



BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

February has been a busy month. We have had several special events with the mobile Planetarium visit, Hip Hop Hoop dance production, and Valentine's Day activities. Students have been working through curricular material as teachers prepare the mid-year reports for your children.

Mid-year reports will be going out prior to Spring Break. These reports provide parents with an update on literacy and numeracy as well as providing information about subjects that have not previously been reported. Year-end reports are the complete reports that you get at the end of June that focus on all subjects in a detailed manner. If you have concerns regarding the academic progress of your child, please contact your child's teacher.

I am pleased to welcome Ms. Gillian Sullivan as our new Division 12 teacher. Ms. Sullivan has moved here from Alberta to join our staff. We are really thrilled to have her here.

Spring Break is just two weeks away. Please support your child's learning by checking their planners and supporting their study skills as we work diligently to complete units of work prior to the break.

Yours truly,

Sarah Petrisor

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day
- Feb 26 – Mar 1 – PAC Online Auction
- Feb 27 – BC Hydro visits Divs. 7-12
- March 5 – Div. 11 & 12 to Otway Skiing
- March 9 – PAC Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- March 10 – CSL Sent Home
- March 11 – Div. 7 & 8 to Otway Skiing
- March 16 – 27 – Spring Break
- April 10 – Good Friday (School Closed)
- April 13 – Easter Monday (School Closed)
- April 20-23 – Earth Week, school clean-up
- April 21 – Red Cedar Battle of the Books
- April 23 – Bohemia Dance Production
- April 24 – Non-Instructional Day (no school students)

LITERACY ACTIVITY FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Do you have children ages 0-5 not yet in school? Join us on **Thursdays** in the library at 9:15 am for an opportunity to hear a story, sign out books and participate in early learning literacy activities. This is new at Blackburn this year and Mrs. Sontag would love to see toddlers and preschoolers in the library!

BLACKBURN SPIRIT WEAR

Fridays are School Spirit day at Blackburn. Students are encouraged to wear red or black clothing.

We are placing another spirit wear order. Last week we emailed the order forms and they are also available for



pick up at the office. The deadline for orders is March 11th. We will not be bringing in sizing samples for this order.

PAC NEWS

PAC's third Online Auction is up and running today until 8 pm on March 1st. The focus of this fundraiser is to raise money for a new swing set for our kids! Please take some time to check out all of the amazing items up for auction on the facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2022343351339162>

Thanks to all who have generously donated items. PAC will happily accept late items! All auction winners are asked to pay and pick up their item(s) by Wednesday, March 4th.

A special thanks to our wonderful PAC for purchasing 100 new chairs for our school.

Stay tuned for details on the next EASTER fundraiser, running from March 2 – 12. Fundraiser flyers from DFS Canada will be sent home with your child.

OTHER PAC FUNDRAISERS



If you go to **Boston Pizza** you can help raise money for the Blackburn PAC. Just get your receipt stamped when you leave and bring the stamped receipt to the office. When the PAC takes the receipts in the school receives 5% of the total. Wow. – 5% just for eating out – we like it.

Save On Foods-Earn profit for the school while grocery shopping! 4% of each gift certificate you buy is then sent to the school. Cards are available from the customer service desk where they will note the purchase in the non-profit binder under our school name.

ONLINE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

2020 –2021 Kindergarten Registration is now open-Children whose fifth birthday falls on or before December 31, 2020 are eligible to enter Kindergarten in September 2020.

Registration should be completed through the online form at <https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Parents/StudentReg/KindReg>. This site will link to all forms required for registration. Please deliver completed forms to our school with your child's birth certificate.

ONLINE STUDENT TRANSFERS

This application provides a way for parents to request registration for their student at a school other than their catchment school for the next school year. The online student transfer application process is open until **3:00 pm March 5, 2020**. The application link is below: [https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Parents/StudentReg/Pages/default.aspx#/="](https://www.sd57.bc.ca/Parents/StudentReg/Pages/default.aspx#/=)

PINK SHIRT DAY



Today is Pink Shirt Day to focus on anti-bullying. It's great to see so many students and staff participation in support of this important cause.

Yesterday, Divisions 1-8 participated in a Literacy Walk in support of Pink Shirt Day! Well done!

RED SOCKS

Today, all students received a pair of red socks provided by Canadian Tire through their Jump Start program. Please note, socks may run when they are washed, you may want to wash them separately in cold water.

NUT ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER



Blackburn school must be nut aware as the nut issues in our school is a life threatening issue. Please:

- Send your child with nut free products for lunch and snacks.
- Encourage your child to wash their hands before and after they eat.
- Remind your child not to share their food with others.

Student Learning Survey 2019/2020

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents, teachers and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2020** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents, and all school staff. We encourage parents to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/sat_survey. Any computer with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and the *Direct access* section of the log in page by selecting the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until April 3rd.

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

The City of Prince George promotes recreation, fitness, culture and education, and is a valuable resource for parents and teachers looking for activities that children can be involved in during Non-Instructional Days and breaks.

The activity flyer is available on the City Of Prince George website at www.princegeorge.ca/schoolbreaks

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please notify us if your child is going to be absent for any reason. Blackburn has a Safe Start program and you will be called if your child is away without explanation. Please call the school at 250-963-7060 and leave a message on the school answering machine or by sending a note with a sibling.

SUPERVISION

Students are **not supervised** on the playground before 7:55 a.m. or after 2:25 p.m. Students should not be dropped off before this time. Students should leave the school grounds after dismissal. Any bus students staying after 2:25 must have a note of permission from their parent, with the understanding that there is no supervision for their child after 2:25.

SCHOOL VISITS

When visiting the school or dropping off items for your child, **please use the office entrance and check in at the office** when you arrive. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day please wait outside the classroom door so that the teacher can organize the students for dismissal. Students are easily distracted and find it difficult to follow directions when parents are looking in on the class.

LOCKING SCHOOL DOORS

School doors will be locked when school is in session. The door by the office (by the flagpole) will be the only door unlocked between 8:19 – 9:50 a.m. 10:05 – 11:45 a.m. and 12:25 – 2:11 p.m. The doors will be unlocked before school, during recess, during lunch and after school for student access. The doors have safety crash bars on the inside and can be opened from the inside even when locked.

BLACKBURN WOLF PACK EXPECTATIONS



I will show Safety and Respect in the HALLWAY By:

- *Inside voice.*
- *Move quietly without disturbing others.*
- *Hands and feet to self.*
- *Keep right.*
- *Walking in single file.*
- *All belongings off the floor.*
- *Coat racks tidy.*
- *Respect the property of others.*
- *Greet others when greeted.*

