



BLACKIE BARK

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE:

DEAR BLACKIE FAMILIES,

WHAT A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR WE HAVE HAD SO FAR! STUDENTS ARE SETTLING WELL INTO THEIR CLASSROOMS AND ROUTINES, BUSY LEARNING AND BUILDING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR PEERS AND THEIR TEACHERS. AS ONE OF FOUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS HERE THIS YEAR, I WANT TO SEND A HUGE THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME WE HAVE ALL FELT FROM STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES ALIKE. WE ARE THRILLED TO BE HERE WORKING AND LEARNING ALONG SIDE YOU.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PAST MONTH HAVE BEEN:

- OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST - THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO CAME TO BREAK BREAD WITH US
- MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT
- THE BULLDOG DANCE PARTY WITH MISS NICOLE - THANK YOU AGAIN TO SCHOOL COUNCIL FOR ARRANGING THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR STUDENTS.
- COACHING AND CHEERING OUR JH FLAG FOOTBALL TEAM -STAY TUNED, TRIPLE BALL IS COMING UP FAST!
- THE AMAZING LEARNING AND REFLECTING OVER THE PAST WEEKS AROUND TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION THROUGH ORANGE SHIRT DAY
- BUS SAFETY AND RIDING ASSEMBLY BY THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
- THE ENGAGEMENT WE'VE SEEN SO FAR WITH FAMILIES LOGGING INTO EDSEMBLI - IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

SOME REMINDERS

- IT IS COLD AND FLU SEASON! PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO WASH THEIR HANDS WELL, AND OFTEN! THANK YOU FOR KEEPING YOUR KIDS HOME WHEN THEY ARE SICK
- PLEASE CALL OUR MS. WIGHT AT THE OFFICE TO REPORT ANY ABSENCES
- PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR YOUR EDSEMBLI LOGIN INFORMATION - THIS IS WHERE YOU WILL SEE YOUR SCHOOL FEES AND YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- THIS WEEKEND IS A LONG WEEKEND - NO SCHOOL MONDAY

IT TRULY IS MY JOY AND PLEASURE TO BE YOUR PRINCIPAL,
YOURS IN LEARNING

FAYE HOLT



Upcoming Events

- Oct 9 – Happy Thanksgiving, No School
 - Oct 10 - Flag Football Game at Millarville
 - **Oct 11 - NHL Jersey Day to kickoff hockey season**
 - Oct 11 – Regional Band Gr. 6-8, *new time 10-11:30am*
 - Oct 16-20 – Book Fair
 - **Oct 17 - Parent Council Meeting & AGM at 6:30pm. All invited**
 - **Oct 19 - Bottle Drive to support Grade 7/8 Pioneer Ranch Camp**
 - **Oct 19 – Book Fair Parent Night 6:30pm-8:30pm**
 - Oct 19 – Gr. 6 Vaccinations Catchup Round#1
 - Oct 20 – PD Day, No School
 - Oct 24 – Regional Band Gr. 6-8
 - **Oct 27 – Halloween Carnival, 1-2pm. Wear costumes. All invited**
 - **Oct 31 - Black and Orange Day - no costumes please**
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- **Nov 1 – Retake Photo Day and JK Photos**
 - **Nov 7 - Parent Funding Meeting 9am. All invited**
 - **Nov 8-9 - Parent Teacher Interview**
 - Nov 8 - Regional Band
 - **Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly 10:15am. All invited**
 - Nov 27 - PD Day, No School
 - Nov 30 - Regional Band Gr. 6-8
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- Dec 11 - Regional Band Gr. 6-8
 - Dec 15 - PD Day, No School
 - Dec 18 - Regional Band at HHS, Winter Concert 7pm
 - **Dec 21 - Evening Christmas Concert. Everyone is invited**
 - Dec 26-Jan 5 - Christmas Break, No School



Bottle Drive Thu, Oct 19th

We will be holding a Bottle Drive on Thursday, Oct 19th to help support the Grade 7/8 trip to Pioneer Ranch Camp in May 2024. There will be a trailer parked in the Staff Parking Lot on Oct 19th and we would greatly appreciate any donations.

Remembrance Day

Do you have any family members who have served or are actively serving in the military? We're looking for photos to be used in a slideshow for our Remembrance Day Assembly on Nov 10th. Please send any photos to blackie@fsd38.ab.ca

Student Lunches

Please be advised there is no access for students to use microwaves or hot water at the school. If your child needs warm food, please send it in a thermos.

Sound Kreations

Thank You to Parent Council for sponsoring our Hip Hop dance classes for the entire school Sep 25-29th. The final presentation was AMAZING!! Thank you to ALL the families for attending and participating, everyone had a ton of fun!





News/Updates from Parent Council and Parents Advisory & Funding Association

Did you know we have two different Parent groups you can be part of at school? Our Blackie Parent 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 Advisory & 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! The first Hot Lunch date is on October 12th. Click [here](#) to setup an account and place your order. Any questions, please contact blackieschoollunch@gmail.com
- **VOLUNTEERS** - If you're interested in helping out with our Hot Lunch, please call/text Amy Jamison at 403-603-8567. We need drivers to pick up orders, and willing hands in the kitchen. If you're working in the school, the school requires a current Criminal Record Check and Volunteer Forms. Please contact the office if you need a volunteer package.

Oct 17 – Parent Council Meeting & AGM at 6:30pm. The election for council positions (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) will be during the AGM. If you're interested in taking on a council position, please join us. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Nov 7th – Parent Funding Meeting at 9am at the school. Everyone is invited