

BLACKIE BARK

OCTOBER 2018

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Wrapping up September:

Thursday, September 27 from 5:30-6:30 pm Meet the Teacher in the Learning Commons

*****DATE CHANGE-Friday, September 28: Terry Fox Run/Walk 1:15 pm (remember those donations)**

Friday, September 28: Orange Shirt/Wear orange Day

Coupon Book Fundraiser wraps up the end of September

Magazine Fundraiser on-going until Oct. 10

October Non Attendance Days: Friday, October 5, Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 8 and Friday, October 19

Thanksgiving Please help us fill 'Wagons Full of Food' with non-perishable food items. At this time of year, we are so thankful for all we have and embrace the opportunity to share our good fortune with others. You are invited to send any non-perishable (check those expiry dates) food items with your child, or bring them to the school anytime this week. Some suggested items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereals, pasta, rice & soup.

You can also bring them when you come to our **Thanksgiving Celebration Thursday, Oct 4 @1 pm**. You are invited to join the students in the gym for an afternoon of Thanksgiving activities.

School Council Next meeting Wednesday, October 10 at 6 pm.

This is our AGM. This is where we elect the new executive council members so we need as much participation and as many volunteers as possible.

We also plan to ratify the budget that night in terms of our yearly spend on:

New computers and technology for students. Typically, this is +/- \$10,000.

Trees and Small Outdoor Projects. Typically, this is \$2000.

Bus Transportation to field trips. We usually earmark \$4000 and this keeps parents from needing to shell out cash every time the kids go on a field trip. (Field trips will naturally still have an admission fee.)

Other General Expenses including: Yearbook, Uniforms, Halloween Carnival. We budgeted \$3000 last year.

Our typical yearly spend is \$19,000 for which we rely on the efforts of the Fundraising committee. The money we raise with the casino, raffles, and other fundraisers covers these costs.

STEM Club details at a later date.

Magazine Fundraiser is underway. This is our main in-school fundraiser so we hope everyone will help make the program a success. All proceeds go directly to classroom educational funds which directly affects your child's learning. We are encouraging On-Line ordering which also qualifies for student incentive prizes as well as school profits; it's easy too! If you have any questions, please call Ms. Goodwin in the office. This fundraiser will wrap up on Wednesday, October 10.

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews Wednesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 18 from 3:15-6:15.

You are invited to phone for an interview time starting Tuesday, Oct. 9. 403 601-1752

Mr. Erickson and Mr. Stelter by request and arrangements can be made.



**Scholastic Enchanted Forest Book Fair Oct. 15-18
at the Blackie School**

Let your imagination grow with some magical reads
in the Learning Commons
on interview days:
Oct. 17 & 18 from 3-6:30 pm

Volunteers in Foothills School Division

Individuals who wish to volunteer in Blackie School must adhere to the policy set out by the Foothills School Division. If you plan to be a regular volunteer (10 hours or more) or will be working directly with students, you must:

1. Complete a Volunteer Registration Form
2. Provide a Criminal Record Check (Please request a letter to receive this cost free at the school).

If you have a Criminal Record Check in our file, you will need to sign an Offence Declaration Form stating that your status from the criminal check you had done has not changed.

3. Sign a Confidentiality Form Agreement

We welcome all individuals who wish to participate in our school as a volunteer.

At Blackie School we believe, "Everyone can be a teacher, and everyone can be a learner."

More information is available in the office.

School Fees: School Fees

Emails have been sent regarding school fees with on-line payment information. A paper copy of the invoice has also been sent home with your child. Payment by cash or cheque is always possible at the school office. Payment options can easily and confidentially be arranged by calling the school and talking to Mr. Woods or Ms. Goodwin 403 601-1752.

Fee Waiver Program

The procedure for fee waiver has changed this year. The assistant Superintendent Corporate Services shall approve all reductions and waivers of fees through the Division's Fee Waiver Program. The criteria and application form for this program is available on the FSD website Administrative Procedure 506 Student Fees. <http://www.fsd38.ab.ca/view.php?action=documents&id=77>

Hot Lunch Program is up and running. Check out the Blackie School Website for all the information.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

- **Picture retake day and for anyone absent the first date, Thursday, November 1.**
- **Remembrance Day Assembly Friday, November 9 at 10 am**
- **Christmas Concert Monday, December 17 at 7 pm**