



BLAKEBURN ELEMENTARY

A caring, creative, intelligent school!

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

Forms

Thank you to so many of you who have sent in their forms. We are hoping to have them all in on Friday, Sept. 18, 2015.

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 New Staff!

We would like to welcome the following new staff members :

- Ms. Kelty Linnen** – Counsellor
- Ms. Evelyn Koh** – Div. 5 Gr. $\frac{3}{4}$
- Ms. Heath** – Kindergarten/ Student Services
- Ms. Lundquister** – Noon Hour Supervisor
- Mr. Eminov** – Caretaker (PM)



Blakeburn Cares

Cops for Cancer

The Cops for Cancer Ride will be going by Blakeburn Elementary on Sept. 22nd, 2015 around 1:09. We want to support this great event by being on the roadside cheering. Children are encouraged to make signs and cheer. As well we will be collecting twoonies to support the riders in the classes in the morning.

Terry Fox Run

We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 30th, 2015 at 1:15pm. Over the next week we will be promoting the event with a unique challenge. The day of the event we will meet in the gym for the motivational moment, bounce for warm up and then run. Please let me know if you can help with marshalling the course.





Lates/Sign 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.

Pro-D Day

Sept. 25th, 2015 is a Professional Development day and school is not in session.

Agendas

Students in grades one to five have received an agenda. The cost of the agenda is \$4.50 and can be paid to the teacher directly.

Link to the Calendar

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

Early Dismissal Days

Sept. 23rd and 24th are early dismissal days. School will dismiss at 1:45pm. Teachers have communicated class by class the plan for the evenings welcoming conversations.

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

Blakeburn Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Welcome from the President

On behalf of the Blakeburn Parent Advisory Council (PAC), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to those returning. This will be my third year serving as PAC President and I am greatly looking forward to working with the devoted parents on the PAC and in our school community that make Blakeburn such a wonderful environment for all of our children to grow and learn.

For those new to Blakeburn, you will quickly find out that we truly have an amazing school. The staff and parent community work hand-in-hand to make Blakeburn a fantastic place for our children to learn every day. I am proud to be part of such a dedicated group of people. As they say...it takes a village.

The PAC has once again been busy planning fundraising activities for this school year. Without the tremendous support of our parent community in our fundraising efforts, many curriculum enhancing opportunities would not be possible. This year we are planning to allocate a great deal of funds towards technology, literacy, performing artists, field trips and many more initiatives.

Once again this year, we are asking our parent community to take part in the Activity Fee Program, which will be sent home with students shortly. For the past three years, this program has been a tremendous success. The requested donation is \$35.00 per student or \$70.00 per family and all funds go directly back into our school. We are unfortunately unable to provide tax receipts for this fee, due to changing and more stringent requirements at the school board level. .

There are many opportunities for parents to get involved at Blakeburn - by volunteering for hot lunch and treat days, or our ever popular year-end Carnival. We also invite you to attend our monthly PAC meetings, with our first meeting taking place this Monday September 21st at 6:45pm. Dates for the remainder of the year are posted on our website as well as on the PAC bulletin board in the school foyer. Please come out and share your input and feedback!

You can find out more about the PAC, fundraising, volunteering, and parent resources on the PAC website www.blakeburnpac.org, which is updated frequently with the latest activities and who to contact. If you are a Facebook user, please join our group "Blakeburn Elementary PAC" for regular updates.

I am looking forward to an exciting and promising year at Blakeburn. Please feel free to contact me at president@blakeburnpac.org if you have any questions or concerns that you would like to share!

Best regards,

Vandhana Misri
PAC President

Blakeburn PAC Meetings – First meeting, Monday, September 21st

The PAC invites all parents and guardians of Blakeburn children to attend monthly PAC meetings. The first one will be on Monday, September 21st at 6:45pm. Hear from the school Principal and PAC members, find out what's going on in the school community, and there is no obligation to volunteer.

Monthly on Mondays @ 6:45pm in Blakeburn Library:

September 21, 2015

October 26, 2015

November 23, 2015

January 18, 2016

February 15, 2016

March 7, 2016

April 11, 2016

May 16, 2016

June 20, 2016

For more information, visit: www.blakeburnpac.org