



BLACKIE BARK

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Dear Blackie Families,

Happy November! October was a busy and fun month full of celebrations, events and connections. Thank you to all the families who came out to our Parent Teacher interview and Book Fair night! It was a success for all. Mrs. Elliot was pleased to share with us that we raised enough in sales for the school to earn back 40% of sales in new books for the school. Thank you again for all your support.

Celebrations and moments of joy from October



Grade 5/6 presented their solar systems to other classes.

Student Matters hosted their first Student of the Month Assembly



A huge shout out and thank you to our grade 5/6 & 7/8 students (and their teachers!) for making Halloween so much fun for our school.

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 November Events for all

- Nov 8 – Remembrance Ceremony at 10:30am – Everyone is welcome!
- Nov 11 – No School - Remembrance Day
- Nov 12-15 – No School – Fall Break
- Nov 22-23 – Casino – Volunteers Needed! Signup [here](#)
- Nov 26 - Trauma Informed Practice for Parents Session 5:15-6:15pm
- Nov 26 - Parent School Council Meeting 6:30pm – Everyone is welcome! Please contact the school if you would like to arrange babysitting.

School Calendars

School Calendars can be found on our website here:

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

Trauma Informed Practice for Parents – Tue, Nov 26

In our [Education Plan](#), you may have read that a trauma informed school is one of our goals this year. Are you curious about what this is all about? Come for a presentation about Trauma Informed Practice for parents before our November School Council Meeting. We will meet in the Blackie Learning Commons from 5:15 - 6:15pm on Tuesday, November 26th. Please stay for the School Council meeting afterwards!

Play is the Way

We recently launched the beginning of a behaviour education methodology called Play is the Way. This methodology teaches children to recognize when they are unregulated and some tools to self soothe. This is something you can do at home too!! Please check out the tools for parents at [Play is the Way](#).

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: How do I get updates on my child's progress?

Answer:

There are a few different avenues for schools to share information about your child's progress.

First is communication with your child's teacher. On a regular basis, you will receive updates and newsletters, these communications allow you to know what your child is learning about in the classroom. They may include special events that are happening, and any other information you need to know about your child's classroom. Some teachers also use a different communication platform, such as Class Dojo, for more immediate information and as a platform for you to respond back.

As part of the greater system of reporting, teachers update their marks in [EdSembli](#) every month, and you can access grades through this platform. You may receive an email from Division Office Learning Team reminding you to check EdSembli for progress updates. As it makes sense in the context of your child's grade, teachers may also send home pieces of assessments throughout the year for you to keep up to date with.

Four times a year you will receive more formal information about your child's progress, by way of Learner Profiles (February & June), and Parent Teacher Conferences (November & April). These are benchmarks during the year that allow teachers to reflect on your child's learning journey, and share assessment data with you about where they are at in regards to the curricular objectives for that school year.

At any time during the year, if you have questions or concerns about your child's learning journey, please reach out to their teacher.

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