Blackwater Communit (oo's-kuhk-kee'heem'dahm-Mash'chah'mah'koot) BIG NEW (Ge'e -Haichaagith) Quality Education Begins	/S July 27– 31, 2020
Upped Base StressMonday - 07.27: (Lunas)Virtual LearningTuesday - 07.28: (Go:k-Thash)Virtual LearningWednesday - 07.29:Virtual Learning	 Have you checked out the evel site lately? 1.Download the QR Code reader app in your Apple or Google Play store (Free to download!) 2. Scan the code! 3. Check out the BWCS website and stay in the loop!
(Vaik-Thash) <u>Thursday - 07.30:</u> Virtual Learning (Gi:ik-Thash) <u>Friday - 07.31:</u> Virtual Learning (Vialas)	GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOTLINE FOR COVID-19 (520)550-6079

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians

On behalf of our staff and administration, I would like to welcome each one of you for entrusting Blackwater Community School for the educational journey of your child (ren). As you may already know, we started our school officially for 'Distance Learning' on July 22nd, 2020. All students will be receiving academic instructions via online. If you have not enrolled your child at our school yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. School office is open from 7:30am-3:30pm Monday thru Friday. We are just one phone call away. If transportation is an issue and or for any other reason, you cannot make it to the school to enroll, please call the school at (520)215-5859, and we will be glad to deliver and pick up the enrollment packets from your residence.

Our school is providing laptops and Ipads to each child enrolled at our school. Our teachers and paraprofessionals have been trained on Google Classroom as an instructional delivery platform. We successfully completed the first three days of instructions via online. However, as you would expect, technology is wonderful tool but when it all works as intended. It is expected that we will have some challenges with the technology, but I want to assure you, we are all here at the admin building to address and fix any issues pertaining to your child's laptop or IPad. Please give us a call at the front office and we will wait for your arrival at the school. Most of these issues have been resolved within 30 minutes or less. (Continued on Page 2)

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I have received a great feedback from our teachers as to how you as parents have been helping your child at home and your willingness to step up and play much bigger role in the education of your child. Few things that you may want to try at home to provide the best learning experience for your child at home include: getting your child up and ready before 8:00am and logged in to his/her computer, making sure to turn the television and any music off while the student is attending virtual classrooms.

Blackwater Community School will continue to remain focused on the literacy for all children preschool thru adult-ed. We have established our partnerships with Book-Trust of America, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for early childhood programs, and with TED Office under the Gila River NYCP grant. We will be distributing quality published content to all our students regardless whether your child is enrolled in virtual classroom or on-site at the school. I would like request to you all if you can spend 15-20 minutes with your child on reading. If your child is too young to read, please read aloud to them. Try to initiate a conversation about the book that you read or they read to you. These 15-20 minutes on focused reading with your child will help tremendously.

Blackwater Community School, as you would remember have been the "school of choice" for decades primarily for the following reasons:

- Highest Performing School within the Community
- Small Classes! 1:15 adult/student ratio
- AZ. College and Career Ready Standards taught
- Curriculum and assessments aligned to State academic standards
- Individual laptops/IPads for student use PS-5th grade
- Extra-Curricular Activities: Student Council, Color Guard, Cheerleading

- Culture and language classes
- Parental involvement encouraged and valued
- Fun and focused learning opportunities
- Visionary Governing Board and Leadership
- Nationally accredited by AdvancED now "cognia"
- All Students receive their first set of school uniform and backpack at no cost

And above all, brand new school campus will be ready for teachers and students to move in during the week of October 12, 2020. All classrooms in two double-story buildings and the amazing cafeteria will be ready to serve all students and teachers. This will be a state-of-the-art campus. Please enroll your child

now and reserve your seat in a brand-new school campus. Let your child have the best educational experience at the "Best" school. Here is a glance of our New School:

