

BLACKIE BARK

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Welcome back to another year at Blackie School which entitles you to free monthly communication via the 'Blackie Bark'

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.

Beginner Band Academy for all students new to band and for those beginning a new instrument on Tues., Sept. 12 from 3 – 5:45 pm at Highwood High School. Students will be bussed to Highwood at the end of the school day. There will be a mini concert for parents at 5:45 pm. Parents will be responsible to pick up their children at Highwood High School.

School Council Next meeting Wednesday, September 20 at 6 pm. Sherry Opas, Behaviour Learning Facilitator, will be presenting a Positive Behaviour Support school-wide framework which Blackie will be implementing this year.

We are kicking off our fundraising season with a fundraiser we have had much success with in the past. If we get it out of the way now, then we won't need to fundraise until after Christmas!

Please help us in selling coupon books! For \$20 you get a ton of deals and our school profits 50% back! Sales will go until the end of September so you have a few weeks to sell. There are Calgary and area, Red Deer and area, Edmonton and area, and Southern Alberta and area books available.

Forms will be going home in back packs for the oldest child in the next day or two. You and your child have the ability to sign out books at the school and sell them directly. Or you can pre-sell them and pick up the books at the school once they are sold. Please know that you are responsible for the cost of any books signed out.

Thank you for your help!

If you haven't yet signed up to our Facebook page it's "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 Kick-off is on Thursday, September 21. 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 Tuesday, October 10.

Meet the Teacher Thursday, September 21 for 5:30 – 6:30 Blackie School welcomes you to stop by and visit your child/children's teacher(s). Mrs. Elliott is hosting this event in the Learning Commons.

New faces around Blackie School:

We welcome **Tanya Clemens** in Grades 7 & 8 Math, Science, **Eran Machan** for Junior Kindergarten afternoon classes and **Tammy Jespersen** returns to Kindergarten.

Staff learning day for Elementary & Jr. High Schools on Friday, September 22; nonattendance day for students.

Terry Fox Walk/Run Tuesday, September 26 Assembly is to take place at 1:15 pm. With the walk/run following at about 1:30. Come join us as we walk or run around Blackie. A "toonie for Terry," as always, we will be collecting coins for cancer; all donations going directly to the Terry Fox Foundation and the cause of cancer research.

Picture Day! September 28 first thing in the morning ☺

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 Many have been asking about paying fees. You will receive information via email very soon for on-line payments. We are encouraging on-line payment, however, cash or cheques (made payable to Foothills School Division #38) are also acceptable.

Hot Lunch Program The program will be starting up for October. Information will be coming home very soon!

Dumpsters and recycling bins at the school- Our custodian has asked that we get the word out that these are for school use only please.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Thanksgiving Assembly Thursday, Oct 5 @11:15 am

Book Fair Oct. 16-19

Student Conferences Oct. 18 & 19

FSD 2017-18 Calendar is on the FSD website

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