

BREAKTHROUGH



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Black Diamond Elementary

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Families,

We have had a great start to the school year. Students and staff have settled in nicely; classroom routines are already becoming second nature. We are very excited to begin a new year of learning, exploration, and discovery.

Our goal is to challenge your children intellectually, grow them socially, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. Producing responsible young citizens is a focus of our school. Students are encouraged to be respectful, honest, caring, and kind. We strive to instill within our students a sense of personal pride as well as collective pride and love of and for our school.

We believe at Black Diamond Elementary, that the key to a successful school is a product of the partnership between home, school, and the community. For this reason, I urge you to become actively involved in your child's education. You might want to serve as a parent volunteer, chaperone a fieldtrip or become a member of our PTA. You can also become involved by staying in contact with your child's teacher, checking your child's back pack each night, and talking with your child about what he/she is learning at school. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate the remarkable partnerships we have between school, families and our community!

I am excited to begin another school year with what I believe to be the best faculty, parents, and students in the state!

With gratitude,

Gerrie Garton, Principal

September 13, 2012

Important Dates To Remember

September 13	PTA Meeting 3:45 p.m.
September 28-October 12	PTA Fundraiser
September 17	Picture Day
September 27	Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30
October 11	PTA Meeting

Student Emergency Information/ Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Students have brought home many different forms that must be completed and returned as soon as possible. Most important are the Student Emergency Information and the Free and Reduced Lunch Forms. While we are aware many of you would not qualify for free or reduced lunch, we encourage people to complete the forms if there is any financial need. Our Title I and LAP funding is determined by the percentage of families who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Please do not hesitate to apply in person or online. The process is strictly confidential.

Curriculum Night

We would like to invite all parents/guardians to attend Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 27th at 6:30. We will begin our evening in the Gym. It is important that all parents attend if at all possible. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 27th!

Things You Can Do to Prevent the Flu

The health of our children is very important to all of us. As our school year begins, we want to make sure you have information on what you can do to help prevent the spread of the flu.

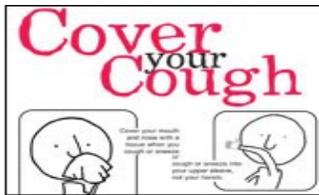
One of the most important things you can do to stop the spread of germs is keep your child home if they are sick. Children should stay home from school at least 24 hours after their fever has passed (without the use of fever-reducing medicine).

Things You Can Do to Prevent the Flu

Wash your hands: wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based cleaners are also effective.

Cover your cough: cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.

Flu shots: get your family vaccinated for both seasonal flu and H1N1 flu (when vaccines are available.) For additional information, view the Washington State Department of Health website: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/>



Title VII, Indian Education Program

The Enumclaw School District Indian Education Program is a federally funded program designed to assist Native American students, K-12 in their academic and cultural pursuits. Our federal funding is based on a yearly census of Native American and Alaskan Native students in our school district. We obtain these numbers from our 506 forms, a simple one page document requiring your child's name, school, and tribal affiliation. If you believe that you may be of Native American or Alaskan Native descent you can request a 506 form from the office. For more specific information on our program please contact Cathy Calvert, Native American Coordinator, or Sarah Brasard, Native American Specialist at 360.802.7689, email at cathy_calvert@enumclaw.wednet.edu. Their office is located at Enumclaw High School in the counseling office.

Healthy Eating, Healthy Snacks

The Enumclaw School District is committed to promoting the development of healthy eating habits in our students. We encourage healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. Healthy snacks help support good nutrition and potentially prevent disease, obesity and diabetes. Please ensure your child brings nutritious snacks and lunches to school. Soft drinks are not permitted.

Black Diamond Elementary Welcomes New Staff Members

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| ◆ Shannon Cunningham | Fourth Grade Teacher |
| ◆ Derek Tulluck | Counselor |
| ◆ Holly BeersBezon | PM Kindergarten |
| ◆ Dianna Coutts | LAP Para educator |
| ◆ Carol Holtz | Para educator |

Visitors to the School

We welcome and encourage people to visit our school. It is, however, important that we know who is in the building and on our school campus at all times. All visitors to our school must check in at the office. You will be asked to sign in and obtain a visitor's badge before proceeding to your child's classroom. If you are picking your child up early you will need to sign them out in the office. We ask that you try to avoid taking your child out of school early as much as possible, as it disrupts classrooms and the learning process.



Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.

~Walt Disney