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# Federal Polling Station

There will be no Bounce on Monday Oct. 19th the gym will and North Wing of the school will be used by the Federal Polling Station.

#### **Photo Day**



#### **Spirit Wear**

Grad Spirit Wear fittings were done today and will take place again on Monday, Oct.19th (in the morning).

Blakeburn Spirit Wear is available to the rest of the school. Fittings will be held in the library before and after school on Oct. 21st and 22nd.

# **Thank You PAC for Sasamat**

The grade four and five students had an action packed day at Camp Sasamat. The children loved the canoeing and the rock climbing. They loved singing campfire songs and eating camp food. This is all made possible by the generosity of the PAC in supporting this event and by the generosity of time and energy on the part of our dedicated teachers. Thank you.



#### Link to the Calendar

http://www.sd43.bc.ca/elementary/blakeburn/Lists/Calendar/cal endar.aspx





# Freshgrade

Freshgrade is a portfolio tool that connects parents, teachers and students with the goal of better understanding and aiding student progress.

Blakeburn has a few teachers piloting Freshgrade.

# **Provincial Pro-Day**

October 23rd is a provincial pro-d day, so school is not in session.

## **Parking Lot**

Please be very careful in our parking lot. Only drop students at the curb, not in the passing lane. Also do not double park when waiting after school. Staggering the time you pull into the lot by five minutes

## **Beyond the Bell**

"Sports and Games" continues until Oct. 20th. After that we start "Kids in the Kitchen" on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. To register go to: <u>www.experienceit.ca</u> or 604.927.PLAY

# Winter Weather

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other weather conditions. All schools in the Coquitlam School District will remain open, if at all possible during winter weather including snowfall.

The district has different zones that experience different conditions, so select closings within the district is possible. Partial closure of schools within the district is possible.

On occasion full district closure is required. District-wide or individual school closures will be decided by 6:30am and will be announced on the School District 43 website: <u>www.sd43.bc.ca</u>, CKNW AM 980 radio, CLWX 1130 and CBC 690 radio.

We encourage families to continuously check the School District website for updates and changes.

#### **Calendar Items**

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
19	20	21	22	23
Federal	Beyond the			Pro-D Day
Polling Station	<u>Bell</u> : Sports & Games			No school
26	27	28	29	30
PAC	<u>Beyond the</u> Bell: Kids in the	Photo Day		Boo Day
Meeting	Kitchen			Hot Lunch (MacDonalds)
2	3	4	5	6
	Beyond the Bell: Kids in the Kitchen			
9	10	11	12	13
	Remembrance Day Ceremony 10:30	Remembrance Day		
	<u>Beyond the</u> <u>Bell</u> : Kids in the Kitchen	(School not in session)		

#### **News From the PAC**

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

#### Next PAC Meeting – Monday, October 26

The PAC welcomes all parents of Blakeburn children to attend PAC meetings. The meeting starts at 6:45pm and is usually done by 8:15pm, and they take place in the school library. More info here: http://www.blakeburnpac.org/our-meetings.html

#### Parent Education Spotlight: Reading at Home

Wondering what to do while your child is reading at home? What exactly is reading comprehension? Find answers to these and other questions on these websites.

http://www.cultofpedagogy.com/reading-homework-tips-for-parents/

http://www.themeasuredmom.com/reading-comprehension-strategies-series/

#### PAC Activity Fee – Due, October 23

The Blakeburn Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is once again planning to sponsor many valuable curriculumenhancing activities. We are committed to ensuring all students have access to a wide variety of activities throughout the year that will enrich their learning experience. To help support this, the PAC Activity Fee Program asks families to make a donation at the beginning of the school year. The fee is \$35.00 per student or \$70.00 per family. This year we are able to offer TAX RECEIPTS. Receipts will be issued for amounts of \$25.00 or more. Donor's name and address must be complete and legible. Please make cheques payable to Blakeburn Elementary by Friday, October 23, 2015 and remit with the purple form that was sent home

with your child.

#### **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!

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