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Special Points of Interest

- **School Council Meeting,**
March 18th, 7:00 pm.



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BLACKIE BARK

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Mr. P. Irwin Mrs. D. Sorensen-Valette

Spring is just around the corner and so are student-led conferences and report cards (now referred to as the new Learner Profiles). Unlike previous years, your child's grades should be less of a surprise now that you have access to the assessment of his or her work via *StudentsAchieve* and its *Parent View* feature. Hopefully you have taken advantage of this great technological tool to check out online how your child is doing.

To celebrate the assessment journey that Blackie School has been on, as well as to answer any further questions you may have about categorical grading and the new Learner Profile, the school's AISI leadership team will be presenting at the School Council meeting on the night of March 18th. The story we shared in Edmonton in early February at the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement (AISI) Conference will be the focus of our presentation to parents. Blackie School's assessment journey, as told primarily by students, teachers, and parents will provide additional insight into the meaningful changes that have been made in the area of student assessment practices.

Seriously, you owe it to yourself and your children to be in attendance to hear the success students and teachers are experiencing using formative assessment practices that impact student intellectual engagement! You won't be disappointed, so be sure to make plans to attend!

BLACKIE SCHOOL PRESENTS ... "HOW FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT PRACTICE IMPACTS STUDENT INTELLECTUAL ENGAGEMENT"

... A TECHNOLOGY-BASED PRESENTATION CREATED BY THE STAFF OF BLACKIE
SCHOOL IN CELEBRATION OF OUR ASSESSMENT JOURNEY TO DATE

**MARCH 18TH @ 7:00 IN THE
SCHOOL LIBRARY**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME ... SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TO FOLLOW



Each learner, entrusted to our care, has unique gifts and abilities. It is our mission to find out what these are... Explore them... Develop them... Celebrate them!

Foothills School Division is pleased to extend an invitation, to all parents in the school jurisdiction, to attend an important Information Evening dedicated to presentation of Foothills' DRAFT Learner Profile (report card).

Significant research into the areas of effective assessment, evaluation and reporting practice has been conducted by educators in Foothills School Division through the last three years. This work was performed in preparation for last spring's revision to published Foothills' Policy H-710, a policy with specific



focus on the areas of Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting of Student Learning.

In keeping with revised policy and the findings of extensive study, a team of Teachers and Administrators representative of every school in Foothills School Division has developed a DRAFT reporting format designed to replace historical report card design in grades Kindergarten through nine. At present, the DRAFT concept is in its pilot phase at several Foothills' schools; in the fall of 2010, the standardized Learner Profile will be introduced to all students in Kindergarten through grade nine in Foothills School Division.



Foothills School Division encourages all parents attend the Information Evening in your local area to gain an understanding of how your child's progress will be reported in the Learner Profile.

Please join us as we move toward this exciting and progressive juncture in student learning, assessment, and reporting!

<p>High Country Area: Oilfields High School 511 - 3rd Street SW Black Diamond November 18, 2009 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>High River Area: Highwood High School Hwy 2A & 12th Avenue SE High River January 14, 2010 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Okotoks Area: Dr. Morris Gibson School 147 Crystalridge Drive Okotoks March 18, 2010 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.</p>
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Chickenpox

We do have chickenpox in the Blackie community.

The symptoms are as follows:

- Mild fever and tiredness before the rash breaks out
- The rash starts as a small, itchy, red spots or pimples on any area of the body, including inside the mouth.
- Within 24 hours, the spots turn to blisters (pox) containing fluid.
- These blisters break, dry up and scab over, with new pox continuing to form for about 2 to 4 days.
- Symptoms may last 5 to 10 days.
- Individuals are most contagious 1 to 2 days before the rash appears and continue to be contagious until the spots have crusted.
- Incubation is from 10 to 21 days after contact with an infected person.

SCHOOL BUS SPARE DRIVERS

Are you available for part-time morning and afternoon work and have an appreciation for children of all ages? We require spare bus drivers for casual work on routes varying from 4 to 6 hours per day in Red Deer Lake, and Blackie.

