

# Blackville School Newsletter September 15, 2010



## WELCOME BACK!!

Another school year is upon us and already it seems as if time is flying. It is great to see such energetic students and the staff here at Blackville is as equally energized to be back.

There have been some changes in the office area since last year and we would like to welcome back Mrs. Trudy Underhill in her capacity as Principal and a welcome back to Mr. Aaron Johnston as Vice-Principal.

We would like to welcome three new teachers to our school;

Ms. Bev Demmings – Math 7,8

Miss Lindsay Hart – Post Intensive French 6,7,8

Mr. Craig Russell – Phys Ed; Outdoor Pursuits

We would also like to welcome to our school some new teacher's assistants for the year. A welcome to Christina Donovan, Gloria Kelly, and Rhonda Sturgeon.

## Blackville School Web Page!!

<http://blackville.nbed.nb.ca>

In the era of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning digital technology and the internet is simply a way of life. We at Blackville School are embracing this and are actively using technology in many ways. One of the ways that you can keep up on the great things going on here at the school is check out our website. You will find teacher pages, photo albums, school information, sports updates and much more. Come check us out!

**Waiver Forms** Please sign and return the pink waiver form (both top/bottom) that your child brought home. The top of the waiver form is required prior to students being given permission to go on any field trips. The bottom permits students to be included in photography that may be posted on the school or district website as well as around the school.

## Address and personal information

**changes!** Personal data information sheets have been sent home recently. Please be sure to review them and make any necessary corrections before returning them. If you have an e-mail address, please include it on the form.

## Student Fees

Please note the fee structure.

K-2 .....\$15  
3-5 .....\$20  
6-12 .....\$25  
Family .....\$60

## 2010--2011 Student Council

### Executive!!

Melita Urquhart	President
Dallas Underhill	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President
Michaella Jardine	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President
Morgan Donovan	Secretary

## Homework Books

Students in grades K-8 have received student agendas. It is expected that students will record their homework assignments in their agendas for the benefit of parents.

## Volunteers!

**If you are interested in volunteering at Blackville School or know of someone who is, please advise the school secretary (843-2900).**

**Policy 701** (Policy for the Protection of Students from Misconduct by Adults in the Public School System (1996)--Please be reminded that adults who work, volunteer, or want to visit the school (ie: have lunch), must have 701 training. This can now be accessed on the web at [www.701.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.701.nbed.nb.ca) .

**Breakfast Program** The Breakfast Program started on September 10<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to announce that, for the most part, those individuals in the community who regularly volunteered last year have again pledged their services this year. We are always looking for additional help so if you can help or you know of someone who can, please contact our coordinator, Maria Dunn at 843-2900.

**Main Entrance!** Although we believe we live in a very safe community, we must be proactive in ensuring our students are safe at all times. As was our practice last year, we will continue to keep all secondary entry/exit doors locked from 8:35 AM to 3:00 PM each day. The main entrance by the school office will remain unlocked.

**Visiting The School** When visiting the school, please check in at the office. All parents/visitors in the school must have a **VISITORS PASS** if they are going to proceed further than the main office. Visitor passes will not be issued during the course of the instructional day. Should it be necessary that you need to communicate directly with your child, your child will be called to the office by the school secretary. More than ever it is imperative that teachers get the most out of instructional time, so as not to impede on the education of our children. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

If you need to discuss an issue with a teacher, please make arrangements through the secretary to do so outside the hours of instruction (during a teacher's preparation period, or at the end of the day).

## Smoking Policy Update

School District 16 has mandated that there be "NO SMOKING" on school property!



Students will not be permitted to leave school property for the purpose of smoking.

## Parent School Support Committee Meeting & Election

**Date:** Monday, September 27th

Fellow parents:

Once again another school year is upon us. For most of us it enables us a return to a routine way of life, to get back on schedule. We hope that some of you can evaluate your schedules and find a couple of hours every other month to come together to lend your support to the Parent School Support Committee. The election for this year's Parent School Support Committee will be held at Blackville School on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The only way you can truly know what is going on at Blackville School is to come to Blackville School. We will need three (3) parents to complete our committee.

I urge every parent to become involved in their child's education process and to plan on attending this very important election.

Thank you!

### Public Health Information

Public Health Nurses will be having Immunization Clinics at school for the following grades as indicated in the table below.

A pamphlet explaining each vaccine offered and an explanatory letter will be sent home with the students. Consent forms will need to be returned to the homeroom teacher.

For more information, you may contact your local Public Health office 843-2959 or 778-6102.

