne Larsen	Le Chateau	Fashion Merchandizing
Myke Maida	The Diving Shop	Sales
Giani Mancini	Fourth Line Auto	Auto
James McDonald	Future Shop	Electronics
Larissa Mienicki	Photographs by Julie Johnson	Photography
Leeann Moore	Rogers Television	Broadcasting
Kate Newhouse	Brookdale P.S.	Teaching
Brian Nguyen	Pho Mi 89	Culinary
Coral Olesen	Oakville Animal Clinic	Animal Care
Ashley Omoruyi	Premiere Fitness	Administration
Teija Opitz	Brookdale PS	Teaching
Travis Penney	Dorval Electric	Electrical
Brandon Rand	Glen Abbey Golf Club	Golf Management
Remington Sadler	Gear Music	Music
Nick Shanks	Eastview Public School	Education
Tyler Stephenson	Avesta	Welding
Mike Teasdale	Kennedy Ford	Auto Mechanics
Kyle Thompson	Vision Carpentry	Carpentry
Trish Thompson	Oakville Banquet and Convention Ctr	Hotel Management
Bryan Watson	Mototran	Auto Mechanics
Ryan Weech	Oakville Parks and Recreation	Landscaping
Connor Wilson	Moog Audio	Music
Vincent Zemeckas	Cyclepath	Cycle Retail/Maintenance

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

The following students have been hired by their employers:

Brian Watson	Mototran	Jacob French	Jacox Harley
Mike Teasdale	Kennedy Ford	Kyle Thompson	Vision Construction
Brady Kinsman	Oakville Humane Society	Connor Wilson	Moog Audio
Tyler Stephenson	Avesta	Toan (Brian) Nguyen	Pho Mi 89 Restaurant

A Co-op Reflection from Brady Kinsman at the Oakville and Milton Humane Society

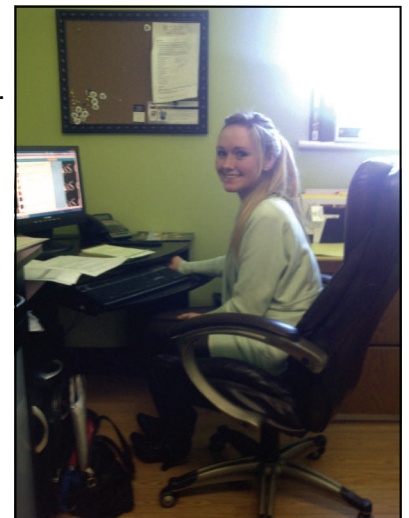
My Name is **Brady Kinsman** and I did my Co-op program at the Oakville and Milton Humane Society. My job is an Animal Care employee. An Animal Care employee feeds, cleans, and grooms the animals. I have learned a lot at the shelter but the most important thing I have learned is that just because animals like cats and dogs cannot speak for themselves it doesn't mean that we should neglect or be cruel to them. So we speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. My favourite aspect at the placement is the sense of knowing that I am doing my part to help save and care for the animals who are not fortunate enough to not have a home even though they did nothing wrong. You can help save an animal today so please adopt a pet or donate to the Oakville and Milton Humane Society. I am going to pursue a career in **Animal Patrol** and I have been hired on a part time basis at the Human Society.



If you have not yet experienced Co-op I suggest you give it a try. You learn a responsibility outside of school that is slightly different than the responsibilities when you are at school. You learn a little bit about the real working world before you are actually thrown into it. You get a chance to experiment with what interests you in a working environment and find out if its right for you, so you get that little bit of a head start. If you were like me and did not have too much interest in school I strongly suggest that you give Co-op a try, so that you can get into the place that interests you. I have learned a lot of things I would never have learned in a regular classroom and I hope that you find co-op interesting enough to give it a try.

A Co-op Reflection from Trish Tompson at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Hall

My Co-op was at the Oakville Conference and Banquet Hall. I chose to apply for this type of business because I am interested in **event planning** for my post secondary education, and future career. I really enjoy it there, it gives me a sneak peek or a preview of what my future environment will look and be like. Co-op has allowed me to see if I would like event planning and get a better feel to what this business is actually like. At this placement I have a desk in the office of the event co-ordinator. There, I am responsible for their social networking, (i.e. updating Facebook, twitter and blog posts) reception, setting up the halls, sending out thank you cards to clients, going over event packages, filing paper work, attending meeting and even some of the events. After High School I plan on going to post secondary education for event management, and from there hopefully off to a business like Oakville Conference and Banquet Hall. Co-op has been a great experience for me, I am very thankful I was able to get involved with such an opportunity.



Looking for Extra-Help for your Child?

Whether help is needed in finishing the year or you would like to prepare your child for next year, across the summer months, here are two excellent resources:



1. Homework Help – live one-on-one confidential online access to certified Mathematics teachers available Sunday – Thursday from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. The site is gearing up for the end of the year for both the EQAO and the Exams. Over 7,800 Halton District students are already registered on this site. If your child is not registered or you are not sure of their registration status, all that is needed is their OEN number (found on all report cards) Students can be registered or re-registered at: <https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org>

2. The Ontario Resource Bank (OERB) provides over 50,000 resources on any subject and any grade. Find interactive tutorials, educational games, an extensive video library, complete on-line course material just to name a few. More information on the site can be found through your child's Chatt account. Simply go to **Student Conferences** then select the **Intermediate Students** (7-9) and look for the **Homework Help Conference** (same icon as above). Select **Student Access OERB** and find the **Autologin** to the site under **OERB Access for Students**. If that is not possible, you need can get access to the site at: <http://resources.elearningontario.ca/> and you will need to obtain the username and password from a teacher.

If you require more information contact Scott Dykes (HDSB e-learning Contact – Homework Help Initiative) at: homeworkhelp@hdsb.ca



Reliable Life Insurance Company

Parents are being given the opportunity to purchase student accident insurance through Reliable Life Insurance Company "insuremykids.com". Parents may sign up online for Student Accident Insurance and will now be offered multi year discounts as well as family discounts for more than one student.

The Halton District School Board does not provide accident insurance coverage for student injuries that occur on school premises or during school activities. Accidents can and do happen. Some injuries incur medical, dental or other expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group plans. As a parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses. We do make available the insuremykids® Protection Plan for students through Reliable Life Insurance Company. Participation in such a programme is voluntary and the costs are to be paid by the parent or guardian. The Board urges all parents to consider the purchase of insurance, to ensure adequate coverage of children at school.



4th Annual PIC Conference

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the
4th annual PIC Conference on

Saturday, October 22, 2011
8:00 a.m – 2:30 p.m.

Milton District High School
(396 Williams Avenue, Milton L9T 2G4)

Key Note Speaker:
Garfield Gini-Newman

Registration opens in August
<http://info.hdsb.ca/picreg/>

Free child-minding available on request.

For more information contact Denise Pearson at
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