



A caring, creative, intelligent school!!

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<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/>

The Parking Lot

Our parking lot is busy and crowded. I ask that you exercise extreme patience. We get a lot of people through here in a very short time. Help us keep your children safe and model kindness and respect for our school.

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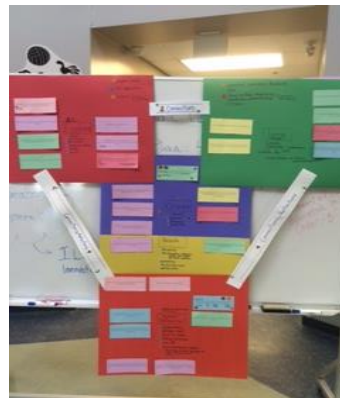
- Be patient, you may need to wait.
- Do not leave your car if it is stopped.
- When you are stopping ensure that there is a lane for traffic to flow.
- Do not honk.
- When it is raining, it is even more important to follow the courtesies above as visibility is poor.
- Older students are old enough to wait, if you have an intermediate child they can wait ten minutes and then you can go through the parking lot freely.

Our school is growing but the parking lot is not, so we need to get people to cooperate and start staggering your pick-ups. We need to encourage more people to walk. And we have to increase our patience. We are in this together, let's make it work.



Curriculum Implementation Day

On February 9th the Blakeburn teachers were working on the revised curriculum. The above picture depicts the connection of learning principles that create the foundation of the redesigned curriculum. The principles of learning describe, « The Why ? » of the revision.



We then explored what is in the revised curriculum and then how to plan with the revised curriculum. Above is an example of teams' work on designing a unit using the new documents. Each group of teachers has designed a unit for their final term.

Beyond the Bell

Basketball

Mondays April 11- May 9 from 2 :45pm – 4 :45pm.

Science Nuts Wednesdays April 13- May 11 2:45pm - 4:15pm.

Register : www.experienceit.ca or 604.927.PLAY

Boxes

Your child will have a message in their planner asking students to collect a baggy of collage materials to decorate their memory boxes. The boxes are quite small. They are encouraged to collect words, pictures, papers, jewels that can be glued onto a box. The day they will be participating is marked on their planner message.



Choose Kindness Day

We sent home the kindness t-shirts on Tuesday. If you did not get yours please contact the office. On the 24th we encourage students to wear their pink shirts or kindness shirts. We will be celebrating kindness.



Link to Online Absence Report

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/Pages/default.aspx>

Calendar Items

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/Lists/Calendar/calendar.aspx>

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
15 No Bounce Gymnastics Gallery Walk PAC Meeting	16 Fruit & Veggie Program (mixed organic apples)	17	18 No Bounce Gymnastics	19 District Pro-D Day No School
22	23	24 Pink Shirt Day "I Choose Kindness"	25	26 PAC Hot Lunch "MacDonalds" PAC Movie Night "The Good Dinosaur"
29	1 Fruit & Veggie Program (celery sticks)	2	3	4
7 PAC Meeting 6:45pm - Library	8 Early Dismissal @ 1:45pm	9 Report Cards Home	10	11 PAC Hot Lunch "Pizza Day" Last Day before Spring Break

Take Five

Take five is a mindfulness strategy. The challenge is to take five, five times during the day. Essentially that entails focussing on five slow breaths and becoming aware of your surroundings. Try taking five with us.

"Scientific evidence suggests that we can change our brains by cultivating habits that will improve well-being. They include happiness, resilience, compassion, and emotional balance."

-Dr. Ricard J. Davidson, neuroscientist, the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Free Ready, Set, Learn Event for Families

Children will be able to participate in a variety of play based learning activities, listen to stories and have a healthy snack. Parents will be able to learn and play with their child as well as meet with early childhood education experts and local community agencies. Adding even more fun to the festivities, enjoy an award-winning show by children's entertainer Will Stroet. Morning shows will be at 10 am and afternoon shows will be at 1:30 pm.

Drop into any one of the following events. It's all free!

The **Ready, Set, Learn** initiative, sponsored by the B.C. Ministry of Education provides families with an opportunity to make positive connections with the school system and local community agencies.