<b>New Brunswick School-aged Immunization for the 2008-2009 School Year</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Vaccine composition</b>
7 (girls only)	Gardasil™	Quadrivalent HPV (types 6, 11, 16 & 18)
9	Boostrix®	Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis
9	Menactra®	Meningococcal conjugate-ACYW-135
12	MMR II®	Measles, mumps and rubella

Immunization Dates for Blackville School

Grade 7 Girls: September 28th (part 1)  
November 30th (part 2)  
April 5th (part 3)

Grade 9 & 12: November 22nd

### Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Please be advised that since school started we have checked for head lice. We will continue to do checks sporadically. We are asking that parents help us keep the number of cases at zero (0) by making regular checks at home. Thank you for your cooperation with this!

## Grade 12 Students NBCC Applications

Are you thinking of applying to NBCC for the 2011-2012 school year? Applications are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. See Mrs. Sobey for an application or check out the web-site at [www.nbcc.ca](http://www.nbcc.ca). Don't delay! Programs fill up quickly.

### School Bus Rules

Please review the following School Bus Rules with your children:

- Obey the driver
- Respect others
- Remain seated
- Keep aisle clear
- Talk quietly

### Bus Zone in Front of School!

Just a reminder, the zone in front of the school is closed to traffic from 8:50AM to 4:00 PM daily

Marked parking spaces are provided at the edge of the lawn for use by parents and visitors.

Thank you for helping us keep this area safe!!

### Talk Mail

Once again this year we will be making school announcements using "talk mail." We find "talk mail" to be the most efficient and fastest way to reach parents when we need to send home information (ie. late buses, etc). If you have not registered for TalkMail you can register **at no charge to you!** All you need to do is call toll free 1-800-561-6283 and ask to have this feature added to your phone line.

*Note: If you receive a message that is of no concern to you, you can delete it before it is finished by pressing "3" to end the message, and then "7" to delete it.*

### Bus Transfer Requests

We need you to help us with this!

Please be advised that some days we receive up to thirty or more bus transfers. In an effort to make this happen smoothly, we are asking that you send a written request to school with your child indicating the address your child is going to, as well as the bus they need to travel on to get there. These notes will be processed by the secretary each morning. We are asking that **telephone requests** be made only in emergency cases.

We will continue to attempt to accommodate changes to a different bus for baby-sitting reasons and appointments. As was the case last year **we will not** be accommodating bus changes for birthday parties or social gatherings. We are not obligated to entertain these requests.

Keep in mind that because of the number of students traveling to and from school on our school busses, it may not always be possible to grant bus change requests. We know you will understand that we must make every possible effort to keep our busses safe for our children... meaning we must stay within our number guideline.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

## Cell Phone Policy

Many of our students have cell phones and they are permitted on school property, however strict guidelines apply. We know you will agree, students come to school to pay attention in class and do the assigned work. They cannot be distracted by receiving or sending phone calls or text messages.

Cell phones are only permitted to be used in common areas of the school...open area, cafeteria, hallway, etc. Students may use their cell phone before class, during morning break, lunchtime and after school. Cell phones are not permitted to be on in classrooms. Picture taking with cell-phones is strictly prohibited.

**First offence:** Student surrenders cell phone to the supervising teacher who delivers it to administration. Parent or guardian is required to come to school to get phone.

**Second offence:** Phone is taken to office by supervising teacher, administrator calls home, student will be suspended for one day or cell phone will be kept in the office for one week (7 days).

**Third offence:** Phone is taken to the office by supervising teacher, administrator calls home, student will be suspended for two days or cell phone will be kept in office for two weeks (14 days). Further offences will result in escalating consequences.

## Dress Code

No:

- Headgear (caps, toques, headbands, hoods)
- Inappropriate slogan t-shirts (reference to drugs/alcohol, sexual connotations)
- Excessively short shorts/skirts (hand width above the knee)
- Revealed midriffs (No skin should be showing, tops must meet top of pants)
- Halter tops, belly tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, no strapless tops
- Revealed undergarments, revealing tops
- Shoulder straps must be wide enough so as not to display bra straps

## Cafeteria Price List for 2010-2011

### Elementary Students (K-5): Weekly!

#### **Monday:**

Grilled Cheese Sandwich/Chicken Noodle Soup/Milk, \$3.75  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$2.20  
Hamburger \$2.80  
Cheeseburger \$3.10  
Chicken Noodle Soup \$2.10

#### **Tuesday:**

Pizza /Salad/Milk, \$3.50  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich \$2.20  
Slice of Pizza Large \$2.95 Small \$1.90  
Garlic fingers \$3.00 Donair Sauce \$0.40

