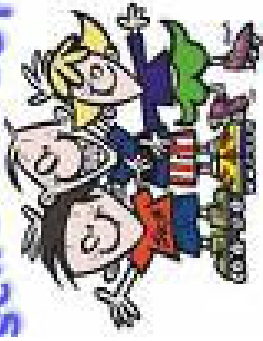


BLACKIE SCHOOL

June 2009



SCHOOLS OUT!



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| 1 Book Fair | 2 Book Fair | 3 Book Fair Tropical Beach Dress-up Day | 4 Band Concert and Festival Highlights Book Fair Family Night | 5 Book Fair Wrap L. Bec C. Humphrey |
| 8 | 9 3/4 Field Trip | 10 Kindergarten Field Trip | 11 Grade 8 Farewell Library Closed for the year. | 12 No School Professional Development Day for Staff |
| 15 | 16 PAT 's Grade 3 LA Grade 6 SS Grade 7/8 Field Trip to HR with | 17 PAT's Grade 6 LA | 18 Kindergarten Grad | 19 Hot Dogs L. Cornet A. Groeneveld Assembly |
| 22 PAT's Grade 6 Science | 23 | 24 Callaway Park Field Trip Grade's 2,3 & 4 | 25 Sports Day AWARDS DAY | 26 Last Day of School dismissal at 11:50 AWARDS DAY |



BLACKIE BARK

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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

I think we've all heard the saying, "We are what we eat." I don't necessarily agree with that statement, although I did see a wrestler once with cauliflower ears. When was the last time you saw someone who looked like a head of lettuce, or a potato (with maybe the exception of Mr. Potato Head), or carrots? A better saying might be, "We are who we meet."

It should go without saying that in a school setting students are significantly influenced by those who teach them. With each passing year, they are exposed to a variety of personalities and character strengths that contribute to the shaping of their lives. As adults, we can all name teachers who we looked up to that helped shape how we think and act today. For me, one such person was Norm Ray who was the principal of Senator Riley Junior High. He loved his job and it was hard not to feel good about coming to school knowing that Norm would always be excited to be there. To this day his example impacts how I try to approach my work as principal of Blackie School.

Each student at Blackie School has been influenced by those they come in contact with on a daily basis. During the time students will spend at the school, they will have developed friendships, relationships, and attitudes about life that they will take with them when they move on. This year's grade eight class is facing this reality this very month. On June 11th, they will be saying farewell to Blackie School as they look forward to the next phase of their schooling elsewhere. The majority of this year's class has been together for almost nine years. During that time a significant number of staff have contributed to their education. Many are no longer at the school, but their influence remains in the hearts and lives of the students. In fact, at the Grade 8 Farewell, students plan to pay tribute to approximately 20 teachers and staff who have contributed to their formal education over the past nine years.

One of the teachers who will be recognized at that time will be someone who, herself, will be saying farewell at the end of the school year. Lindsay Smith has been granted a continuous contract with Foothills School Division and a fulltime position as classroom teacher at Longview School. These opportunities are few and far between, so we are excited for her as she continues in her teaching career. For the past four years she has filled in admirably at Blackie School teaching students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Her expertise, enthusiasm, and friendship will be sorely missed. The only up side is that our loss will be Longview's gain! Knowing Ms. Smith's loyalty to the Calgary Flames, Colorado Avalanche, the Hitmen, and the Stampede, I am confident she will always be a fan of Blackie School and the students she has had the privilege to teach.

As Ms. Smith leaves, Blackie will be welcoming back Mrs. Speelman as a fulltime classroom teacher. She is returning from an assignment with the Division that saw her work with a number of schools as a regional Learning Support Teacher. She is excited to be returning to her own classroom once again at Blackie School in the fall.

Before we all say farewell for the summer, please be reminded that June is the busiest month of the year for us at the school. So much to do; so little time! Please be sure to read all that is contained in this newsletter and the one sent out by the Parent Council. If you're not in the habit of hanging the school calendar on the fridge, this month might be a good time to start. And please, if you think we may have missed something important or you need further clarification about anything, feel free to call the school.

Seventeen teaching days and counting ...

