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

Forms

Numerous forms will come home next week. Please fill them in and be sure to include the name of the teacher and division number. Hand them in to the classroom teacher. We aim to have all forms in by Friday, Sept. 18, 2015.

Bounce at the Bell

We will be participating in Bounce again this year. Please come and actively join us in the gym just after attendance.

Before & After School

Students should be arriving after 8:30am. When students do come inside at 8:30, please remind them that they are to go directly to their classroom door and line up, sitting along the wall quietly to wait for the morning bell.

Hallways

We know our school is a gathering place for families. We value that. We do ask that parents respect our learning environment and keep quiet in the foyer until 2:45. Please do not wait in the halls for your children as classes cannot move freely through the school.



Welcome Back

Welcome back to school. We are excited about our year coming up. Currently we are implementing a new student information system. Until we can establish our e-mail distribution list, I will post the newsletter on the website and I will provide this newsletter in paper form.

We encourage you to read both our updated **2015-2016 Code of Conduct** and our **2015-2016 School Goal** in the student planners and on our Blakeburn school website at <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/Pages/default.aspx>.

Link to the Calendar

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





Lates, Sign Ins/Outs & Absences

Please either phone the school or complete the on-line absence report to advise us if your child will be **late or absent** from school.

There is an answering machine if we are away from the phone, the lines are busy, or it is outside of school hours. In addition, when **taking your children with you early or if they are arriving late at any time**, please come into the office and sign them in or out.

Late students will need a "classroom ticket" to show the teacher that the office knows they are here now. That ensures that we don't make any unnecessary calls home.

Rainy Days

Please make sure students have appropriate rainwear as **we will be going outside at recess and lunch unless it is pouring rain**☺ Staff also encourages you to send a change of clothes regularly in your child's backpack.

Supplies

Students can bring their labelled supplies on Monday, Sept. 14th.

Agendas

Students in grade one to five will receive an agenda once they are in their new homerooms. The cost of the agenda is \$4.50 and can be paid to the teacher directly.

Home Rooms

Monday morning students go to their last year's class. After attendance and bounce we will settle students into their new home rooms. We are very full again this school year and we now have sixteen divisions.

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.

Supporting Anxious Students

Helping Your Child with Back to School Anxiety

<http://www.anxietybc.com/parenting/helping-your-child-cope-back-school-anxiety>



Beyond the Bell

All Sports & Games, Tues. Sept. 22nd- Oct. 20th 3-4 (Gym)

Kids in the Kitchen, Tues. Oct. 27th- Nov.24th 3-4 (PAC Kitchen)

Register: www.Experienceit.ca or 604.927.PLAY