

# Blackwater Community School

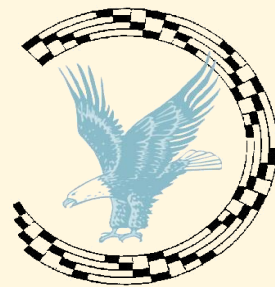
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## BIG NEWS

(Ge'e -Haichaagith)

Quality Education Begins Here!



February 15-26, 2021

Aupa Hiosik Mashath

## Upcoming Events

**Monday - 2.15:**

(Lunas)

Presidents Day-NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday - 2.16:**

(Go:k-Thash)

Virtual Learning

**Wednesday - 2.17:**

(Vaik-Thash)

Virtual Learning

**Thursday - 2.18:**

(Gi:ik-Thash)

Virtual Learning

**Friday - 2.19:**

(Vialas)

Virtual Learning

**Monday - 2.22:**

(Lunas)

Virtual Learning

**Tuesday - 2.23:**

(Go:k-Thash)

Virtual Learning

**Wednesday - 2.24:**

(Vaik-Thash)

Virtual Learning

**Thursday - 2.25:**

(Gi:ik-Thash)

Virtual Learning

**Friday - 2.26:**

(Vialas)

Virtual Learning

## 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

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled to be on March 4th and 5th.

Spring Intersession will be held March 8-11 from 8:00am to 1:00pm, virtually.



"Believe you can, then you will."  
--Mulan (*Princess Stories*)

# Principal's Letter

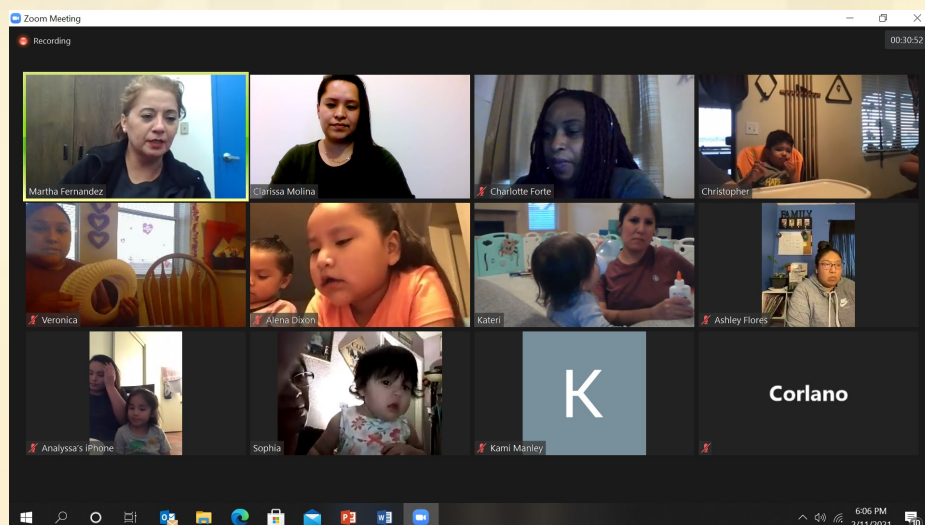
## Dear Parents and Guardians

The countdown is on.....3 weeks (13 days) until Spring Break!! And "Spring Fever" is definitely in the air. Please take time to remind your child (ren) that school is still their JOB and Reading and Math lessons are the main concern. Afternoons are for small group instruction and/or independent work. If your child is assigned to small group, the lessons are specifically designed for them. Teachers are trying to make every lesson count and it is very important to make sure the students log in daily and for small group instructions.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled to be on March 4th and 5th. This is the time to hear about your child's success and any areas of concern, virtually. If you have not scheduled your specific time, please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Spring intersession will be held March 8-11 from 8:00am to 1:00pm, virtually. Teachers will be emailing and/or calling in regards to student registration. Intersession is the perfect time for additional learning opportunities and to keep the students on a daily schedule for the week.

As you all know our teaching staff has been working very hard to ensure quality and differentiated instructions are delivered to your child on each school day. From now on, each new edition of our BIG NEWS will be dedicated to each grade level and respective staff members. I would like to start with this edition specially dedicated to our Early Childhood Education staff that includes, Preschool, FACE Program Preschool, FACE Home-based Families and our NYCP Grant Program Families.





**Ms. Katrina Harris** (First Things First Preschool Program)

We have been operating online since March 2020. The enrolled children participate in individual instruction and whole group. They are excited to visit our virtual classroom, Monday through Thursday, and I'm excited to be apart of their academic growth. Most of our children have mastered writing their name and recognizing letter and letter sounds. We incorporate music, story time, number concepts, culture, art projects, science, and social studies, into our daily routine.

All children received a bicycle to promote physical fitness. A pottery wheel and a starter kit for growing plants were also given to the children. The school has provided all the tools / materials needed for the children to be successful.

Looking forward to finishing strong in the final quarter.

**Ms. Stacey Kalman & Ms. Alicia Kisto....**

FACE preschool is doing many hand's on activities. Children love eating cheerios while counting and playing in shaving cream while writing their name.



We are enjoying playing and learning with our students one on one with our amazing FACE parent's! We have many highlights this school year. One of our favorites is listening to Jairus read a riddle at the end of our closing circle. Thank you parent's and children for participating all day and making our virtual learning so much fun!



### **Ms. Lolita Lee & Ms. Kim Nez...**

The NYCP Preschool students are having an amazing year and are working hard as they prepare for kindergarten. They have been dedicated to online learning by logging into class and participating every day! Students are learning to recognize upper and lowercase letters as well as the sounds they make. Some students are even learning sight words. Many have mastered number, color and shape recognition. NYCP Preschool Parents are incredible! Without their help and support, the students would be having a difficult time learning online. Each parent makes sure their child is logged in each day at their assigned time, and they continue to help their child with the packets that are sent home. The support provided by the parents and teacher is showing in each NYCP Preschool students' academic growth!

### **Ms. Clarissa Molina (NYCP Grant-Home Visitor)...**

Hello! Last week the NYCP Home Visiting Program had a virtual Family Literacy Night with our home visiting team members from Sacaton Elementary and Gila Crossing Community School. The program invited Charlotte Forte who is the Education Literacy Coordinator from the TED office/Head Start to share a book, *The Biggest Valentine*. For craft time we made Valentine wreaths! We had a great turn out, all the families that joined with their child and participated throughout the hour were entered into a raffle to win an educational toy. We plan on having Virtual Literacy Night's every night to promote and encourage family engagement.

We have spaces available for families with children 0-3 years of age. If you would like to join or know anybody that may be interested you can contact Clarissa Molina at 520-215-7938 or call the Blackwater Community School front office and you will be directed to her.

