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Remembrance Day

Join us for our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Nov. 10th at 10:30. There will be no school in session on Nov. 11th.



Beyond the Bell

Kids in the Kitchen on Tuesdays Oct. 27th- Nov. 24th from 3-4. To register go to :

www.experienceit.ca or
604.927.PLAY

Photo Day

Photo Day was on Oct. 28th. Proofs will be sent home shortly with ordering information. Retakes are scheduled for Nov. 24th.

Boo Day was so much fun!

The children have been excited all week. Finally today came, with the costumes, the parade and the fun activities. It was so much fun. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped with the activities today. Have a safe and happy day tomorrow.

Halloween Safety Tips:

<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/security-securite/home-maison/halloween-eng.php>



We Scare Hunger

The **We Scare Hunger Food Drive** is for the Food Bank. It is sponsored by the "We Day Kids". Please bring in donations no later than Friday, Nov. 6th.

Register Online for Electronic Permission Slips & Payments

Attention Parents!

Starting Nov.1st, you can create your online payment account for upcoming fees.

We are aiming to have everyone signed up and then try our first permission slip for Tennis in January. We usually collect forms and payments during the month of December for our Tennis Program starting in January.

There's how to get started today: Go to:

<https://sd43.schoolcashonline.com>

1. Register your account.
2. View and pay fees online.

It is important to register even if you are not using the online payment option as this is how permissions for field trips will eventually be communicated.

Jacky Essombe

Thank you to the PAC for providing several artists to perform for us. On Nov. 17th at 9:00 Jacky Essombe will be performing.



Link to the Calendar

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

Calendar Items:

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2	3 <u>Beyond the Bell</u> : Kids in the Kitchen 3-4	4	5	6
9	10 Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30 <u>Beyond the Bell</u> : Kids in the Kitchen 3-4	11 Remembrance Day (School not in session)	12	13
16	17 Jacky Essombe 9:00 <u>Beyond the Bell</u> : Kids in the Kitchen 3-4	18	19	20 School not in session
23 PAC Meeting 6:45	24 Photo Retakes <u>Beyond the Bell</u> : Kids in the Kitchen 3-4	25	26 Kindergarten Vision & Hearing Screening	27 PAC Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza) PAC Movie Night "Inside Out"



Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN (if at all possible) during winter weather including snowfall.

However, on occasion a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed due to extreme weather occurs **before 6:30 am** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 am via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>

News From the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Next PAC meeting - November 23rd at 6:15pm

Thanks to parents who came out to this week's meeting. The next PAC meeting (the last one of the year) will be on Monday, November 23rd. So mark your calendar. Hope to see you there.

Parent education spotlight: The new curriculum

Have you heard that B.C.'s curriculum is changing? Below is a link to a summary of the Ministry of Education's rationale for the changes. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters!

<http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/irp/docs/overview.pdf>

Quick Volunteer Opportunities

Want to get involved in the school but don't have a lot of time? Get on our list to be informed about quick volunteer opportunities. Email Liesl at communications@blakeburnpac.org and we will pop you an email to let you know when parents are needed, and you can decide if you can make it.

We hold a few PAC activities through the year that need parents for no more than an hour, including:

- November 27 – Movie Night
- December 18 - Pancake Breakfast
- March 4 – Movie Night
- May – Staff Appreciation Lunch
- June - Carnival

We appreciate all the parents who give their time and energy to the school through supporting PAC and school activities!