Compiled by Mrs. S. Day



June 1st to 5th, 2009



Grade 6 D.A.R.E. Graduation

05/11/2009



BLACKIE SCHOOL SPRING BAND CONCERT AND MUSIC FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to all of our talented performers at the Music Festival.

We will be showcasing these talents along with our middle school bands.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH @ 1:00 PM.

ON THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 4TH, THE BAND CONCERT WILL START AT 7:00 PM.

For the students that are in the band, we would like you to wear black pants or skirt and a white top.

We look forward to hearing all of the poetry and piano students in the afternoon. Just a reminder that these students are also welcome to perform in the evening but we do understand if they have other commitments. Please let Mrs. Spangler know if you plan on being a part of the evening concert.

Cancer has not gone away and neither have we! **Blackie Broads Abreast** are again participating in the "Weekend to End Breast Cancer". Once again this year, we need your support! We hope that you'll share this incredible adventure with us - by supporting us in our fundraising efforts.

For our next fundraising activity, we will be raffling a beautiful handmade quilt. For a mere donation of a dollar, you could have your name in the draw to be made on Canada Day. If you would like to see the quilt it is presently at Blackie School or watch for it in the parade.

Donations can be made directly to the "The 2009 Calgary Weekend to End Breast Cancer" event through their website (endcancer.ca and follow the links "Calgary", "Donate", and type in either one of our names), email us, call, send a note to the school, stop by the seed plant, dog sled or... you get the idea... if you want to donate, we'll make it happen! Seriously, we all have our reasons to want to do something to fight this disease, so let's do it together!

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



S.O.S.

SAVE OUR SUBSCRIPTIONS!

THE QSP MAGAZINE FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN IS COMING AGAIN THIS FALL TO BLACKIE SCHOOL!!

QSP OFFERS A GREAT SELECTION OF OVER 700 TITLES AT GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES! PLEASE IGNORE THOSE NOTICES FROM THE PUBLISHERS AND SUPPORT BLACKIE SCHOOL BY ORDERING NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, OR RENEWING YOUR CURRENT SUBSCRIPTIONS, THROUGH OUR STUDENTS!

WATCH FOR INFORMATION IN EARLY SEPTEMBER!



ROYAL CANADIAN SEA CADETS FOR YOUTH 12 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Sailing, first-aid, nautical activities, team sports, music, public speaking & leadership training, summer camps and international travel, military marching and parades



NAVY LEAGUE CADET FOR YOUTH 9 TO 13 YEARS OLD

Sailing, camping, swimming, music, sports, ceremonies, first-aid, Water safety, Communications, seamanship skills, trips



CHALLENGE * ADVENTURE * FRIENDSHIP

Get ready for two new youth groups coming to the Foothills MD. Want to meet friends and try something new, then we have just the thing for you! By joining Cadets, you are saying YES! To fun activities and exciting challenges supervised by trained adult leaders.

Want more information? Check out our websites, Sea Cadets, www.cadets.ca and Navy League Cadets, www.navyleague.ca,

Want to know how to join call Rena at 403-652-3819 or email me at rockyrd@telus.net subject: joining cadets.

Blackie School's Largest Snowball



Jackson Hemingway and Ellie Woods rolled and rolled and rolled a small snowball into Blackie Schools largest snowball. Not sure they could throw it too far but they had a great time!!

"PITCH-IN"

A big Thank You goes out to Ms. Alexander and her grade 4/5 class for their organization of the "Pitch-In" day held on May 22nd. The entire student body did a great job of cleaning up the community and the environment in the Blackie community.



Keister Family Fiddlers

What an outstanding performance! The students and staff at Blackie School were in awe of the show presented by these young ladies!!! There have been requests by the students to have them back monthly.

Children and youth invited to enter "RCMP Name the Foal" contest!

OTTAWA - May 22, 2009 - Canada's national police force is asking for help from children and youth 14 years old and under to name six foals that will be born this spring at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) breeding farm in Pakenham, Ontario. Some of these horses may one day be part of the world famous Musical Ride! "Every year, this contest allows the RCMP to connect with youth around the world. Challenging youth to find names for the foals provides a unique opportunity for them to be creative," said Sergeant Marc Godue of the Musical Ride Branch. Schools are also encouraged to submit class entries! The contest is also international, so it is open to children and youth from around the world.

