



June 2, 2023

# Blackie Bark

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May has been a great month here at Blackie School. Moving into June, we continue to be focused on learning and growth towards the end of the school year while also gathering data and planning for next year. We want to thank all of those that completed the Accountability Pillar Survey that was put out by Alberta Education. Input received in this survey is vital in helping us plan our next steps in learning here at Blackie. Please note that if you have any comments or feedback that was not part of the survey we are always available and interested to hear the thoughts and perspectives of all in our school community.

Spring is a time of growth, change and renewal, not only in our yards, but in school as well. Over the last couple months our staff has partnered with the staff of Ecole Highwood High School to help our grade 8 students transition to grade 9 in a new and exciting school. Students have taken part in Mustang Expo Day where they were able to experience some of the complimentary courses offered at the high school. In addition, students had the opportunity to attend an open house and have been visited in Blackie by the Highwood admin team. We look forward to the amazing experiences that await our grade 8 students.

As the weather warms up and the sun comes out we would like to remind everyone of the increased pedestrian traffic on the streets around our school. More and more students are riding their bikes, and walking to school and this trend will continue over the final months of the school year. Please be understanding that in their excitement students are often not fully aware of their surroundings as they travel to and from school. Parents and families can assist us in keeping all students safe by continuing to abide by all school zone signs, and not parking near the crosswalk area that goes across John Street on the north side of the school. We would like to thank you for helping us make sure our students are always safe on their way to and from school.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Chase Ellis



**FRIDAYS**

**Please wear your Blackie School shirts/hoodies  
on Fridays and show your school spirit**

## **Upcoming Events:**

Jun 5 - Regional Band Gr 6-8

Jun 7 - Regional Band Year End Tour - 9am performance at Blackie.

Everyone Welcome! Followed by Cayley and then Okotoks Pool.

Jun 9 - Grade 3-4 fieldtrip to Heritage Park

Jun 12 - Grade 1-3 fieldtrip to Bar U Ranch

### **Jun 15**

- Gr 5/6 fieldtrip to Saddledome
- All books due back to Library
- Grade 8 Farewell starting 6pm with dinner to follow

Jun 16 - No School. Staff Learning Day

Jun 22-27 - Alien In-Line Skating - Gr.1-8

Jun 26 - Grade 6 Social PAT 9-10am

Jun 27 - Grade 6 Science PAT 9-10am

Jun 28 - Sports Day 9-11:30am, BBQ to follow

### **Jun 29**

- Swimming at the Vulcan Outdoor Pool 9:30-11:30am
- Year End Assembly 2-2:30pm. Everyone Welcome!

### **Jun 30**

- Last Day, Early Dismissal at 11:55am
- Learner Profiles posted to edsembli accounts

Aug 31 - First Day Back to School



### **Summer Programs open to all FSD students for FREE!**

- MANKind Program (Ages 13-18+FSD Community):

<https://forms.gle/HVMFnJHsAEUb1KY46>

- Summer Football Program (Gr. 8-12):

<https://forms.gle/yn4k4Ry3tx8VBH969>

- Summer Volleyball Program (6-12):

<https://forms.gle/pntMF2TCVT3rHvgd7>



# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our staff member Tatrina Medvescek who's been coaching last month with the Calgary Stampeders during training camp as part of the Canadian Football League's Women in Football program. Way to Go!! Click [here](#) for a clip on CBC News

## Art Felt Class for Grades 1-3



## Pioneer Ranch Camp

The Grade 7/8 Class had an AMAZING trip to Pioneer Ranch Camp near Rocky Mountain House May 16-18. They participated in lots of fun activities including Archery, Swimming, Canoeing, Climbing, Hiking, Team Building, Outdoor Skills and everyone's favourite Bog Ball! BIG THANKS to our Parent Council for their funding support. Also a HUGE THANKS to our community for their support with our Bottle Drive. The class was able to raise over \$1900 to help with the trip costs.



# School Bus Safety



## **Please remember these tips so everyone stays safe in and around our buses:**

- Unload Students onto the sidewalk or curb not into the road, it is much safer.
- Check for vehicles coming from behind before you open your own driver door. Do not leave your door open to assist students etc. close it as soon as possible.
- Students and parent should never run across the road. Stop on the curb, check both ways and walk across the road if clear.
- Do not park on or close to a pedestrian crossing, you will obscure the view of other drivers of people trying to cross the road. The traffic laws are that you have to park no closer than 5meters (20 feet) from the crosswalk.
- Never pass a vehicle from behind that is stopped at a crosswalk.
- NEVER walk between buses! Always try and cross the road behind the row of buses never in between.
- Always watch for bus movements. Every bus has blind spots please stay away from the buses by at least 3 feet.
- Never run or walk next to a moving bus. You can slip or trip and fall underneath the bus.
- Never pass a moving bus or other vehicle from behind in the school zone. Is it is illegal, you can only pass a bus or other vehicle that is parked in the school zone.
- Avoid at all cost make a U-turn in the school zone.
- Patience, observation and care from everybody involved in the drop-off/pick-up area will result in a safer environment for all.





# Blackie OUT OF SCHOOL CARE (OSC)

Our new Blackie Out of School Care (OSC) program currently has openings for new Club members!

For more information or to register,

- call: 403-422-0279
- email: [blackieclub@bgcfoothills.com](mailto:blackieclub@bgcfoothills.com)
- website: [www.bgcfoothills.com](http://www.bgcfoothills.com)

Spaces are limited, please register early to avoid disappointment!

## Fees:

- Before & Afterschool Care: \$400/month
- Before School Care: \$200/month
- Afterschool Care: \$200/month
- Membership Fee: \$35/year (paid annually)

**Subsidy is available!**

Ages:  
Grade 1 - 6

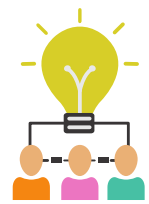
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TODAY**



**bgc**

Foothills Clubs

## 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 Mr. Ellis 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.

- The RCMP police dog presentation and Art Felt Class for grades 1-3 were a hit.
- We covered the cost for 12 grade 7 and 8 students to enroll in a Hunters Ed course taught by Mrs. Kavanaugh, this is such a great learning opportunity for them and it's going very well.
- The grade 7/8's had an amazing time at Pioneer Ranch Camp May 16-18th. We were happy to provide some funding towards a bus and camp costs, it was great to see them get to carry back on with this fun tradition at Blackie School.
- We are excited to be sending the school to the Vulcan outdoor pool on June 29th as a kick off to summer, be prepared for lots of water sliding and fun.
- Alien in - line skating will be coming to the school June 22 - 27, 2023 and all classes will be participating in the fun and exciting inline skating activities. For more information visit: [alieninline.com](http://alieninline.com)
- We are working on getting some gaga ball pits added to the playground next year, and some fun new learning experiences for students next year.
- If you have any ideas on ways we can enhance our student experience at school or have any questions you can email [blackiefunding@gmail.com](mailto:blackiefunding@gmail.com) anytime and everyone is welcome to join our meetings anytime.
- **Parent Funding meetings have concluded for the year.**
- **Parent Council meetings have concluded for the year.**