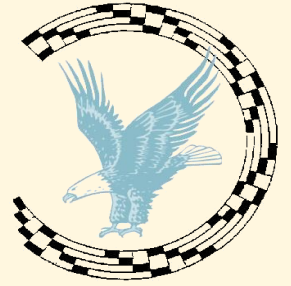


Blackwater Community School

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BIG NEWS

(Ge'e -Haichaagith)

Quality Education Begins Here!

January 4– 15, 2021

Aupa l'ivakidak Mashath

Upcoming Events

- Monday - 1.04:** Staff Inservice Day
(Lunas) **No school**
- Tuesday - 1.05:** Virtual Learning
(Go:k-Thash)
- Wednesday - 1.06:** Virtual Learning
(Vaik-Thash)
- Thursday - 1.07:** Virtual Learning
(Gi:ik-Thash)
- Friday - 1.08:** Virtual Learning
(Vialas)

Have you checked out the website 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!



GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOTLINE
FOR COVID-19
(520)550-6079

Bulletin Board

Lunch Services Postponed

Lunch Services have been postponed until further notice. We will update you with new information as it becomes available and apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.

K-5 DIBELS Testing

January 11th- 15th Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students will be DIBELS testing... Please let the office know if you are experiencing technical issues as soon as possible to avoid issues with testing and make sure students are online on time!

"Happiness is the richest thing we will ever own."

~Donald Duck



Principal's Letter

Dear Blackwater Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to another exciting VIRTUAL semester at BWCS! We hope you all have enjoyed the winter break and stayed healthy during the holiday season.

2021 will be a blast! We will be administering DIBELS (reading assessment) middle of the year (MOY) benchmark next week for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. DIBELS distance testing is completed entirely online! Every student will be tested individually for one minute. The test will assess grade level reading skills and abilities. Teachers analyze the results and tailor small group instruction accordingly. The tailored groupings reduce student stress and allow students to build upon success with spiraled instruction and scaffold support. The test scores empower teachers and engage students in their learning and individual goals.

The best way to prepare your child(ren) is by reading to the younger ones and practicing the alphabet, identifying letters and their sounds. Older students should be encouraged to read daily! Take an interest in their reading. Have them read out loud. Reading should be fun and can be a family event. You can read bedtime stories, recipes, cereal boxes, chapter books..... anything that interests your child. You can take turns and let each family member read a part.

Parents, remember IF your child is ill and cannot log in, please call the office BEFORE 9:00am on the day of the absence. Failure to do so results in an unexcused absence. According to Tribal Code students are truant if they are, "absent from school for 5 or more days during **any** school semester and does **not** have a valid excuse." Especially in our virtual environment it is crucial to your child's academic success to be online every day possible.

Please make a note that Blackwater School will not be serving meals (Breakfast & lunch) until further notice. I apologize for any inconvenience it may cause to our families. We hope all our on-site working employees including cafeteria staff will return back with great health and excitement.

School construction project is going very well. The old buildings around our butterfly garden have been taken down and the new admin and multi-purpose buildings are being built. Classroom buildings and new cafeteria have been completed and waiting for the official inspection by the appropriate authorities. Thanks for all your continuing support to our school and we appreciate it very much.

Jagdish Sharma
Principal