



# BLACKIE BARK

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Dear Blackie Families,

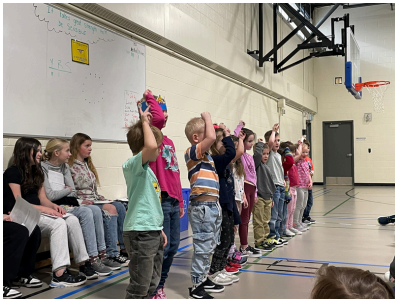
Happy February! January may have felt like it was 729 days long, but when we look back at photos and events, it was another great month. We often find that January is a time when learning begins to solidify and students are motivated to dig deep and stretch their brains.

### January learning and fun.

Passion projects began in grades 5-8. Students are fixing engines, making clothes, building benches, learning new instruments and many other amazing projects.



Grade 1 students created a suspension bridge! What an incredible feat of engineering.



Our month assembly included a poem by the Kindergarten class and celebrating our Students of the Month for their ability to ***"Pursue their personal best, no matter who they work with"***

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

## Upcoming News and Events

### **Key February & March Events for all**

- Feb 12-14 - Band Camp
- Feb 13 - Basketball Tourney at the Fieldhouse
- Feb 14 - Popcorn for sale \$2/bag
- Feb 14 - Learner Profiles posted to Edsembli accounts and printed copies sent home
- Feb 17 - No School - Happy Family Day!
- Feb 18-21 - No School - February Break
- Feb 25 - Parent School Council Meeting at 3:00pm in the Learning Commons. Babysitting is available, please contact the office if you would like to arrange
- Feb 26 - Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 28 - Last day to order Art Cards
- Mar 1 - Breakfast at the Blackie Hall 8-10am - funds raised will go to Blackie School
- Mar 3-7 - Rugby being taught at the school during PE periods.
- Mar 5 - Parent Funding Meeting at 9am. Everyone is welcome!
- Mar 6 - Spring Dance

### **School Calendars**

School Calendars can be found on our website here:

<https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/blackie/page/15611/calendars-2024-2025>

### **Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten Registration**

Do you have a child aged 3 or 4? Or do you know a child that age? Is their birthday prior to December 31, 2024? We are open for registrations!!! Please pass on the information to anyone who might be interested.

### **THANK YOU**

Every year we spend time together celebrating the end of the school year at Vulcan Pool. Thank you to our Funding Association for ensuring we can do this again by paying for the busing costs.

Be sure to follow us on our Instagram account! Stories, posts and reels can be found there for all the fun and amazing things happening day to day. [@BlackieSchool](#)

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## Parent Questions and Wonders

Each month I will share some information about common questions that come our way.

**Question: What is Students Matters and how does it work?**

**Answer: Students Matters is usually a student led program dedicated to addressing various aspects of student life and well-being.**

Each school in Foothills School Division has a Student Matters team. This team is made up of one staff lead and 4-6 students who want to improve things for students in the school and possess strong leadership skills. The Student Matters team at Blackie is made up of grade 7 and 8 students.

It is this group of students who came up with the idea of “Student of the Month”, which has become a cornerstone of our monthly assemblies. This year, the shift we made was to align the Student of the Month criteria to our Play is the Way mottos.

This group of students also looks at data to help guide their decisions. After looking at the data, we discovered that our grade 4-6 students are struggling with external resilience (knowing and believing that the people around you will help when you need it) and our grade 7/8 students are struggling with internal resilience (knowing and believing that they can do hard things). In order to address these two areas, our Student Matters Team is planning on introducing yoga for students in the Learning Commons. They hope that yoga at lunch will help foster a greater sense of resilience overall for all our students.

Three times a year, all of the Student Matters teams come together to discuss what each school team is doing and to learn more about how they can contribute to their school. Just last week we attended one of these meetings where we learned about Comprehensive School Health through a presentation by Alberta Health Services. If you would like to learn more about this, please visit:

<https://schools.healthiertogether.ca/en/>



If you have a burning question, please send it to [holtf@fsd38.ab.ca](mailto:holtf@fsd38.ab.ca)