

Blackwell Elementary News



We Value Your Feedback

Each year, the district invites parents and community members to provide feedback on general school and district questions. The survey is anonymous. Schools and the district use this information in planning for the future and in continuous improvement processes.

This year's survey is now open: tell us what you think! Please [click on this link](#) to take the survey. The survey will be open through December 16.

The district also surveys parents on specific programs and planned strategic work: that survey will be open for in February.



School Every Day

Being at school every day is important and we want your child to come to school even if they aren't feeling 100%.

There are times, however, when your student may be too sick for school. Keeping children home when they are too sick for school protects other students and staff from potential illness.

Here's How You Can Help:

- If there is no fever and no other signs of a true sickness (throwing up, diarrhea) then it is okay to send your child to school.
- If your child is feeling ill in the morning but feels better later (and doesn't have the symptoms above) it is okay to bring them to school for the rest of the day. A partial day of school is better than no school at all.
- If aches are being caused by anxiety toward school please contact your child's teacher, counselor or principal to ask what they can do to help assist your child to feel more comfortable at school.



Parking Lot

The Blackwell parking lot continues to be a topic of concern, and we are working to ease the stress and anxiety that it may be causing. As we work together as a community to improve the flow of traffic during both drop-off and pick-up, please remember:

- Wait your turn- Get in line and do not bypass the cars that are waiting on the street to turn in.
- Do not block the driveway- if cars are stacked up to the "yellow line", do not turn in. This limits visibility for exiting drivers and causes further delay.
- Do not block any cross walk- if you do so, you are violating Washington State Law.

- Be patient.
- Be kind and courteous to others.
- Model positive citizenship for our students.
- Remember that safety of our students is the top priority.

If you are parking in the neighborhood, please remember:

- to park legally - not blocking driveways
- to avoid turning around in driveways
- to travel at 20 mph

If you have any questions or suggestions about parking lot procedures or expectations, please contact [Scott Power](#) or [Jim Eaton](#).

Parking Lot Procedures/Expectations: [Click Here](#)



Kindergarten Items Needed!

The kindergarten classroom is a unique learning environment. Kindergarten is a special time of growth academically and socially. The kindergarten year bridges the gap between preschool and full time academics. The Washington State All Day Kindergarten program guidance makes suggestions for the type of experiences our classrooms should provide. Over the past two years, we've doubled the number of kindergarten classrooms at Blackwell. We are in the process of equipping all our classrooms to meet these best practices guidelines.

Here's how you can help:

We are seeking donations of many common household childhood items that you may no longer need at home, but we can put to use in our kindergarten classrooms. We are in the process of purchasing some of the larger items (e.g. kitchens, puppet stages, etc.) but could use our community's help with some of these smaller items. Please let us know if you'd like to donate the following:

Lincoln Logs
 Legos
 Train Set
 Small wooden blocks
 Plastic animals
 People (multicultural)
 Pretend food items
 Dress up clothing (kinder sized)
 Counting bears
 Magnifying glasses
 Stringing materials (beads)
 Magnetic Letters
 Paint brushes
 Clipboards

Please contact our kindergarten teacher, Ellen Rademacher, if you would like to help, thank you!

Calendar

12/1 – 4/5 & 5th Music Program

12/16 – PTSA Gingerbread House Contest

12/19-1/2 – Winter Break (school resumes TUESDAY)

1/16 – No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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