



A caring, creative, intelligent school!!

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

Track and Field

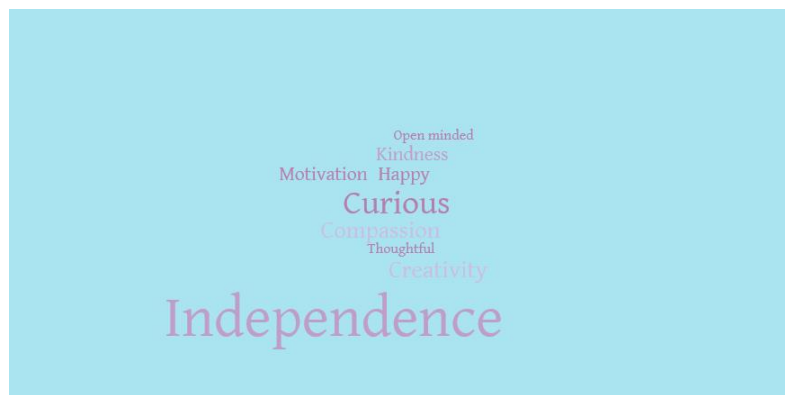
Blakeburn has over one hundred kids heading to the track meet on May 27th. A huge thank you goes out to the teachers that volunteer to coach the teams and to the parents for supporting us. We aim to have every child experience track at school, and to take as many as we can to the track meet. We hope it inspires those that love it to get involved in older grades or join a club.



Welcome to Kindergarten

Thursday we welcomed our sixty new Kindergarten students to Blakeburn. It is always so exciting to see our newest students ready to join our community. Thank you to the teachers and parents that volunteered to make this a great event.

Our goal is to notice, name and nudge children along the continuum. Growing in the core competencies is a life-long journey. They are grounded in all the things we would want for our children like:



Curriculum Day

The teachers spent the day exploring the revised curriculum. We were led by teacher leaders into the Core Competencies.

Communication



- Communication

Thinking



- Creative Thinking
- Critical Thinking

Personal & Social



- Positive Personal & Cultural Identity
- Personal Awareness & Responsibility
- Social Responsibility

curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies

Beyond the Bell

Indoor Soccer & Fun

Wednesdays: May 18 – June 15
from 2:45pm – 4:45pm.

Bootcamp

Thursdays: May 19 – June 16
from 2:45pm – 3:45pm.

Let's Dance

Fridays: May 20 – June 17
From 2:45 – 3:45pm.

Register : www.experienceit.ca or
604.927.PLAY

LICE911

Thank you to the PAC for providing us with this professional service. Children's heads will be checked and I will contact you if we find a case. All of the results remain confidential.

Activity Day

The classes have each been designated a country for our Olympic Themed activity day. The forecast is projecting showers so please make sure your child is prepared for the weather of the day. Just a reminder to parents, if you are taking your child home early they need to be signed out in the office or with the teacher.

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

Calendar Items

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
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| 16 Fruit & Veggie Program PAC Meeting | 17 LICE911 Staff Appreciation Lunch | 18 LICE911 | 19 | 20 Activity Day PAC Hot Lunch (hot dog day) |
| 23 Victoria Day (No School) | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 District Track Meet (Town Centre) |
| 30 | 31 | 1 Minnekhada Gr 6 for ½ day Kway Gr. 6 for a day | 2 JDRF Popsicle Sale (10:15) \$2.00 each | 3 |
| 6 Pro-d Day (No School) | 7 Fruit & Veggie Program (mini cucumbers) | 8 | 9 Pitt River Middle - Grade 6 for 1/2 Day | 10 Carnival 4:30 – 7:30pm |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 PAC Hot Lunch (McDonald's) Grade Five Leaving Ceremony |
| 20 PAC Meeting 6:45pm - Library | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Citadel Middle – Grade 6 for a morning |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Farewell Gathering (Last Day) | 30 Admin Day (no school) | |

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.

Please:

- 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.

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.



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News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Staff Appreciation Lunch - Tuesday, May 17

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate dishes or volunteer for the lunch.

We are in need of only a few more dishes: 4 more appetizers, 1 more salad, and 2 more main dishes. Sign up to donate dishes or to volunteer here: <http://bit.ly/1qbT8ke>

Next PAC Meeting & Elections – Monday, May 16, 6:45pm

Come and join meeting to hear from the Principal and the PAC about what's going on and being planned in the school. The Elections for next year's PAC will also take place. Any Blakeburn parent is welcome to run for any of the PAC positions and vote in the elections.

President | Treasurer | Secretary | DPAC | Fundraising Committee | Health & Safety | Parent Communications | Parent Education | Hot Lunch Coordinator | Parent Volunteer Coordinator | Members at Large

Blakeburn Carnival is Coming – June 10, 4:30-7:30



Carnival Activities

Bring your family for Under the Sea fun! Bouncy Castle, Laser Tag, Pony Rides, Carnival games, Cake Walk, and much more. Come for dinner and enjoy the BBQ, cotton candy, and live music!

Parent Volunteer Sign up

The Carnival runs each year with the help of the whole parent community. **If everyone signs up for one, one-hour shift, we are able to put on this exciting evening of fun.** Sign up for one or more shifts here: <http://bit.ly/1T5cmjo>

Cakes for the Cake Walk

Parent bakers, get your cake on! We want to see the creations that you (or your kids) come up with this year! Please sign up to donate a cake for the Cake Walk, a highlight of every year's Carnival. <http://bit.ly/1T5cmjo>

And don't forget, there are prizes for parents who bake as well in these categories:

1. Most Creative Inside & Out
2. Best "Under the Sea" Theme
3. Best Kid Inspired
4. Mistaken Identity

Donations for Theme Baskets

See the notice from your child about the basket they are creating in their class which will be up for auction at the Carnival. We appreciate any donations you can make towards these creative theme baskets! Deadline: May 25.

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



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!

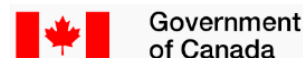
High School course registration opens online on December 15th for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit www.ce43.com for account creation and registration information.

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.



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.

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