



BLACKIE BARK

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Dear Blackie Families,

January seems to have gotten away from me, so I wish you Happy New Year now! We have had a busy start to the 2024 year, and we are off to a great start of semester 2. This month our Student Matters Team launched Student of the Month - stay tuned to our Instagram for the fantastic students who are our first recipients. January is a time when we often see students really settle into the groove of school as the excitement of Christmas has passed, and we aren't quite close enough to Easter to be thinking ahead to it. This is also a time when we look at attendance records and check in with families where attendance has been a concern. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and how it might be impacting their academics, please reach out and we will be happy to work with you.

Thank you for all the support with the sledding fun that happened last month - the kids had a great time while we still had the snow!

Some highlights from the past month

- Sledding at Hill Park
- Literacy Day in the Learning Commons with Mrs. Elliot
- The new and improved Edsembli Parent Portal was launched

Some reminders

- **We are into registration for next year! If you have a child who is ready for Kindergarten or Junior Kindergarten, please connect with Ms. Wight and/or register online!**
<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/page/131/register-a-student>
- Please check your emails for your Edsembli login information - Learner Profiles will be uploaded to Edsembli on February 16th. Please ensure you can access your account before then.
 - Feb 7 - Regional Band
 - Feb 9 - Parent Funding Meeting 9am - Everyone is welcome.
 - Feb 13 - Gr. 5-8 to Okotoks for Hockey Game for Mental Health
 - Feb 16 - Learner Profiles will be available through Edsembli Parent Portal
 - Feb 19-23 - No School, February Break
 - Feb 27 - Pink Shirt Day
 - Feb 27 - School Council Meeting at 6:30pm.
 - March 1 - school wide assembly

It truly is my joy and pleasure to be principal of this amazing school,
Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Yours in Learning

Faye Holt



News/Updates from School Council and Parents Fundraising Association

Did you know we have two different Parent groups you can be part of at school? Our Blackie School Council meets one evening a month to discuss things happening around the school and receive updates from Mrs. Holt and John Evans (our School Trustee). Our Parent Funding Association meets once a month to discuss fundraising and plans ways to spend our school funds to enhance learning for all students.

Hot Lunch

We are thrilled to be able to offer the Hot Lunch program again this year on Thursdays! Each month, students have enjoyed pizza, hotdogs, burgers and grilled cheese sandwiches!. Click [here](#) to setup an account and place your order. Any questions, please contact blackieschoollunch@gmail.com

Feb 27 - School Council Meeting at 6:30pm. Please join us for information about the happenings in and around the school. Everyone is welcome to attend, and babysitting is provided on site. Please email or call Ms. Wight if you would like babysitting for your child.

Feb 9 - 9am- Parent Fundraising Meeting at 9am at the school. Everyone is invited



New arrivals in the Blackie Learning Commons!

In addition to many beautiful books, our Learning Commons now has **Library Trunks** available to take out! Each trunk comes with a book, a stuffy, and many more activities or games around a certain theme!

This month's themed trunks are: Under the Sea, Iggy the Iguana, Tea Party, and Animals in Winter.

The themes of the Library Trunks will change over time, and students are welcome to take them out just like they would a library book!

Please help your child ensure all items are returned in the same condition they went home in. In the trunk you will find a laminated sheet that shows all the items in the trunk so you know what needs to come back to the school.

When your child brings home a Library Trunk, please enjoy it with them! We hope they offer many opportunities for fun and learning together.