To qualify, entries must meet the following criteria:

- Names must begin with the letter "G" and must be 6 letters or less.
- Entries must include the entrant's name, age, address and telephone number, and the suggested name.
- Entries must come from those 14 years old or younger.
- Mail your entry to: **The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride Branch c/o RCMP Name the Foal Contest PO Box 8900 Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3J2** Entries are also accepted online. Please note that the criteria listed above applies to electronic submissions as well.
- For school entries, please write "school entry" on the box or envelope.
- Entries must be received (or post-marked) no later than July 3rd, 2009.

The winning entries will receive a number of RCMP prizes.

Winners will be announced in August of this year, and their names will be posted on the RCMP website. Winning names will be chosen by instructors of the RCMP Musical Ride Branch.

For more information on the contest, please contact:

Sergeant Marc Godue
Musical Ride Branch
(613) 998-0866

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Media Relations
(613) 993-2999

To enter online go to: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/mr-ce/foal-poulin-eng.htm>



HIGH RIVER



4-H Club

Are you looking for something new to try this fall? Do you like to ride horses? Have you thought about 4-H?

In September, our club is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 season. Pre-requisite is that you own/lease a horse and have the ability to transport it to the arena. Ages 9-20

For more information, reddsmith@explornet.com or call Diane at (403) 684-3100. www.4h.ab.ca

Willy Wonka

What a great hit Blackie School had with their production of **Willy Wonka!** The staff and students put in many long hours of rehearsal time for this derrsert theatre event making it such a successful event.

Congratulations to everyone that played a part in making this happen.



Preschool at Blackie School

Are you interested in having your child attend Preschool at Blackie School this coming September 2009? Children eligible will need to be 4 years old by February 28th, 2010. 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).

To pre-register and to have any concerns or questions answered, please contact Corrie Fisher at 403-684-3043 or email dcgcfish@explornet.com

Attention Parents,

If your children attend Blackie School and you live in the County of Vulcan, the date is fast approaching to send the yearly appeal to the Palliser School Division. The appeal is for the release of your children from the Palliser School Division so that they can attend the Foothills School Division School of your choice (either Blackie School or Highwood High). It also lets the Foothills Transportation Division know what children need to ride the school bus to school each year.

It is **very important** that you contact Corrie Fisher at 403-684-3043 by **May 23rd, 2009** to have your children's names included on the appeal, and to **ensure** that they get a bus in September ~ thank you.

Year End Awards Schedule

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| June 18th | Kindergarten | 11:00 am |
| June 25th | Grade 4/5 | 9:00 am |
| | Grade 3/4 | 9:30 am |
| | Grade 2 | 10:00 am |
| June 26th | Grade 1 | 9:00 am |
| | Grade 6/7/8 | 10:00 am |



**BLACKIE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 13TH**

PLEASE NOTE THAT A COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE IS BEING PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH. The more sales we have the better. We have done these in the past and had great success. We will advertise to find the garage sales by looking for balloons. If you want to take part just simply hang up balloons by your residence on June 13th. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn at 684-0031 or Teresa at 684-3333.

BLACKIE CLEAN-UP DAY – JUNE 6TH

PLEASE NOTE THAT BLACKIE CLEAN-UP DAY IS SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH. The annual event is to improve the appearance of our community. Please set this date aside to clean-up your yards and Blackie. Bins will be supplied by The Blackie Community Association and placed in front of the firehall for all your unwanted garbage. If you have any questions please contact Teresa 684-3333.

Let's Clean-up! Thank you.

**Blackie School's
High River Hockey School
Sealed Bid Raffle**



**Planning to send your child to hockey school this summer?
High River Hockey School has generously donated a hockey registration to
Blackie School valued at \$325.00.**

With the highest bid, it could be yours!

Rules: Please complete the following information and submit it to the school by June 11th in a sealed envelope. The holder of the winning bid will be notified on June 15th and payment will be required by June 19th. N.B. Please remember this is a fundraising endeavor to help offset Hockey Canada Skills Academy expenses incurred over the course of the past year.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Bid Amount (Minimum bid of \$200.00): \$ _____ . 00

Signature: _____