BLACKIE BARK

September 27, 2024

Dear Blackie Families,

Here we are a month into school already, and what a wonderful start-up it has been! Students are settled and happy and smoothly moving through their new routines. Our Flag Football team has played in two different tournaments/game sets and are doing well against some much bigger schools! Mr. Barton brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him around the sports world, and we are so grateful for his leadership in this area! Tripleball is starting up right away, so stay tuned for more information about that if your child/children are in grade 7-8

Thank you to all the families who came out to our Meet the Teacher/Pancake Breakfast. It was a great event, and we all enjoyed some delicious pancakes and watermelon, provided by and made by our School Council and Funding Association volunteers. If you would like to be more involved in the school and offer input and feedback into the school, **please join us for our monthly School Council meetings!** Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come. Babysitting can be organized for children by our fabulous grade 7/8 girls.

We would like to welcome Ms. Janelle Kowaluk as the newest addition to our Educational Assistant team. Ms. K is working primarily in kindergarten as our littlest people adjust to being at school three days a week! Some of our older students may remember her from her time here two years ago when she worked in our grade 7/8 classroom alongside Mrs. Battrum.

Another change we have made this year is to flip lunch and lunch recess. Students will now eat from 12:00-12:25, and then go out and play from 12:25-12:50. In order to ensure students are inside and ready to learn at 12:50, we have added a warning bell at 12:45. This gives students 5 minutes to transition from playing to learning for the afternoon.

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

Important October Dates
- Oct 2 - Parent Funding Meeting 9am - Everyone Welcome!
- Oct 4 - Student Matters first meeting at FCHS
- Oct 4 - First Bulldog Buffet lunch for all students
- Oct 14 - Thanksgiving Monday - no school for students
- Oct 22 - AGM for School Council - Everyone Welcome!
- Oct 21-25 - BOOK FAIR!!!
- Oct 31 - Halloween and Halloween Carnival
- Nov 1 - Professional Development for Teachers - no school for students.

School Calendars
School Calendars can be found on our website here:
https://www.foothillsschooldivision.ca/blackie/page/15611/calendars-2024-2025

You may have heard your child talking about the Golden Garbage Can! We have a friendly competition between classes to keep our classrooms nice and clean! The winning classroom each week is rewarded the Golden Garbage Can by our Ms. Heidi and Mr. Justin.

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

Parent Questions and Wonders

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

Question: What is an ILP?

Answer: An ILP stands for Inclusive Learning Plan. Some students require a little extra help and support in their learning, or an extra push and enrichment. The ILP is a document that helps capture all the information around the help and supports that a student needs. Teachers build the ILP with families and the Learning Coach, and it is a working document that shifts and change with the child.

ILPs also allow schools to keep track of any diagnosis and medical information so it does not get lost in translation from year to year, or as a child may move schools. Some students may start their school career with an ILP to help support them, and then as they grow and develop, may no longer need one to support their learning. Some students may find that as the grades increase, they need extra support and so an ILP may be suggested later in grades, or even later in the year as teachers get to know their students better.

If your child is diagnosed with a learning disability, a medical condition, or any other information that may impact their learning and/or social interactions, it is important to let their teacher and/or the Learning Coach know. The more we know about a child and how their unique needs impact their learning, the more we can help and support them to flourish into the most amazing version of themselves!

If you have specific questions about your child and their learning needs, please reach out. We are here to help.

If you have a burning question, please send it to holt@fsd38.ab.ca

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