



Blackie Bark

January 13, 2023



Welcome back to all our Blackie School families. We hope that everyone in our community had a restful Christmas break with their friends and family.

Prior to the break, cold weather forced both students and staff indoors for recess, we have however seen temperatures warming up enough in the afternoon to go out for recess over the noon hour. With this in mind, please send students to school dressed to go out for recess even if you know it is too cold in the morning as we want them to have every opportunity to take advantage of the fresh air.

We would like to congratulate our boys and girls basketball teams on a successful start to the season. We have home games coming up on January 31 and February 9. Come on out and cheer on our Bulldogs!

Believe it or not we are coming up on the halfway point of the school year. As we work through the next few months, we will continue collecting data from our students, families and staff that will inform us of planning for next year. Some of these data points, such as the SOS-Q survey and the Blackie School Learning and Environment survey have already been completed. We will be creating further engagement opportunities for both students and families to provide their perspectives on the data that has been collected. Watch for details on how you can participate in the next couple of weeks.

Please note that Learner Profiles will be uploaded to Edsembli on February 17. As we build towards this date, please engage your children in conversations about their learning. Teachers aim to present the most meaningful and accurate description of student achievement possible, for this to occur, we need valuable input of students and families. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

It is so nice to have the energy of our students back in the building, we are looking forward to an amazing year in 2023.

Sincerely,
Chase Ellis

Upcoming Events:

Jan 25 - Regional Band Gr.6-8

Jan 26 - Literacy Day - fun activities in the afternoon

Jan 27 - No School

Jan 30 - Last Day of Reporting Period 1

Jan 31 - First Day of Reporting Period 2

Jan 31 - Basketball at Blackie

Feb 9 - Basketball at Blackie

Feb 14 - Regional Band Gr. 6-8

Feb 17 - Learner Profiles will be posted to edsembli accounts

Feb 20 - No School, Family Day

Feb 21-24 - No School

Attendance

Please let the office know if your child is absent for the day by one of the following:

- Calling the office 403-601-1752. You can leave a message anytime
- Email the office and the Teacher: blackie@fsd38.ab.ca



Thank you to NAPA Okotoks for sponsoring our Rocks and Rings activities on January 12th. Students had a great time learning all about the fun sport of Curling