

Blair's Week-At-A-Glance (WAAG):

October 13-17, 2025

At Blair this week we have been working on expressing appreciation for what and who we are thankful for in our lives... how will you show gratitude this weekend? I am certainly appreciative of our wonderfully sturdy team of educators at Blair and amazing PAC for supporting our school events and initiatives! To our Blair families: I hope you have a wonderful long weekend, and are able to connect with people you care about, recharge, and embrace the autumn season. -Mr. Livingston

Highlights For This Week Include:

Monday October 13	• Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday October 14	
Wednesday October 15	
Thursday October 16	• 10:30am Drop Cover Hold On/Earthquake and Evacuation Drill • 2:50 pm – 3:45 pm Volleyball Game @ Brighthouse
Friday October 17	• 8:45 am Blair Friday Morning Community Walk • PAC Hot Lunch Sushi

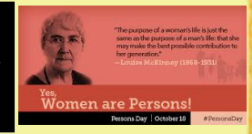
Upcoming Important Dates and Special Events:

Fri Oct 24	Pro-D Day – No School for Students
Mon Oct 27	Blair Fall Market – afterschool in the gym
Tues Oct 28	11:50am Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Significant Dates in our Community



Thanksgiving Day: Oct 13
 Simchat Torah: Oct 14 & 15
 International Pronouns Day: Oct 15
 Spirit Day: Oct 16
 World Food Day: Oct 16
 International Day to Eradicate Poverty: Oct 17
 Persons Day: Oct 18



It is the second of a two-day holiday that immediately follows the seven-day festival of Sukkot.

The name Simchat Torah means "Rejoicing with the Torah," celebrating the Jewish people's deep affection for the Torah and its study.

The central feature of this holiday is the completion of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings, immediately followed by the beginning of a new one. This symbolizes the eternal nature of studying God's wisdom.



In 2025, Thanksgiving in Canada will be on Monday, October 13. It is celebrated annually on the second Monday of October.

Key details about the holiday:

- **Harvest celebration:** The holiday officially became an annual event in 1879. In 1957, Parliament set the date for "a day of General Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest".
- **Origins:** The first recorded North American Thanksgiving celebration occurred in Canada in 1578 when explorer Martin Frobisher held a feast to give thanks for a safe voyage.

International Pronouns Day

International Pronouns Day is an annual event observed on the third Wednesday of October. It was founded in 2018 by Shige Sakurai as a grassroots initiative to raise awareness about the importance of respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns.

What is the purpose of International Pronouns Day?
 The day's primary goal is to normalize the practice of sharing pronouns and to create a more inclusive and respectful society for everyone. For transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people, being referred to with the correct pronouns is a matter of basic human dignity. Intentionally or repeatedly using the wrong pronouns, known as "misgendering," can be hurtful and invalidating.



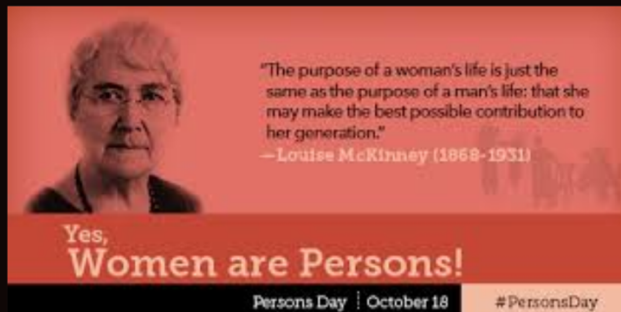
It is an annual event organized by **GLAAD**, the world's most visible anti-bullying campaign supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth. The event began in 2010 when Canadian teenager Brittany McMillan organized a Tumblr post asking people to wear purple in response to a string of bullying-related suicides of LGBTQ youth. The name "Spirit Day" comes from the purple stripe on the rainbow pride flag, which represents "spirit".



The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed annually on October 17. The day raises awareness of the need to end poverty and destitution worldwide and recognizes the struggles of people living in poverty.



World Food Day is an annual event observed on October 16 to raise awareness about global hunger and promote action to achieve food security for everyone. It is one of the most celebrated days on the United Nations calendar, with events held in over 150 countries.



Persons Day is a Canadian holiday celebrated on October 18th each year, marking a significant legal victory for women's rights. On this day in 1929, the "Famous Five"—a group of Canadian women—won a case that allowed women to be legally recognized as "persons" under Canadian law. This victory meant that women could be appointed to the Senate and participate fully in political life. Persons Day honors their fight for gender equality and is an important milestone in the women's rights movement in Canada.



Blair Fall Market Fair



Join us for fun, community, and fundraising!



Date: Monday, October 27, 2025



Time: 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.



Where: School Gym



How to Participate



Sales Spots: \$30 per spot (table provided in the gym)



Students: May bring second-hand or hand-made items to sell



Keep your profits or donate them to the playground fund!



Please note: Food items cannot be sold at this event.



**Registration opens now until 11:59pm Friday, Oct 17
(first-come, first-served)**



Reserve your spot today!

For questions or registration, please contact:

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