

# Blackwell Elementary News



## Veteran's Day Slideshow

As part of our Veterans Day Assembly, we have a slideshow featuring veterans of our Blackwell families. If you have a veteran in your family you would like to include, please complete a family information form (available at school and [HERE](#)) and return to Mrs. Sabo with a photo of the veteran by October 31st. The photos do not need to be in uniform, though many are. However, they should be just the veteran. Mrs. Sabo will take photos of the students involved at school. Also, we'd like to extend a special invitation to our veterans to attend the assembly. The assembly is scheduled for **Thursday, November 10th at 2:30pm.**

## Donate your Halloween Candy!

Kids get too much candy this year? Bring in your leftovers and our PTSA Sharing is Caring program will package it up and send off to our troops. Collection bins will be outside the office November 1st-4th.



## Kindergarten Classroom Seeking Items

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 (kindergartener sized)
- Counting bears
- Magnifying glasses
- Stringing materials (beads)
- Magnetic Letters
- Paint brushes
- Clipboards

Please contact our kindergarten teacher, [Ellen Rademacher](#), if you like to help.

Thank you!



## Volunteer Photo Badges

Thank you to those who took badge pictures earlier this month. There is another opportunity for this on Picture Retake Day, Nov. 15th between 8:30-10:30. Badges are not a necessity to volunteer, but are nice to have! Reminder, you must have an approved district [Volunteer Application](#) on file to be in the classroom with students!



## Before and After School Classes

Parents, you may have noticed some changes to signing up your students for our PTSA before and after school programs this year. All sign ups are done online through the [Blackwell PTSA website](#). This enables our PTSA sponsored vendors to provide a roster of students enrolled in their classes. These rosters are crucial in accounting for the whereabouts of students outside the normal school day. Please make sure to follow the process and register your students through PTSA so we can ensure the safety of our students. Thank you!



## PTSA Reflections

Reflections entries are due in the main office by 9 AM on November 7th. Entries accepted in music, dance, film, art, photography and literature!  
More information is up on the [Reflection's page](#) on the [Blackwell PTSA website](#).



## Did you Order your Yearbook Yet?

The deadline to order your child's yearbook, January 20th, will be here before we know it. There are so many great options this year to choose from including: a personalized cover with student's portrait and name, zoom current events inserts, autograph inserts, and yearbook stickys. Select all or pick and choose which additions you want to get for a customized package.

TO ORDER: Have you already placed your order through the PTSA website? Check your account [HERE](#)! If not, please proceed to order online by visiting [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com), using Yearbook ID Code: **5479417**.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED!** If you are interested in taking photos for the yearbook this year, or have photos you would like to be considered for the yearbook, please contact Ruchi Sacheti or Jennifer Taylor. You will then receive an invite to share your photos from classroom and school events on our yearbook photo share site >>> [HERE](#)



## Calendar

Nov 1-4 – Candy Drive

Nov 8 – First Grade CogAT Testing and PTSA Vision/Hearing Screening

Nov 10 – Veterans' Day Assembly @ 2:30

Nov 11 – No School

Nov 15 – Picture Retakes (AM only)