#### **Wednesday:**

Hamburger/ Mash. Potatoes/Milk \$3.75  
Hamburger \$2.80  
Pasta Salad \$1.65  
Soup \$2.10 Cream Soup \$2.30  
Panzarotti \$3.45  
Potato Wedges \$3.00

#### **Thursday:**

Pepperoni Pizza/Salad/Milk \$3.75  
Hamburger \$2.80  
Chicken Burger \$3.85

#### **Friday:**

Chicken Nuggets/Potato/Rice/Salad/Milk \$3.75  
Subs Bar (Roast Turkey, Cold Cut, Sliced Ham, Roast Beef, Pizza) \$4.25



## **K-12 Daily**

Sandwiches (Meat)	\$2.35	Sandwich (Egg and other)	\$2.20
Premade Subs	\$3.25	Soup (Broth)	\$2.10
Hamburger	\$2.80	Cheeseburgers	\$3.10
Bowl of Rice	\$1.75	Potatoes & Gravy	\$2.05
Veggies & Dip	\$2.00	Soup (Cream)	\$2.30
Grilled Cheese Sandwich	\$2.20	Salad (Toss, potato or Pasta)	\$1.65
Garlic Bun	\$0.70	Fresh Fruit: Apple	\$1.00
Yogurt & Fruit Parfait	\$1.50	Orange	\$1.00
		Container of Salad	\$3.00

## Terry Fox Walk

Date: Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 10:30am

Dear Parents,

Blackville Students and Staff are participating in the Terry Fox Walk. We are inviting you to come and walk with us and show that we support such an important cause.

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. Terry began his “**Marathon of Hope**” on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1980, by dipping his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean. He was forced to stop his run 143 days later in Thunder Bay, Ontario, after running 5374 km.

Your child has brought home a sneaker to cut out and decorate, and dedicate to a family member they know has been affected by cancer. Each student and family member will participate in the walk in honor of that person. Students can return these to the school as soon as they are completed and these will be displayed on the “Wall of Hope” located in the main lobby of the school.

There are two routes that the students will follow. The elementary classes and teachers will walk together around the school, while both the middle and high school classes will walk in the rear of the school.

Parents’ and students are asked to bring a toonie on the day of the walk as their pledge to the Terry Fox Foundation. Money can be collected by homeroom teachers.

We look forward to seeing you on the walk!

Sincerely,

Craig Russell

Physical Education Teacher

## Blackville School Calendar 2010-2011



September	6	Labor Day (no school)
	7	First Day for Students
Sept 27-Oct 1		Grade 6 District Literacy Assessment
	28	Public Health Immunizations (Gr. 7 Girls)
October 4-8		Grade 3 District Math Assessments
	7	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
	11	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
	18-22	Grade 7 Provincial Literacy Assessments
November	4	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
	5	Parent Teacher Day (no school for students)
	11	Remembrance Day (no school)
	22	Public Health Immunizations (Gr. 9 & 12)
	30	Public Health Immunizations (Gr. 7 Girls)
December	23	Last Day before Christmas Break
January	10	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
	11	Students Return
	20-27	English Language Proficiency Assessment/Reassessment
Jan 24- Feb 11		Intensive French Oral & Literacy Assessments (Grade 5)
	24-27	Exams (High School Grades 9-12)
	28-31	Turn Around Days (no school High School Grades 9-12)
February	1	Second Semester begins (High School Grades 9-12)
	9	C.U.T.E. AWARDS, 6:30 PM, James M Hill Theatre
March	7-11	March Break (no school)
	31	Curriculum Implementation Day (no school for students)
April	1	Parent Teacher Day (no school for students)
	5	Public Health Immunizations (Gr. 7 Girls)
	22	Good Friday (no school)
	25	Easter Monday (no school)
May	5	Branch 1608 NBTA Meeting (no school for students)
	6	Subject Council Day (no school for students)
	23	Victoria Day (no school)
May 26-June 2		Grade 2 Provincial Literacy Assessment
May 26-June 2		Grade 3 Provincial Math Assessment
May 26-June 2		Grade 4 Provincial Literacy Assessment
May 26-June 2		Grade 5 Provincial Math Assessment
June		
	2-8	Grade 6 Provincial Science Assessments
	6-7	Grade 8 Provincial Middle Level Math Assessments
	6-9	Grade 4 District Math Assessments
	13	ELPA Graduate Reassessment
	13-16	Exams (High School Grades 9-12)
	18	Blackville School Senior Prom
	20	Blackville School Baccalaureate Service
	23	Blackville School Graduation
	24	Last Day for Students

*Dates will be confirmed by talk mail!*

**“A Place where You are not One of a Crowd but One of a Kind”**