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Blakeburn Banner - September 2012



McDonald's Hot Lunch



Our first hot lunch of the year takes place on Friday, September 28, so no need to pack lunches if you ordered!

As always, we need parents to help distribute the lunches to the classes. This will only take about 30 minutes of your time.

Please email [Andrea Dowdle](#) if you can help.



Even though hot lunch orders for the first session is now closed, now is a good time to set up your family account if you haven't done so yet. That

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear {FAMILYNAME} Family

On behalf of the Blakeburn Parent Advisory Council (PAC), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to those returning. For those new to Blakeburn, you will quickly find out that we truly have 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.

The PAC has been busy planning 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 have allocated a great deal of money towards literacy, performing artists, new gym equipment, field trips and technology, to name a few. Once again this year, we are asking our parent community to take part in the Activity Fee Program, which was sent home with students last week. We have had great success with this program; last year we raised over \$5,000! The tax

means you will be ready to go when the next ordering session starts. Click on the logo above to get started.

TAKE PHOTOS!



We are still working on a new yearbook coordinator, but in the mean time, we need parents to make an extra effort to take photos at school events. If you have any photos from September, please forward them to [Jane Kruks](mailto:jane.kruks@blakeburnpac.org) via individual email or drop a CD off in the office.

Halloween Treats



Treat Day in October means special Halloween chocolate chip cookies! Please email [Andrea Dowdle](mailto:andrea.dowdle@blakeburnpac.org) if you can help decorate these cookies - our kids love the special decorations and are already talking about it. No special skills needed!

Traffic Nightmares!



deductible donation is \$35.00 per student or \$70.00 per family and all funds go directly back into our school. If you have not received a form, you can print one by [clicking here](#).

There are many opportunities for parents to get involved 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! Meeting dates are posted on our website as well as on the PAC bulletin board in the school foyer. Every parent at Blakeburn is a member of the PAC so come on out and let us know what you think!

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, volunteer opportunities as well as contact information for the PAC executive.

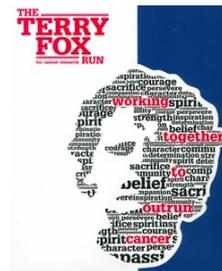
I am looking forward to yet another exciting and promising year at Blakeburn. Please feel free to contact me at blakeburnpac@telus.net if you have any questions! Best regards,

Jennifer Steel
PAC President

Volunteers URGENTLY needed

On **Thursday, September 27**, Blakeburn students will take part in our own Terry Fox Run after lunch. We need 12 parents to just direct students along the route and hand out juice boxes afterwards. It should only take about 1 hour of your time (1-2pm).

Please email [Jennifer Steel](mailto:jennifer.steel@blakeburnpac.org) if you can help.



New Fundraiser!

We are very excited to announce that we have partnered with Mabel's Labels to look after all your labeling needs!

We've noticed that many parents are using Mabel's Labels already - please keep buying them, but use the link below when you order, and the PAC will receive a percentage of all sales. **Note that the prices are all the same as when you order from the site directly, you do not pay extra for the fundraiser.**

You may have noticed that some mornings, our drop-off zone looks more like a war zone, with honking cars, banging fists, frowning parents, and bewildered kids all over! These are the days when we have no traffic volunteers to direct traffic. In the interest of keeping our kids safe, we urgently appeal to all parents walking their kids to school to sign up for a slot **once a week for 15 minutes**. You can drop off your kids at 8:30am, and then direct traffic until 8:45am. Email [Sylvia Pawley](mailto:Sylvia.Pawley) to volunteer.

We have also noticed that the lost-and-found pile is already growing. This wouldn't happen if you had Mabel's Labels. We love that their labels are dishwasher, microwave, laundry and kid-tested, and that you can personalize the labels with names, initials, allergies, pictures - whatever you like! Click below to get started with your order.



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Garden Cleanup Day



Parents new to the school might not know this, but the garden on the south side of the school was created entirely by Blakeburn parents and students! This beautiful space is our outdoor classroom, and teachers develop hands-on lessons on topics like plant life cycles, butterflies, and the like. Our younger grades are also

learning and getting their hands dirty by kindly weeding the garden regularly.

The first garden cleanup day of the year is scheduled for this **Saturday, September 29, from 9:30-11:30am**. Students, accompanied by a parent, are invited to come help spruce up the garden and help create a path through the first garden we planted. Treats and drinks will be provided. Please bring any shovels and wheelbarrows from home to use. Garden gloves are recommended too. Questions and comments to [Andrea Dowdle](#).

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