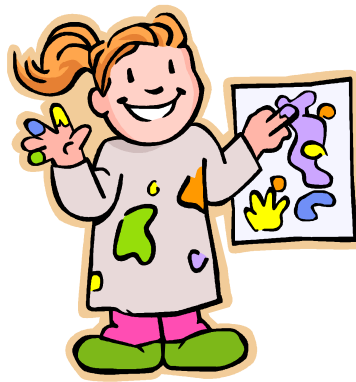




Blackwater Creek Elementary School
General Information Handbook
2009-2010



School Staff

Principal.....Pat MacKenzie
Teacher & Vice Principal Susan Reed

Teacher Assistant &
Playground Supervisor Dale Fotsch

Aboriginal Support WorkerFrancis Thevarge

Bus Driver & Custodian Ken Sangster



General Information

Attendance

It is very important for all students to attend school regularly. Students with good attendance generally do better in school. If your child has to be absent from school please inform us by calling the school before 8:30am.

Changes in Your Child's Routine

Please inform us in writing if you want your child to be dropped off at a different place after school.

Phone Messages

Please contact the school during recess, 10:00 - 10:15, or during lunch, 11:45 - 12:35 if you wish to speak to a staff member. All other calls will go directly to the answering machine and will be checked before students leave for the day.

School Calendar

Attached is a copy of our school calendar for the 2009 - 2010 school year. Please keep this calendar and refer to it throughout the school year so that you are always aware of school holidays and professional development days.



Snacks and Lunches

All parents are strongly encouraged to pack nutritious foods for their child's snacks and lunches. Nutritious foods will enhance your child's thinking, growth, health and reduce fatigue. Nutritious lunches will help your child stay focused while in school. Your child can bring oranges to school this year.

Head Lice

Although head lice is not a health hazard, it is an unpleasant experience for a child to go through. Dealing with head lice can also be very frustrating for parents. Each year we encourage a collaborative approach between parents and the school to help reduce the number of cases of head lice.

Please remember to check your child's hair on a regular basis. If you discover that your child does have head lice please notify the school and keep your child at home until they've been properly treated and all the nits are removed.

Depending on the availability of parent volunteers, all students will be checked for head lice at school on a regular basis. Parents will be notified if their child has head lice. All students identified as having head lice will need to be rechecked.

If you have any questions regarding head lice, such as how to reduce your child's risk of having head lice, please feel free to call me at the school.

Parent Helpers

Throughout the year we will be looking for parent helpers. If you are available and would like to volunteer at the school please contact the school. You can volunteer on a regular basis, or just when you can, it is up to you. Volunteers are required to complete a Criminal Record Check.

Parents are always welcome to stop in the school to observe or help out but please call to let us know you're coming. Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school tend to be more successful academically. I understand that it is not possible for all parents to become involved at the school.

School Code of Conduct



Student Behaviour Expectations - The Four Be's

Throughout the school year all of the students will receive ongoing instruction on our school's behaviour expectations.

All students are expected to.....

1. Be a good friend
2. Be responsible
3. Be safe
4. Be respectful

These four expectations need to be followed in the classroom, on the playground and on the bus. The children are taught what each of the expectations would look like in these different environments. Please talk to your child at home about our school behaviour expectations.

Scholastic Book Orders

Book catalogues and order forms from Scholastic Canada will be sent home on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Parents will have an opportunity each month to purchase books for their children if they choose.

Dogs on School Grounds

The School District has installed a sign at the front of our school reminding dog owners that the school grounds are a 'Poop Free Zone'. The school grounds are not designed to be a play area for dogs and it is imperative that the school grounds be a safe and healthy place for the children to play. If you do bring your dog to the school please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog.

