

# BLACKIE BARK

October 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 downloading forms and any other school related information. Printed copies of the Bark are also available at the school office.

## 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 food items with your child, or bring them to the school anytime this week. You can also bring them when you come to our **Thanksgiving Assembly Thursday, Oct 5 @11:15 am**. Some suggested items: canned meat, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereals, pasta, rice & soup.

## Candidate Forums

School Council from each ward where an election is being held will be hosting a series of Candidate Forums in advance of the upcoming election on **October 16, 2017**. The event will be moderated by a volunteer from the local school community. Each candidate will be allowed 5 minutes to answer 3 prepared questions. The remaining time will be reserved for the public to ask questions. **Ward 2 forum will be held at the Blackie School on Wednesday, October 11 from 6-7 pm.**

## Election Day

**Monday, October 16, 10 am – 6 pm Blackie Community Hall**

**School Council** Next meeting Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm.

We will have another give away prize for attending Parent Council. Our annual AGM will be happening as well as the fundraising committee's AGM. Please come and vote on issues that are important to you!

Just a reminder that our **coupon book sales** are winding up. Please have your books picked up by Oct. 3rd that gives you this weekend to continue selling.

If you haven't yet signed up to our Facebook page it is "Blackie School Community" or "Blackie School Council and Funding Society Information Page." We share a lot of information on these pages.

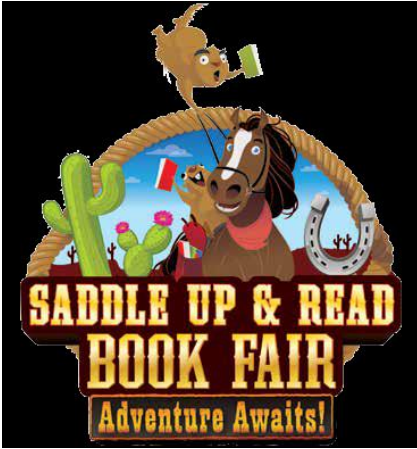
Blackie School Council

**Magazine Fundraiser** This fundraiser will wrap up on Tuesday, October 10, right after the Thanksgiving long weekend. 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.

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## Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews

**Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19 from 3:15-6:15.** We are in the process of setting up on-line booking from our webpage. You will be notified when this is completed.



## Scholastic Book Fair Oct. 16-19 at the Blackie School

Come on in & rustle up some great reads  
in the Learning Commons  
on interview days:  
Oct. 18 & 19 from 3-6:30 pm

**Nonattendance day for students: Friday, Oct.6, Thanksgiving Monday, Oct. 9 & Friday, Oct. 20**

## Halloween Costume Parade & Carnival

Tuesday, October 31 at 1 pm

**Retakes for those who missed picture day will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7**

## Terry Fox Walk&Run

Thank you for the tremendous support of this event. We would like to thank **BASF Canada** for providing our water station and a beverage at the end. We will let you know the outcome of the donation collection and prize recipients at a later date.

## 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.

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### **School Fees**

Emails have been sent regarding school fees with on-line payment information. If you would like a paper copy of the invoice, please call the office 403 601-1752. 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>  
An attachment with this Administrative Procedure

### **Lunch Program**

Information for the on-line ordering system has been sent to you. We are still ironing out the kinks and appreciate your patience with this process. Pay Pal may not be working yet, so please simply print out a remittance request at the end of the order and send this with payment to the school. Cheques made out to **Blackie Hot Lunch** please.

**Dates to mark on your calendar:** **November 5 Daylight Saving Time ends**  
**November 7 Photo retakes**  
**November 7 Cookie Dough Sales**  
**November 9 Remembrance Day Assembly at 1:30 pm**  
**November 24 Learner Profiles**  
**December 13 Christmas Program**

**FSD 2017-18 Calendar is on the FSD website**

<http://www.fsd38.ab.ca/Calendar.php>