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June 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 PAC Meeting 6:30	16	17 Beyond the Bell	18	19 Grade 5 Farewell 1:30	20
21	22	23	24 Farewell Gathering 1:00	25 Last Day/Report Cards Family Picnic 11:30-12:30	26	27

Terry Fox Volunteers

A huge thank you goes out to our Terry Fox Volunteers. Terry Fox students regularly come to our school and are buddies to many of our classrooms. They also came over and volunteered tirelessly at our Carnival. We also had volunteers support us with babysitting for our Saleema Noon: Body Science Presentation. With the support of the Fox Students and Leadership Teachers we feel so tremendously cared for here at Blakeburn. Thank you.

Thank you PAC

The Carnival was amazing. So many parent volunteer hours went into organizing and running the event. The money raised from all fundraising activities goes towards our student community. This year the PAC supported: classrooms, field trips, bussing, celebrations, outdoor play equipment, reading & technology materials, electric pencil sharpeners, replacing carpets for center time and toys for centers....

Grade 5 Farewell

This event will be held on Friday, June 19th at 1:30. We are excited to celebrate with our grade 5's the end of their elementary years and the beginning of "beyond".



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Birthdays at Bounce

We will be celebrating summer birthdays at bounce.

- No Bounce June 19th due to Grade 5 Farewell we will do those birthdays on June 18th
- July 1-15th on June 16th
- July 16-31st on June 17th
- Aug. 1-15th on June 18th
- Aug. 16-31 on June 23rd
- June 24-30 on June 24th

Year End Family Picnic

At 11:30 on June 25th we will celebrate the year with families. Bring a picnic blanket, a lunch for your family, and join us. We will have music playing, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and play.

Reminder about Signing Students Out

There are certain days throughout the year that parents often pick up their kids early. On the last day of school you may want to take your child home following the picnic. If that is so, we will provide each teacher with a class list and you can have the teacher record that you are taking your child home. If you want your child to go home with another child please indicate so in writing to the teacher.



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News from the PAC

Website: www.blakeburnpac.org

Find us on Facebook: "Blakeburn Elementary PAC"

Final PAC Meeting of the Year - Monday, June 15th 6:30pm - Blakeburn Library

All parents are invited to attend this important final meeting where we **approve the proposed budget for next year**. It is your chance to **provide input** on where you would like to see PAC funds directed. No need to commit to anything when you attend!

Thank you for a Fabulous Carnival!

We hope your families enjoyed the wonderful Carnival on Friday. There was a great buzz in the air with all the kids playing games, rolling around on the field, dancing to the tunes, and filling up on all the goodies! We have so many thank you's to share to everyone who was involved...

The Carnival would not have happened without the dedication of energy and ideas and hours from the **Carnival Committee**: Darian Noel, Crystal Gunning, Wendy Prasad, Carrie Heuchert, Andrea Howorth and the PAC. Thank you!

Thank you to the **50+ parent volunteers** who helped setup, run and clean up the Carnival, plus all the **donations of themed basket items**. You make the Blakeburn Carnival a wonderful community event and it couldn't happen without the parent community coming together to host it!

Thank you for all the **Raffle Prizes** that were generously donated from the local business community:

Matteo's
Coquitlam Centre Mall
Dairy Queen
PNE
Home Depot
Art Knapp
Poco Hyde Creek
Poco Bowl
Subway Poco
Oxygen Poco
Walmart
Curves
Safeway
Great Clips
Tony Embroidery Poco



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Last but not least, thank you everyone who baked and **donated creative cakes** for the cake walk. We have a few fabulous winners:

Cake Walk winners

1. Most Creative Inside & Out - Oksana Myshkin Oksana Toropova
2. Best Circus Theme - Corrine Vanden Hoven (circus tent)
3. Best Kid Inspired - Crystal Gunning
4. Mistaken Identity - Riley Connie Morris

Well done! You can collect your prize for free bowling passes for your family from Mrs. Fiset at the Blakeburn office! Congratulations!

Thank you Parents!

Finally, the PAC would like to send out a **HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents who volunteer throughout the year**. From coming on Fridays for hot lunches to stepping up for the Carnival, the PAC couldn't run any activities without the involvement of the incredible Blakeburn parent community.



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Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff

Despite the late beginning to this school year I feel that we as a school community have really pulled together to make it a great one for all of our children; from our holiday pancake breakfast with Santa, to the district track meet, to carnival and so much more...it has been a full year of learning, playing and teaching for all.

It is hard to believe that this school year is almost at an end and as with every end there is a new beginning. We are hoping that for some of you that new beginning will be your involvement on the Blakeburn Parent Advisory Counsel for the 2015-2016 school year. We are still looking for individuals to fill the following positions on the PAC:

- **Parent Volunteer Coordinator**

We have a small but dedicated group of people who devote their time to helping make our children's school experience much richer and fuller but we cannot do it alone.

With on-going budget cuts on the horizon for all schools next year, the funds raised by the PAC

to support and supplement an already slim budget are more critical than ever to our children's school success.

I would like to personally thank everyone who volunteered even an hour of their time this school year; parents, guardians, grandparents, teachers, staff, etc. Blakeburn would not be the place it is without the support and dedication of people like you who strive to make it an amazing place for all of our children. Thank you so very much.

I would also like to say a special thank you to my PAC colleagues for all of their additional hard work; the time you spend organizing, preparing and running all of the fundraising events that we hold. The time that you take away from your family to attend meetings or complete paperwork. The enthusiasm you show no matter how long the day.

I would specifically like to recognize Laura Seekings for whom this will be her last year on the PAC as her youngest will be beginning middle school next year. Laura has been a PAC member for 11 years this year...that my fellow parents, is, dedication. She has



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served in many roles but the majority of her PAC career was as the group treasurer. Words are not enough to express how much we will miss Laura. Thank you Laura from all of us on the PAC.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Mrs. McComb on making it through her initiation year at Blakeburn! Next year this will all seem like old hat! We have enjoyed getting to know you and work with you and look forward to growing that relationship over the coming year. Thank you for all that you do for our children and school community.

I hope that every family at Blakeburn has an amazing summer filled with fun and wonderful memories and I look forward to seeing you all again next year and once again serving as your PAC President.

Sincerely,

Vandhana Misri
Blakeburn Elementary
PAC President 2014/2015