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Welcome Back to Blakeburn!



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Dear {FAMILYNAME} family



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new families at Blakeburn and welcome back to those returning. For those new to the community, you will quickly find out that Blakeburn is an amazing school. The staff and parent community work hand-in-hand to make Blakeburn a fantastic place for our children to learn every day. I am proud to be part of such a dedicated group of parents and staff who work so hard to make Blakeburn a better place.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been part of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the last 3 years working on the hot lunch committee and I am very excited to be representing the parent

Members at Large
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VACANT POSITIONS
Parent Education
Coordinator

Contact
blakeburnpac@telus.net
to volunteer for this
position!

HOT DOGS!



The first hot lunch day of the year is happening on Friday, September 30. We need some parent volunteers to help distribute lunches to classrooms. Email [Andrea](#) if you can help out for about 30 minutes.

Lice check



Summer camps have ended, and with all our kids back together again, this is a good time to do lice checks. To find out how you can easily do these checks at home, check out the website of the

community as PAC president this year. I have 2 daughters that attend Blakeburn. My oldest daughter Madison is in Grade 5 and my youngest, Allie, is in grade 2.

The PAC has been busy planning many fun and exciting fundraisers for this school year. Without the tremendous support of our parent community in our fundraising efforts, many curriculum enhancing opportunities would just not be possible. This year we are dedicated to providing the school with funds towards literacy, new technology upgrades, performing artists and field trips, to name a few. There are many opportunities for parents to get involved with aiding in the learning experience at Blakeburn not only by participating in fundraising but volunteering for events such as Hot lunch, treat day, and our ever popular year end Carnival. Another great way to get involved is to attend our monthly PAC meetings!

Once again this year, we are asking our parent community to take part in the Activity Fee Program. In the past 2 years this program has been a tremendous success. The tax deductible donation is \$35.00 per student or \$70.00 per family and all funds go towards the many activities that we have planned for the upcoming year. The Activity Fee letter will be sent home with students this week so please watch out for it in their planners!

You can find out all you need to know on our website www.blakeburnpac.org, which is updated frequently with a list of school events, hot lunch forms, volunteer opportunities as well as contact numbers for the PAC executive.

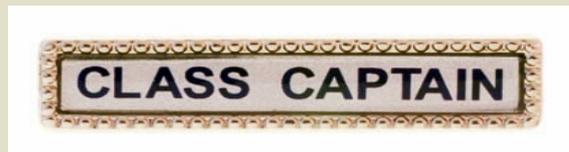
I am looking forward to yet another exciting and promising year at Blakeburn. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Best regards,

Jennifer Steel

PAC President

WANTED:



We ask 2 or 3 parents from each class to step up and be a class captain. You will help the Parent Volunteer Coordinator to contact parents about upcoming events and opportunities to help out. Although the vast majority of this communication will be done via email, a small amount of calling will be required. It's a small job that has a huge impact on success of the activities that the PAC Executive has planned for the year. Please consider signing up by emailing [Moona Tyers](#) or simply clicking on this link.

The Big Fall Dig



The first Garden Day of the new year is coming up! We have already started lifting the turf for the second garden, so on

**Saturday, Sept 24, at
10am,**

we will get started on digging and planting. Please come along with your gloves, shovels and wheelbarrows, rain or shine, and help make our dream of an outside classroom for our kids a reality. Treats will be provided.

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How can I Help

It has been encouraging to hear this question from so many new Kindergarten parents! Volunteering your time and effort at your child's school is not only a rewarding experience that literally changes the way your child experiences school, it is certainly one of the best ways to feel part of the parent community and get to know people. Starting a school career is often more daunting for the parents than the kids!

You will soon see that although we are always asking for parents to volunteer for something or other (that's the only way our fundraising and enrichment programs can run!), we are not asking for hours upon hours of your time. Most jobs that need to be done only take between 15 minutes and 1 hour of your time. This means that there are opportunities for all parents, whether you are a working parent, a work-from-home parent, or a stay-at-home parent, to get involved. Please consider some of the following opportunities:

If you are a working parent:

- The PAC needs a **Parent Education Coordinator**. The time commitment is about 90 minutes per month to attend a monthly PAC meeting at 6:45pm. The aim of the position is to identify and provide opportunities for parents to be educated on topical issues like Internet safety, bullying, and the like. It is up to the coordinator to choose whichever format is most appropriate, as well as how often information should be passed on. Email us on blakeburnpac@telus.net if you are interested.
- Come out, bring the family and your gardening gear, and help us dig and plant whenever a **Garden Day** is scheduled. It will always be on a Saturday - the first one is on September 24.

If you work from home or stay at home:

- The **Running Club** needs a parent volunteer to coordinate students for 30 minutes twice a week after school. The club is a great way for your child to improve his/her fitness level and have fun at the same time. We provide a safe and supportive environment for participants to walk or run at their own pace. Ribbons will be awarded to each student who completes 10km, 20km, 30km and so on. Medals are awarded to students who complete 100 km, 200km and even 300km. However, this club can not start up this year without a parent stepping up! Email blakeburnpac@telus.net if you are interested.

If you are free for lunch:

- Please contact [Andrea Dowdle](#) and help distribute hot lunches (once a month) and treats (once a month). This usually falls on a Friday,

and only takes about 30-45 minutes.

- Join us on Wednesday, September 28, for the Terry Fox Run at 1pm. Parents are needed to man points along the route and hand out snacks. You can contact [Moona Tyers](#) if you can help.

If you walk your child to (or from) school:

- The students of Blakeburn needs you to help keep them safe in the morning! Please join the **Traffic Team** - you will be asked to do one 15-minute shift in the morning or afternoon, only once a week. The morning shift involves putting on the bright vest, and directing cars to keep moving forward and not to park in the drop-off lane. The afternoon shift is even simpler - just man the barricade at the school driveway entrance and let only the daycare buses through.

This team is in **desperate** need of help! We see lots of parents arrive with their children at 8:30, and then spending the next 15 minutes chatting to friends and acquaintances, sometimes even staying on for Bounce at Bell. If this is you, please consider signing up for just one 15-minute slot a week.

Without volunteers keeping an eye out, your children are at the mercy of every reversing car, every blind spot, every late-for-work parent, every driver checking an email...

Please email [Jane Kruks](#) directly if you are willing to be part of this accident-prevention team.

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