Tuesday, February 23

12:30-3:00

Roy Stibbs Elementary

Tuesday, February 16

9:00-11:30

Seaview Elementary

Thursday, February 18

12:30-3:00

Hazel Trembath Elementary

Thursday, February 18

9:00-11:30

Cedar Drive Elementary

Tuesday, February 23

9:00-11:30

Riverview Park Elementary

Nut Allergies

Some of the students in our school have a severe allergy to peanuts. Because of this health concern we ask you to avoid sending snacks containing peanuts and peanut butter to school. Please remind your child not to share recess snacks with other students so that you know what your child is eating at school.

Washing hands after eating (including breakfast), especially if peanut products are eaten, is a healthy routine for all of us to establish and practice. Your cooperation with this situation will help to ensure the safety of all students in the school.



February 18, 2016

News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Thank you for helping review the PAC Accounts

A big thank you to Caroline Rowswell for reviewing the 2014/15 accounting books and financials from the PAC.

Family Movie Night – Friday, February 26

Blakeburn PAC is excited to be organizing another **Family Movie Night**. Tickets are available for purchase in advance for \$10.00 per family up to 5 people. Submit your purple form in by Tuesday!

Bring your blankets, pillows and stuffies and come in your jammies to hang out with your friends and watch the Disney movie "**The Good Dinosaur**" in the gym at Blakeburn. Parents can bring chairs and set them up in the back of the gym. Parents must accompany children - no drop offs please.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and the movie will begin at 7:00 pm. The PAC kitchen will be open for concession items and will be selling items such as juice, popcorn, chips and candy treats.

Carnival – Save the Date

The annual Blakeburn Family Carnival date is set for Friday, June 10, 4:30-7:30! Save the date!

Carnival – Team Leaders Wanted

Interested in being part of the fun? We are looking for one parent to be the Team Lead for Student Volunteers and one to be the Team Lead for Food & Beverage. Next meeting is Friday, March 4th at 8:45am. Email fundraising@blakeburn.org with any questions.

Next PAC Meeting – Monday, March 7

The PAC welcomes all parents of Blakeburn children to attend PAC meetings. The meeting starts at 6:45pm and is usually done around 8pm, and they take place in the school library.

More info here: <http://www.blakeburnpac.org/our-meetings.html>

Community Information

City of Port Coquitlam

It is that time of year and we are running Winter Day Camps for 3-5 year olds and 5-10 year olds – see below:
[http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Recreation and Culture/Children Youth/Children s Services/Children Service s Winter Day Camps.htm](http://www.portcoquitlam.ca/Recreation_and_Culture/Children_Youth/Children_s_Services/Children_Service_s_Winter_Day_Camps.htm)



Adult Learning Opportunities

Want to Graduate?

Call our Learning Centre (CLOC) at 604.945.4211 to book an advising appointment – You might be closer to graduation than you think. We have **tuition-free** courses for non-graduates*.

Need a Course or Want to Upgrade a Mark?

Class-room based and self-paced courses are available: Accounting 11/12, Biology 11/12, Communications 11/12, Chemistry 11/12, English 11/12, Geography 12, History 12, Math 11/12 (all) Physics 11/12, Planning 12, Social Studies 11 and more!

High School course registration opens online on December 15th for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit www.ce43.com for account creation and registration information.

Want to Learn English?

We have free* Foundations classes to support you. Language Assessment is required prior to registration. Visit Montgomery Centre Thursday nights from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visit www.ce43.com for documentation requirements.

Are you New to Canada?

We have Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) classes to help improve English Language skills (beginner to intermediate) and provide settlement information and support. These are free classes funded by the Canadian Government through a grant provided by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. Daytime and evening classes are available, and child-minding is available for daytime classes.



Government of Canada

Looking for a New Career or Want to Improve Your Skills?

We offer **Continuing Studies Courses**: Accounting, Bookkeeping, Business Communications, Computerized Accounting, Digital Photography, Employment Preparation, Keyboarding, Microsoft Office, Payroll, Photoshop, Records & File Management, Special Effects Make-up & Beauty Make-up, Ten Key Number Pad, How to Get Better Grades in School, Introduction to Medical Terminology for ESL, and Spanish.



We also offer **Diploma & Certificate Programs**: Administrative Assistant, Building Service Worker, Computerized Accounting, Community Support Worker, Dental Receptionist, Games Studies, Health Care Assistant, Medical Office Assistant, and Beauty & Special Effects Make-up. Visit www.vocationalprograms for more information.

Visit www.ce43.com for locations and more information on all of our programs.

*Subject to Canadian status and BC residency requirements.