Driver training is provided at no cost to the prospective driver. The hourly rate for spare drivers is \$17.66 per hour. Please submit a Driver's Abstract with your resume plus three work-related references via email to johnsonstrangr@fsd38.ab.ca



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Foothills Athletic Council 2010 Small Schools Basketball Results- GIRLS

Thursday January 7	Millarville at Edison Cayley at Heritage Heights	MIL 36-22 CAY 18-9
Tuesday January 12	Edison at Cayley Heritage Heights at Blackie	CAY 30-6 HH 40-0
Thursday January 14	Blackie at Millarville Heritage Heights at Edison	MIL 54-8 EDI 24-22
Thursday January 21	Cayley at Blackie Millarville at Heritage Heights	CAY 61-4 HH 34-16
Tuesday January 26	Blackie at Edison Millarville at Cayley	EDI 35-10 CAY 28-10
Thursday January 28	Edison at Millarville Heritage Heights at Cayley	EDI 22-15 HH 22-20
Thursday February 4	Cayley at Edison Blackie at Heritage Heights	CAY 18-8 HH 48-6
Tuesday February 9	Millarville at Blackie Edison at Heritage Heights	MIL 20-11 HH 30-6
Thursday February 11	Blackie at Cayley Heritage Heights at Millarville	CAY 48-8 HH 40-19
Thursday February 25	Edison at Blackie Cayley at Millarville	EDI 25-15 CAY 37-18

Foothills Athletic Council 2010 Small Schools Basketball Results- BOYS

Thursday January 7	Millarville at Edison Cayley at Heritage Heights	EDI 21-20 HH 29-20
Tuesday January 12	Edison at Cayley Heritage Heights at Blackie	CAY 24-22 BLA 34-23
Thursday January 14	Blackie at Millarville Heritage Heights at Edison	BLA 44-10 HH 27-22
Thursday January 21	Cayley at Blackie Millarville at Heritage Heights	BLA 29-2 HH 27-26
Tuesday January 26	Blackie at Edison Millarville at Cayley	BLA 44-11 CAY 38-29
Thursday January 28	Edison at Millarville Heritage Heights at Cayley	EDI 21-11 HH 25-20
Thursday February 4	Cayley at Edison Blackie at Heritage Heights	CAY 35-29 HH 31-17
Tuesday February 9	Millarville at Blackie Edison at Heritage Heights	BLA 53-12 HH 30-12
Thursday February 11	Blackie at Cayley Heritage Heights at Millarville	BLA 46-32 HH 36-17
Thursday February 25	Edison at Blackie Cayley at Millarville	BLA 32-15 CAY 38-30



Basketball Playoff Schedule

Tuesday March 2, 2010

GIRLS

SITE: HERITAGE HEIGHTS

1:00 PM	Game 1	(4) Edison vs (5)Blackie
2:10	Game 2	(2) Hertiage Heights vs (3) Millarville
3:20	Game 3	(1) Cayley vs Winner of game 1
4:30	Game 4	Loser of game 1 vs Loser of game 2
5:40	Game 5	Winner of Game 2 vs Winner of game 3

Boys

SITE: MILLARVILLE

1:00 PM	Game 1	(4) Edison vs (5)Millarville
2:10	Game 2	(2) Blackie vs (3) Cayley
3:20	Game 3	(1) Hertige Heights vs Winner of game 1
4:30	Game 4	Loser of game 1 vs Loser of game 2
5:40	Game 5	Winner of Game 2 vs Winner of game 3

Parents, educators, Aunts, Grandparents and all who value youth in our communities...please join us in welcoming

Chris Rush-CEO and Founder of the Resiliency Institute of Canada.

He is offering a one day discovery workshop into:

**RAISING RESILIENT KIDS
in a Rapidly Changing World**

Where: D'Arcy Ranch Golf Club

When: March 19, 2010 9:30-3:30pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Includes Lunch, Refreshments and Nutrition Snacks

**To reserve a seat call Literacy for Life
at 403.652.5090 or Book Online under the EVENTS tab at www.litforlife.com**

We thank the following sponsors: Literacy for Life, Prevention of Family Violence and Bullying Grant-AB Government, Great West Radio, Real Consulting and the Okotoks Healthy Family Resource Center

Please note: This has been scheduled for a Professional Development Day in the Foothills School Division

Visit: www.resiliencyinstitute.com



Would you like your children to attend Preschool at Blackie School?

