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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **No school on
September 25.**
- **School Pictures
September 24th.**
- **Terry Fox Run
September 18th.**

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BLACKIE BARK

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MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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

Exciting times are ahead for students and staff at Blackie School this year. Implementation and the piloting of a new Foothills School Division report card, a new AISI (Alberta Initiative for School Improvement) focus for the next three years, and a new school-wide *response to intervention* (RTI) for all students within the school are front and centre as we move into the 2009-2010 school year. With your support and involvement these initiatives will immediately impact student learning in Blackie School and will help shape educational practice and assessment within Foothills School Division in the future. Yes, it truly is an exciting time to be a part of the Blackie School learning community!

Olympic Torch Relay



The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will be the longest relay held in the borders of the Host Country in history. In a just a few months, the Olympic Flame will visit over 1,000 communities and places of interests as 12,000 torchbearers carry it on its 45,000 kilometre journey.

The students at **Blackie School** are going to join this relay by participating in our own torch relay. Each time a student completes two runs around the perimeter of the playground, they will have gone 1 km. As of Friday, September 4th, the students had completed 120 km of the approximate 5,000 km that is the width of Canada from Cape Spear, New Foundland to the border of Alaska and the Yukon at the most westerly point.

Nearly 200 communities across Canada will have the opportunity to gather and participate in the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay community celebrations. High River is to be one of these communities.

The more the merrier. These towns are opening up their events so that friends, relatives and neighbours from surrounding communities can also enjoy in the experience. The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games are Canada's Games and as many Canadians as possible should participate in the celebration!

*Please watch for the dates that this celebration
will take place in High River.*



BLACKIE SCHOOL TERRY FOX RUN

Start looking around the house for your spare change. It's time for us to donate that loose change to the Terry Fox Foundation. Each classroom will be racing to fill their collection jars with loose change, which we will donate to help fight cancer.

The Terry Fox National/Blackie School Run Day will be held on September 18th at 12:35 pm. Everyone here at school will participate in a run/walk to help raise awareness of Terry Fox and his amazing "Marathon of Hope." We will only travel about 3 kilometers around Blackie, much less than the 42 kilometers that Terry Fox completed everyday. Older students will be paired with younger students to make it a fun and safe activity.

Everyone is invited to come out and join us in this worthwhile event.

Blackie Volunteer Program

Blackie School is again interested in having volunteers part of their school program this year. If you have time to commit to our school, we would enjoy having you as part of our school community. Volunteer work can be done in the classrooms, in the lunch program, or assisting with field and sports trips. Your help is always welcome.

If interested, please stop by and pick up a package at the office or phone the school, and a package will be sent home with your child.

BARK DISTRIBUTION

The Blackie Bark, again this year will be posted on the Blackie School web page. Insert your email address and you will have access to the Blackie Bark. If you do not have access to the web, please let Mrs. Day know so that we can supply your family with a hard copy.

<http://webacc.fsd38.ab.ca/schools/Blackie/>



Snippets from the Learning Support Teacher – Article #1

As the new school year begins, many parents and students start to get themselves back into some sort of routine. For students already part of the school system and for those who newly entered, routine tends to be a saving grace for everyone concerned. Now is the time to establish routines that begin in the morning with getting oneself washed, dressed, breakfasted and out to the bus in time. This can often be made easier with planning for the morning the night before.

- Lunches can be made by the older students and put in the fridge with a kindly reminder from a parent to take it the next morning.
- Clothes can be decided upon and put out on a chair or dresser.
- Any forms that come from the school and need to be signed should be done that evening.
- Backpacks should be filled with all completed work.
- Notes for the teacher with regards to play dates after school should be organized and placed in the student's agenda. Reminders about doctor, dentist or other appointments should be included in the agenda so that the student can tell their teacher and they can help remind the child to be ready for an early pick-up by a parent or guardian.

With establishing just these few routines, morning times can become much smoother with both parent and children parting in a happy atmosphere.

Next issue's question: Homework?

Judy Osborne
(Regional Learning Support Teacher)



FLAG FOOTBALL



- September 10 - 3:15 Cayley at Blackie
- September 15 - 12:45 Millarville @ Blackie
3:15 Nanton @ Blackie
- September 16 - 3:15 Blackie @ Nanton (Bus back at school at 5:15)
- September 17 - 3:15 Blackie @ Cayley (Bus back at school at 6:00)

Playoff Schedule

September 24 - Playoff games and their location will be determined by team standings.

IMPORTANT: Games begin no later than 3:45 both at home and away.

GO BULLDOGS!!!!

**“Building
Bright
Futures
Together”**

BLACKIE SCHOOL STAFF

Principal	Phil Irwin	Room 124
Vice-Principal	Debra Sorensen-Valette	Room 115/126
Administrative Assistant	Sylvia Day	Office/Room 123
Kindergarten	Judy Spangler	Room 120
Grade 1/2	Leanne Percifield	Room 117
Grade 2/3	Marilyn Hansen	Room 119
Grade 4/5	Jill Alexander	Room 118
Grade 6/7	Margaret Speelman	Room 116
Grade 7/8	Debra Valette	Room 115
LST Teacher	Judy Usborn	Room 106
Hockey Program /P.E.	Brian Erickson	Room 114
Band/Music	Judy Spangler	Room 109/111
Librarian	Sue Elliott	Room 122
Educational Assistant	Janet Goodwin	
Custodians	Sue Allard Miles Allard	

Parent Council

The parent council will meet for their first meeting on September 24th, at 7:00 pm. We are looking for individuals to take on the position of treasurer.

Please come out and show your support!

**Those who can, do.
Those who can do more, volunteer. - author - unknown**

Lunch Program

We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in running the Blackie School Lunch Program. If you are at all interested please call Mrs. Day (403-601-1752) as soon as possible. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



September 2009



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7		9	10	11 Magazine Sales Kickoff - am Terry Fox Run - pm
14	15	16	17	18
21		23	24 School Pictures Grade 5 Immunization 1:30 pm Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm	25 PD Day No School
28	29	30	1	2

