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Important Dates

Dec. 15 - Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 15 - Winter Concert 1:30 & 6:30 pm (Div.

4 - 14)

Dec. 16 - Report Cards Home (Div.

1,2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12)

Dec. 16 - Polar Express Movie in Gym

Dec. 16 - Last Day before break

Dec. 17 - Jan 2 - Winter Break

Jan. 3 - First Day Back

Jan. 12- SOLS Parent Night @ 6:00 pm

Jan 13 - Hot Food Day

Jan 20 - 11:30 Dismissal (Half Day Pro-D)

Jan 27 - Hot Food Day

Dear Parents,

Wow! Where does the time go? As we are approaching winter break, we would like to thank students, staff, and parents for contributing to the Blair community that we are all so proud to be part of. We have had an outstanding first term with many opportunities for our students to demonstrate their amazing talents and passions. Thank-you to all of the staff who have made these opportunities possible. Our students have embraced the Blair spirit and made amazing contributions to the school.

Best wishes to all families for the upcoming holidays!

Mrs. Ludwig and Mrs. Wallace



PAC Hot Food Lunch

Our next hot food day is on Friday, JANUARY 13. All orders must be placed online (School Cash Online) before Friday, January 6





This year, Blair will have two different Winter Concerts:



BAND

Thursday, <u>December 8 -</u> Thank you for coming out.

It was a great concert!!!



CHORAL

Thursday, <u>December 15</u> at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm* Divisions 4 - 14 Choral Concert

*Seating is extremely limited. Please plan to bring only 2 people to enjoy this event.

Volleyball





That's a wrap for the Blair Dragons volleyball team! This season, our volleyball players demonstrated amazing sportsmanship at every game. They supported each other, worked hard to improve their skills, had lots of fun, and cheered for everyone. At the City Centre Classic volleyball tournament at MacNeill Secondary, our players represented Blair with pride, respect, and kindness. Of course, this season would not have been such a success without the help of many people in our Blair community. Thank you to the parents who took time out of their day to drive our players to the games. Your support means a lot to us. Thank you to students who helped to score keep at games, and a big thank you to all of the teachers who lent a helping hand throughout the season. We appreciate your time, care, and expertise in creating such engaging experiences for students. Lastly, thank you to all of the Blair volleyball players for your hard work and dedication! Go Dragons!

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After School Pick-up

Ensuring student safety is of utmost importance.

After the 3:00 p.m. dismissal, students are expected to go straight home, unless they are involved in a school sponsored extra-curricular activity. Although staff may be present in the building, **no playground supervision is provided after 3:00 p.m.** If parents are going to be late picking up their children, a call to the school office is required.

It is very cold these days and it is getting dark early. Please ensure you have a family plan for picking up your child promptly.

Parking Lot

As always, please make safety and courtesy your guidelines for behaviour in the parking lot. Follow the signs, painted curbs, and directions of school personnel to ensure the safety of the children. There is no parking along the inner curb at anytime in our lot. Please keep in mind that there is **no parking or leaving your car unattended** in the drive through lanes at any time. Please stay in your car, pull all the way forward as space becomes available, and load or unload your students safely.

Thank you for your support. Safety first!

CLASSROOM CONTRIBUTIONS

Blair's Winter Food Drive!

Division 3 has been hosting a food drive for the past 2 weeks (November 28 - December 9th) at Blair Elementary school. The reason we put on a food drive was for the Starlight Children's Foundation. The Starlight Children's Foundation is a non-profit organization that helps children with sicknesses and their families cope through family activities and extra support. We chose Starlight because Christmas is a hard time for the families because they need to pay a lot of medical bills and often find their families struggling. Division 3 put posters all around the school and decorated boxes to collect donations from each class. Everybody at Blair contributed to the donations and did an amazing job bringing in so many food items and necessities. In total we collected 297 items!! Way to go Blair Dragons!! By: Diana and Kaylie in Division 3





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HERE AT BLAIR... Register Now!



PARENTING IN A **DIGITAL WORLD**

by Safe Online Society (SOLS)

6:00 - 8:00 pm





Parents and teachers are a critical part of the solutions to online harm. Parenting today is challenging with children and youth involved in online technologies at earlier and earlier ages. While quick adopters of new technologies, youth are still amateur users without quidance of their elders. We can help you effectively keep up with technology and meet the challenges you are facing. SOLS Parenting in a Digital Age workshop will give you practical ideas and the tools to make your children and safer.

Topics covered include:

- Popular Social Media and Apps explained
- Permanent digital reputations and their implications
- Gaming positives and negatives
- Online drama and abuse
- Sexting and online pornography
- Future trends in technology
- Parenting with technology
- Tips and tricks for staying safer online; establishing home internet use agreements, safer password choices, site privacy management, online scams and suggested online emergency resources
- A take-away link to SafeOnline exclusive collection of educational sites for parents

The Blair PAC would like to invite you to this very important Parent Workshop

Never has it been more important to better understand your child's life online. Thanks to your PAC, you can attend at no cost. Let's make our community safer - together! Simply RSVP your attendance by completing this online registration https://goo.gl/ forms/QL678rt09YS0byC13 by January 6, 2017

or call our office at 604-668-6330

See you there!

All Blair intermediate

students will have a

workshop by SOLS

prior to the

Parent Workshop!

Pancake Breakfast Organized by our Grade 6 and 7 Student Leadership Team