Are you interested in having your child attend Preschool at Blackie School this coming September 2010? Children eligible will need to be 4 years old by February 28th, 2011. Preschool will run 2-3 days a week for 3 hrs at a time, parents will need to drive their children, and anyone interested can attend. The cost for the program is \$100.00 per child per month (subject to change if determined by Foothills School Division). We **must** have your registration in no later than March 31, 2010.

To pre-register contact Mrs. Day to acquire a registration form. If you have any concerns or questions that you might like answered please contact Corrie Fisher at 403-684-3043 or email dcgcfish@xplornet.com



Invites you to take...

One Shot At Fame!

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Come support your community and have a fun-filled day with the Calgary Flames Alumni including Lanny McDonald, Sheldon Kennedy, other notable Flames and NHLers.

The Dunbow Recreation Board is looking for your support to build a hockey arena/multi-purpose facility for the MD of Foothills, Division 6 and surrounding communities.

Join us at the Flames Alumni Hockey game. Enjoy the antics of our guest ref Bearcat Murray! Cheer on your favourite Alumni!

Continue the fun by attending the Gala Banquet at the Foothills Centennial Center. Guest speaker Lanny McDonald will keep you entertained and a silent/live auction will add to the excitement!

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For tickets and more information contact:
Paula Zacharias at dpzach@platinum.ca

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**SATURDAY
APRIL 24, 2010**

**OKOTOKS CENTENNIAL ARENA
PUCK DROPS AT 3:30 PM**

following the game...

FOOTHILLS CENTENNIAL CENTER
Cocktails at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm



High River Minor SOCCER

Registration Mar. 6 - Apr. 6 (late reg. until Apr. 24)

Registration Round-up @ Rec. Centre

- Thursday, March 11, 2010 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Saturday, March 13, 2010 9:00am - 12:00pm
- Saturday, March 20 & 27, 2010 9:00am - 12:00pm

Soccer information line 333-0093
online registration starts Mar. 6
www.highriversoccer.ca

Offering House Leagues U4-U16 and/or
Travel Leagues U10-U16



WELCOME

We want to welcome Ms. Jessica Volpi from the University of Lethbridge to Blackie School for the next month and a half. Ms. Volpi is in her fourth year of education specializing in Kinesiology and will be helping teach students primarily in Phys. Ed. related subjects. Jessica is an accomplished soccer player who plays for the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns, and she is looking forward to sharing some of her expertise as she teaches students the finer points of soccer in her Phys. Ed. classes.

GRADE 8 FAREWELL BOTTLE DRIVE

A bottle drive will be held on **April 17**. Bottles may be dropped off at the school that day from 10:00am-12:00am or any day before. If a pick-up is needed near Blackie, Mossleigh, Aldersyde, or High River, please call Sharmayne @ 403-684-3643. She will arrange for pick-up.



BLACKIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Our next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th at 7 pm at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Everyone is welcome.

WHEN IS BLACKIE 100 YEARS OLD?

After much research and being in contact with the "Alberta Government" the answer is 1913. Through this research it was discovered that the hamlet was founded in 1909 by one of the first dwellers, Thomas A. Hatcher. He came from Brant together with others; one being his brother Joseph T. Hatcher because of the building of the CPR roadbed. The CPR started laying the steel on the railroad in 1911 and the hamlet began to grow. In February 1911, Frederick G. Bertrand, Esq., was the gentleman that started the proceedings for the hamlet to be called "Blackie" and to become incorporated as a village. In 1911, the hamlet was only known to the government by the legal description due to the railway which was the South ½ of Sec 13-19-24 W4M & also East ½ of the SE ¼ of Sec 14-19-24 W4M (approximately 400 acres). Status of a village could not be granted until 25 dwellings resided in this area. Mr. Bertrand together with the assistance of John Carson gathered the names of these dwellers, forwarded them to the government and requested that this dwelling be called "Blackie". They were granted that their dwelling be established a Village and given the name "Blackie" on December 27, 1912. Election of the first council of Blackie was held on Monday, January 13, 1913 and on such date the village was incorporated.

HOW WAS THE NAME "BLACKIE" DERIVED?

