



# BLAKEBURN ELEMENTARY

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January 9, 2015

## January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Tennis  School Opens	6 Tennis	7 Tennis	8 Tennis	9 Tennis	10
11	12 Tennis	13 Tennis	14 Tennis  Beyond the Bell Cartooning 2:50-3:50	15 Tennis	16 Tennis Jump Rope for Heart Kick-off Assembly	17
18	19 Tennis  PAC Meeting 6:30 Library	20  Anjou Pears	21  Beyond the Bell Cartooning 2:50-3:50	22  PAC Meeting 6:45 Library	23  Pizza	24
25	26  Professional Development Day – No School	27 Jump Days	28 Jump Days  Beyond the Bell Cartooning 2:50-3:50	29 Jump Days	30 Jump Days  PAC Hot Lunch	31

## Jump Rope for Heart

We will be hosting our Kick-off assembly for 'Jump Rope for Heart' on **Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

Our ***Jump Rope Event*** will take place over the week of **January 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>** during one, or both (your choice), of our PE blocks.

**Key points to know for our JUMP Rope for Heart this year:**

- **Take home booklet & pledge envelope** go home with the student on the kick off assembly day – return pledge envelope to school **by no later than Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Register online** at [www.jumpropeforheart.ca](http://www.jumpropeforheart.ca) for every student registered **online**, the students get a \$5 Kick Start towards their Thank you prizes. This is a safe and easy way to teach out to friends and family around the world!
- Each child who registers online will receive a **free skipping rope** to help keep them active.

I thank you in advance for supporting this worthwhile event.

## Tennis



Thank you for supporting the tennis program. Each child is receiving 5 lessons with a Tennis Canada certified instructor. The kids love it and the instructor tells me daily how nice it is to work with our children.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews & Early Dismissal**

At the start of the year we originally had two early dismissal days schedule so that each teacher could have an interview with each family in their class. We missed those days due to job action. We felt like we could not give you enough notice to plan an early dismissal in this first term.

We have moved the early dismissal days to March 3, 2015 Parent/Teacher Interviews, where parents can request an interview with the teacher. Report cards will go home March 4, 2015.

April 16, 2015 will be an early dismissal for student led conferences. On early dismissal days the day ends at 1:45.

## **Organic Waste Recycling**

Blakeburn will be recycling organic waste. That means that we will have compost bins in each class that get emptied into a main bin each day. The new recycling bins will be stored near the entrance to the gym. To prepare for this shift we ask that each family tries to create litter-less lunches. As well we will encourage children to take home uneaten food and juice boxes that are empty.

### ***We will add these items:***

- Meat, poultry, fish, shellfish and bones
- Egg and dairy products
- Table scraps and plate scrapings
- Vegetables, salad and fruit
- Bread, dough, pasta, grains
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags
- Paper towels, napkins and plates
- Pizza delivery boxes

### ***We will not add these items:***

- Plastic bags or compostable plastics
- Coffee cups
- Containers
- Glass, metal, plastic, or foil
- Plastic wrap or plastic take-out containers
- Paper cartons or take-out containers
- Cork or Styrofoam
- Wire, twist ties or rubber bands
- Latex
- Grease or liquids
- Produce baskets, netting

## **PAC News**

Website: [www.blakeburnpac.org](http://www.blakeburnpac.org) Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

### **PAC Meetings**

It's been wonderful to meet new parents during the first two PAC meetings and we hope to see more in the New Year.

#### **NEW DATE FOR JANUARY MEETING:**

**Thursday, January 22 at 6:45pm**

Here are the other dates to put into your shiny new calendar:

February 16, 2015	March 30, 2015	April 20, 2015
May 25, 2015	June 15, 2015	

These meetings take place at 6:30pm in the school library

### **Photos taken during Events**

Blakeburn parent, Rochelle Hepworth, has taken photos during the Halloween and Pancake Breakfast events. She is making those photos available to parents. Because the online galleries are password-protected, please email her at [safety@blakeburnpac.org](mailto:safety@blakeburnpac.org), and she will be happy to provide the password after verifying against the Blakeburn parent list.

### **Hallowe'en**

<http://rochellehepworthphotography.shootproof.com/event/981913>

### **Pancake Breakfast**

<http://rochellehepworthphotography.shootproof.com/event/1155077>

### **Thank You**

We want to appreciate all the parents who have supported PAC initiatives this past term. From volunteering time during hot lunches and treat days, morning drop off time in the traffic circle, PAC events like Movie Night, or in a more formal role, we thank you for your time and energy. We are also very grateful to everyone who supported the PAC Activity Fee this year. We look forward to a new year of exciting activities for our children!

## Parent Education Spotlight: Raising a Reader

Getting our kids to read is crucial to their development; that much we know! But how can we make reading time at home more enjoyable and productive? Here are a few simple ideas.

Our parent education coordinator, Liz Kim, shares some useful articles:

The first article explains seven tips for parents as they read with their kids

<http://www.icanteachmychild.com/seven-things-you-should-be-doing-as-youre-reading-to-your-child/>

The second link shares ideas for getting a reluctant reader to love reading.

[http://imaginationsoup.net/2012/11/7-ideas-for-a-child-who-thinks-book-are-boring/?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed:+ImaginationSoup+\(Imagination+Soup\)](http://imaginationsoup.net/2012/11/7-ideas-for-a-child-who-thinks-book-are-boring/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+ImaginationSoup+(Imagination+Soup))

More tips and resources on our Parent Education page:

<http://www.blakeburnpac.org/parent-education>

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOTICE

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Kindergarten registration for September 2015 will be held throughout the district on February 3, 4, 5, 2015.

Parents should register their children at the elementary school serving their neighborhood/catchment. Please bring the following documents:

**Proof of citizenship for parent & child** (one of): birth certificate; passport; PR Card; Canadian Citizenship Card.

**Proof of BC residency for parent** (one of): rental contract; property purchase contract; income tax statement; property tax statement; and 2 of the following documents: utility bill; BC driver's license; BC vehicle registration; Canadian bank or credit card statement; BC ID.

Only those students who are five years of age on or before December 31, 2015 can be accepted for September 2015.

Further information on the Kindergarten program may be obtained by phoning your neighborhood elementary school.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Kindergarten Registration forms for Bilingual Mandarin, Montessori and Reggio will be handed in at the district office.

- See attached information for the above programs of choice.

Further information on programs of choice visit the district website ([www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)).

### **Fraser Health**

(See attached information from Fraser Health regarding immunizations.)

Parents should call their local health office if they have any questions or concerns.

# **FINE TUNE YOUR PARENTING SKILLS**

(for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years old)



This term ONE parenting class is being offered starting the end of January.

Please register ASAP.

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen.....

6 week program begins on Tuesday, January 27th

and ends Tuesday, March 3rd at

Alderson Elementary:

Time: 7-9 PM.

Book Cost \$20.00 (payable first class)

Facilitated by: Marna Omichinski / Youth Worker

**To Register: Email: [momichinski@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:momichinski@sd43.bc.ca)**

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