



BLACKBURN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 57 (PRINCE GEORGE)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring Break is here! It seems like we just had our Christmas Concert, and now we are looking towards sunny skies and melting snow!

The big event over the last two weeks was getting report cards ready to send home. I was inspired reading and signing student reports by just how much learning is happening in the classroom. Thank you for supporting your children with their learning journey! It is something we don't undertake alone here at school, your assistance with homework, reading to or with your kids, and playing math games after work all make a difference. When you have leisure time, students at Blackburn often spend time outside with you and in doing so, learn a lot about everything from mechanics, to woodworking, to interacting with nature.

If you have concerns or questions about the reports sent home, please contact your child's classroom teacher to make a time to sit down and fully discuss the learning needs and goals for your child.

Yours truly,

Sarah Petrisor

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 16 – 27 – Spring Break
- April 10 – Good Friday (School Closed)
- April 13 – Easter Monday (School Closed)
- April 20 – PAC Meeting
- April 20-23 – Earth Week, school clean-up
- April 20-27 – Munchalunch Orders Open for May/June
- April 21 – Red Cedar Battle of the Books
- April 23 – Bohemia Dance Production
- April 24 – Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
- May 1 – PAC Fun Fair
- May 11 – PAC Meeting
- May 18 – Victoria Day Stat (School Closed)
- May 19 – Welcome to Kindergarten @ 2:30 pm

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!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized at our February assembly for being good PACK members:

- Mrs. Bourque – Devyn Shiels, Brynn Wheeler
- Mrs. Kugler – Cadence Noeth, Ari Grainger
- Ms. Truant – Abbott Seeman, Abel Schwartz
- Mrs. Polhuis – Hadlee Garrison, Tiana Hallson
- Mrs. Martin/Campbell – Oliver Goddard, Ciara Garnot
- Mrs. Hellam – Luke Redlon, Ryder Garnot, Tyson Anderlini
- Ms. Stauffer – Aphin Joseph, Aidon Doknick Espenhain

- Mrs. Cooke – Dane Miners, Payton Murphy
- Ms. Woodworth – Mason Slump, Kashe Moulton
- Ms. Brown – Olivia Beardwood, Griffin Jacobs
- Mrs. Reinheimer – Araya Garnot, Lindsey Gagnon-Lapointe, Cameron Mooring
- Ms. Sullivan – Addie Louttit, Jake Redlon, Brynn Vaughn

BLACKBURN SPIRIT WEAR

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

The deadline for school Spirit Wear orders is today, March 11th. We will not be placing any more orders this school year.

PAC NEWS

PAC's third Online Auction was a huge success! The focus of this fundraiser was to raise money for a new swing set for our kids! It looks like our PAC is well on their way to making that a reality for Blackburn!

The Easter Fundraiser went home with students at the end of February. Orders are due back March 12th.

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.

CHOIR NEWS

Blackburn Junior and Blackburn Senior choirs will be performing for Singfest at Vanier Hall on Monday, April 6th from 7-8pm. Singfest is a non-competitive choral festival that showcases the work of choirs in Prince George. Choir members need to arrive at 6pm to warm-up and the show begins at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and entrance is by donation.

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 **LIBRARY** By:

- Ask to borrow materials/items
- Use your time effectively.
- Treat school property (books) with respect.
- No food/drinks/gum.
- Be patient.
- Return materials on time
- Work quietly.



Have a wonderful Spring Break!