One of the first dwellers, Thomas Hatcher, (English and Scottish descent) contributed to selecting the name of the hamlet. Blackie was named after John Stuart Blackie (1809 – 1895) who was a Scottish professor and man of letters. He was educated at Marischal College, Edinburgh University and Berlin; studied for Scottish bar; advocate in 1834. In 1839 he was appointed first regius professor of Humanity at the Marischal College, Aberdeen, where he stayed until 1850. From 1852 to 1882 he was a professor of Greek at Edinburgh University, Scotland where he founded and endowed Celtic Chair in 1882. Beyond these great accomplishments John Stuart Blackie published many publications from 1834 – 1857.

The Blackie Canada Day Committee is still looking for any pictures from the past, pioneer pictures or items, or stories of old. Your pictures will be scanned and returned to you, or if you prefer, we can make a copy while you wait if you make an appointment. The Committee is also looking for volunteers/helpers to assist with the activities and planning of Canada Day this year.

If any organization is willing to run a concession at Canada Day we would love to hear from you. A great opportunity for your group to raise money. Please call Karen Hall at the ATB Financial agency in Blackie at 684-0023, if you can assist in any way; or to drop off your submissions.

FOOTHILLS SCHOOL DIVISION 2010 Kindergarten & Preschool Registration

PLEASE VISIT ONE OF OUR OPEN HOUSE DATES:

COMING in September 2010 —

English and French Immersion Preschool At Ecole Joe Clark School in High River!

This exciting program will be in addition to the already outstanding Preschool offered at Spitzee Elementary School.

We are pleased to offer full English and French Immersion Programs at École Joe Clark in High River and École Percy Peller in Okotoks!

HIGH RIVER REGION:

BLACKIE SCHOOL

Blackie, AB
(403) 601-1752

March 16, 7:00 p.m.

CAYLEY SCHOOL *

Cayley, AB
(403) 601-2702

March 16, 7:00 p.m.

(Kindergarten & Preschool)

**Join us!
www.fsd38.com**

*** PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AVAILABLE AT ALL SCHOOLS**

HIGH COUNTRY REGION:

C.I. McLAREN SCHOOL

Black Diamond, AB
(403) 938-7295

March 4, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

LONGVIEW SCHOOL

Longview, AB
(403) 601-1753

March 25, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.

MILLARVILLE SCHOOL

Millarville, AB
(403) 938-7832

March 18, 7:00 p.m.

TURNER VALLEY SCHOOL

Turner Valley, AB
(403) 938-7359

April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Children who reach the age of five (5) years for Kindergarten and four (4) years for Preschool on or before February 28, 2011 are invited to register.



A variety of Kindergarten Program models are available. Our programs are taught by experienced and qualified Early Childhood Education Teachers.

Kindergarten Programs run from September through June. Preschool programs run 3 hours per day, 3 days per week.

Music Festival

Choirs - High River United Church
March 16th
K - 2 Choir (Grades K and 1/2)
10:38 am

Grades 2 to 5 Choir (Grades 2/3,4/5)
1:00 pm

Vocal Solos - High River United Church
May 17th

Poetry - Full Gospel Church
May 22nd



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



"Building Bright Futures Together"

St. Patrick's Day Family

Dinner and Dance

The Blackie United church will be holding a St. Patrick's Day Family Dinner and Dance.

When: Saturday, March 13, 2010
Dinner from 6-7
Dance to Follow

Where: Blackie community Hall

Price: \$25.00 per family
\$10.00 per individual

All are welcome to come and join us for delicious Irish Stew, Soda Bread and a great variety of desserts. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available.



BLACKIE SCHOOL



March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Basketball Playoffs	3 Leave for Band Camp 12:00 pm	4 Basketball Playoffs	5 Return from Band Camp 4:00 pm	6
7	8	9	10 	11	12	13
14	15 Kananaskis in the Classroom at Blackie School	16 Music Festival Kindergarten Registration 7:00 pm	17 Music Festival 	18 School Council Meeting 7:00 PM Special Presentation	19	20
21 	22 Music Festival	23	24	25	26 Learner Profiles Sent Home	27
28	29	30 Student Led Conferences 3:30 to 5:30	31 Music Festival Highlights 1:30 pm Student Led Conferences 3:30 to 8:00	1	2 School Out at 11:50 Easter Egg Hunt	3
<p>Please see page 6 for the complete listing of times and locations for the Music Festival events.</p>						