

BLACKIE BARK

December 2017

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The Bark will be sent by email close to the beginning of each month. The Blackie School Website: <http://blackie.fsd38.ab.ca/> will also be kept up to date for newsletters, downloading forms and any other school related information. Printed copies of the Bark are also available at the school office.

Nonattendance day for students: Friday, December 8

Cookie Dough pick up date is **Wednesday, December 13** time to be determined. Remember you are responsible to deliver any sales you made.

School Council

Old Fashioned Cash Raffle Just a reminder to continue selling those raffle tickets! There are still lots available for pick up at the office. Ticket stubs must be returned by Wednesday, Dec. 13 for the draw.

If anyone has a lead on where to go and sit and sell tickets that would be great! We would like to sell out all 600 tickets this year.

We could also use a volunteer to set up a table and organize volunteers to take shifts selling tickets at the Christmas Train on December 10th (11am-4pm).

Next School Council meeting: January 17, 2018 @ 6 pm

STEM Club-Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

This is an event for all ages of Blackie School students.

STEM Club - Constructors night #2.

The first night we started building a fully functioning 4 axis hydraulic/robotic arm.

We will finish the robotic arms up on **December 6th at 6:00 - 7:30** in the 7-8 room at the school.

If you couldn't make the first night, come out anyway and we will have some projects for you to work on.

Students must be accompanied by at least one parent per family. Participants are asked to remain in the classroom and leave for bathrooms only.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/CARDBOARD-Robotic-Hydraulic-Arm/>

Lunch Program Lunch menu for Feb-June is now available on the Blackie School Website under the Parents tab <http://blackie.fsd38.ab.ca/>

Student Phone use is for permitted calls regarding urgent school matters. We will not give permission to make calls for after school activities unless they are related to a school event.

School Fees

Printed notices and emails with on-line payment information have been sent regarding school fees. Payment by cash or cheque is always an option at the school. Payment options can easily and confidentially be arranged by calling the school and talking to Mr. Woods or Ms. Goodwin.

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>

Christmas Program is on December 13 @ 7 pm please join us for performances by our classes and bands. All are welcome. Draw for the Good Old Fashioned Cash Raffle will take place this evening. Be sure you have your ticket! Dress rehearsal on Tuesday, December 12 at 1 pm.

Skating school wide activity, Thursday, December 21 from 1-2 pm. FSD policy is that **ALL** participants **must wear** a CAS approved skating/hockey helmet (see attachment).

December 22 early dismissal at 11:55 am PJ day and caroling at 11 am.

Holidays: December 23-January 7, classes resume January 8, 2018

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays