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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bring your family for “Under the Sea” fun! Friday, June 10 from 4:30-7:30pm. Bouncy Castle, Laser Tag, Pony Rides, Carnival games, Bumper Balls, Cake Walk, and PRIZES! Come for dinner and enjoy the BBQ, cotton candy, popcorn and live music! **Cash only.**

100+ PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes the whole parent community to put on Blakeburn’s annual Carnival! Parents can assist with game pickup/return, setup, baking, tickets, concession, BBQ, running games, & clean up.

Please sign up so we are able to put on this evening of fun! Sign up today for one or more spots here:
<http://bit.ly/BlakeburnCarnival2016>



CAKES FOR THE CAKE WALK

Parent bakers, get your cake on! We want to see the creations that you come up with this year! Kids can help with decorating. Please sign up (link above) to donate for the Cake Walk, a highlight of the Carnival. Cakes can be dropped off anytime between 8:15am and 4:00 pm on June 10th. 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



Our kids are creating baskets in their class which will be up for auction at the Carnival. We appreciate any donations you can make towards these creative theme baskets! See the notice that was sent home.

Track and Field

Blakeburn had over one hundred kids participate in today's track meet. 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.



JDRF

On Thursday June 2nd at recess, Blakeburn students will have a popsicle fundraiser sale. This fundraiser is to raise money for JDRF, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. One of our students Lauren Gunning is living with type 1 diabetes she was diagnosed at a very young age of 15 months. Together Lauren with her sister Erica and friends will be selling popsicles for \$2.00 each in order to raise money for the annual walk to find the cure.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!



Donations to the Red Cross for Fort McMurray

Our kindergarten class organized a twonie drive for Fort McMurray. They even helped count the money. Our school raised \$396.85 to donate.

Blakeburn's Yearbook wants your photos!

Each spring, Blakeburn's PAC prints a yearbook for the school community to remember the year that was. The yearbook includes students' individual and class photos, along with pictures from school events. The PAC does not employ a photographer for school events, but relies on parents to submit pictures to fill the pages with fantastic memories. Production of this year's book is underway, so we're putting the call out for your photos from September through June. Photos may be emailed to blakeburnyearbook@shaw.ca or placed on a USB drive and left at the school office. (If you're sending a photo from your smartphone, please send it in its original file size as changing the file size may reduce the resolution below what's needed for printing.) **Please submit your photos by June 7th.** Yearbook order forms will go home with students next week.

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.

Register : www.experienceit.ca or
604.927.PLAY

LICE911

Thank you to the PAC for providing us with this professional service.

Activity Day

A big thank you to the teachers who organized activity day. As well, thank you Ms. Fiset & Ms. Kaertner for all of the ice packs and bandaids. The day was such fun and each child was given a freezie from the PAC.

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

Link to Online Absence Report

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

Calendar Items

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
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| 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 Grade 4 & 5 Fieldtrip to Cultus Lake Waterpark 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.



News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Next PAC Meeting – Monday, June 20th 6:45pm

Thank you to everyone who came out to the May PAC meeting and elections. We have a full slate of parents in almost all the roles and are excited for the coming school year.

We will have the final PAC meeting of this year on June 20. Come and join meeting to hear from the Principal and the PAC about what's going on and being planned in the school. The meeting starts at 6:45pm and is usually done by 8:15pm, and takes place in the school library.

Protecting Kids Online – Resources

We had an excellent "parent education" seminar on May 4th about protecting our kids online, presented by Amanda Pullishy from KidProofSafety.

One of the main takeaways of this talk was to consider the internet as a PLACE, and to have the same conversations with your children about how to stay safe in that place, as you would about physical places.

Here are some key resources/links:

Kid Proof Safety - <http://www.kidproofsafety.com/>

Common Sense Media - www.commonsensemedia.org

Apps that inspire kids to play outside -

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/apps-that-inspire-kids-to-play-outside>

Questions to ask kids about their media use (from researchers Dr. Sameer Hinduja and Dr. Justin W. Patchin, shared by cyberbullying.org):

<http://cyberbullying.org/Questions-Parents-Should-Ask.pdf>

MediaSmarts - www.mediasmarts.ca

Be Web Aware - www.bewebaware.ca

Thanks to Liz Kim (our Parent Educator), for organizing this event!

If you would like a copy of the PowerPoint, please email communications@blakeburnpac.org and we can send it to you. (It's about 2MB in PDF.)

Neufeld Farms Orders – Due June 3, Pick up June 14th at 2:30.

Here's a chance to stock up your freezer for summer! Neufeld Farms is a local family-owned farm in Abbotsford, specializing in providing the community free-run and hormone-free chicken, fresh produce, dairy and eggs, and the most decadent of desserts. We have teamed up with the folks at Neufeld to bring some of that farm goodness to our own kitchens, while raising funds for Blakeburn.

Fill out the form that your kids brought home and hand it in by **Friday, June 3**. Arrange for pick up on **Tuesday, June 14 at 2:30**.

Need Labels for Summer Camp, Vacation or Next Year?

The logo for Mabel's Labels features the text "mabel's labels" in a white, lowercase, cursive font. The text is set against a solid pink rectangular background. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the pink box.

Blakeburn is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels**, a company with all types of labels that are colourful, indestructible, easy-to-use and fun! If you are planning to order personalized labels for your child for summer camp, vacation, or next school year, use the link below. You will be paying exactly the same prices, but Blakeburn will get a small percentage.

To order your labels:

- Go to Mabel's Labels Campaign page - <http://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser>
- Choosing "Select Your School/Organization" and select Blakeburn Elementary (Port Coquitlam).
- Do your shopping!

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!

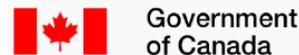
High School course registration opens online on December 15th for February classes. Registration for self-paced classes is on-going. Visit www.ce43.com for account creation and registration information.

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.

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