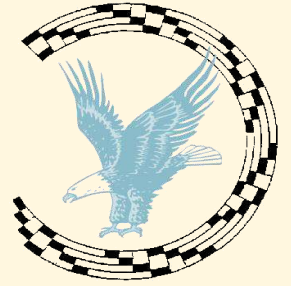


Blackwater Community School

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BIG NEWS

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Quality Education Begins Here!

March 19, 2020

Kwi l'ivakidak Mashath

Upcoming Events

Monday - 03/23

(Lunas)

Tuesday - 03/24:

(Go:k-Thash)

Wednesday - 03/25:

(Vaik-Thash)

Thursday - 03/26:

(Gi:ik-Thash)

Friday - 03/27

(Vialas)

No school

March 23-27

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!



Keep the mind sharp!

While social distancing is being practiced, we urge everyone to continue learning and creating. Below are a few ways to continue shaping the minds of our youth at home!

- **RWM** -Continue to practice reading, writing, and math skills EVERYDAY– see the attached sheet for online educational resources.
- **The Zoo is coming to you!** -Cincinnati Zoo will be streaming on Facebook live at 3:00 pm EDT each weekday. They will highlight one of their amazing animals AND will include an activity to do at home!
- **Visit the museum... ONLINE**—Museums are offering online tours. A few of them are The Louvre, the National U.S. Air Force Museum, and the Smithsonian. Additional museum tours can be found online!
- **Story Time**— “Storyline Online” offers books read by celebs ranging from Kristen Bell to Oprah!
- **Daily Lunch Doodle**— Illustrator Mo Willems is hosting a daily doodle session on Facebook Live at 1:00 pm ET.
- **Burn Some Energy**— Burn off some energy with GoNoodle dance routines and indoor recess activities at gonoodle.com or on youtube.

OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)/Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP):

Dear Parents/Guardians

As you know, the best way to stop the further spread of COVID-19 virus, we all must maintain and carry the regular hygienic practices such as:

- **Frequently washing hands** with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.
- **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- **Cover your coughs and sneezes** with a tissue or cough or sneeze in your sleeve
- **Avoid sharing** household items with a person who is ill with a respiratory illness.
- **Clean All surfaces** such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, keyboards, phones
- **Monitor your symptoms:** if you have a cough, fever and are having trouble breathing, please contact your health care provider.
- **Wear a Facemask:** when you are in a room with other people wear a mask
- **Social distancing:** Maintain at least six feet distance apart from the nearest person

OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)/Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP):

Our school has developed ERP/COOP Plan and it has been approved by the School Board of Trustees. A copy of this Plan has been submitted to GRIC Tribal Education Department (TED Office). Please feel free to contact the school and request a full version of this plan. Following is the brief summary of this Plan:

Section 1: Preventative Measures:

- Bus drivers and bus monitors will be trained by school nurse as to how to quickly check the signs of cold and or flu among students ready to board the school bus/school vehicles.
- Students who exhibit cold or flu like symptoms will not be allowed on the bus or who arrive at school exhibiting symptoms will be immediately isolated and sent home. Isolation areas will be supervised by the staff.
- Parents will be kept up to date frequently about daily updates and school status via robo phone calls, school's website, and social media.
- Parents will be required to bring in a doctor's note after the child has been treated by a medical facility indicating child is free from any medical condition such as fever, cold and or flu etc.
- Attendance secretary will send a daily list of students to the school nurse for all those students whose parents have reported illness.
- School's special education department under the guidance of Special ed. Coordinator and other Certified staff members will implement Action Plan for children with special needs for making up hours of instruction lost as directed by the student IEP. These plans are individual but may require At Risk Students to receive services in an alternative setting or delay of receiving services due to being homebound.

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- All school employees to report to Principal or a designee to let the administration know if he/she has traveled to an affected area or place. An official memo will be sent out to all school employees via email and via regular mail notifying them the travel restrictions as being enforced by the school.
- Teaching all students, the proper way of hand-washing techniques.
- School campus Routine Cleaning: Provide staff with cleaning wipes for cleaning between activities/ class sessions. Deep Cleaning of all classrooms, offices, school buses on daily basis. Small room next to Nurse' office will be designated quarantine room.
- Communication with parents/guardians: School will use School Web site, Phone Robo calls, Weekly newsletter, Social media portals
- Schoolwide suspension of all Perfect attendance incentives and awards
- Staff who exhibit symptoms or are sick will be asked to stay home.
- Cancellation of all student field trips, staff travel, on and off-site teacher training sessions.

Section 2: School operations:

When directed by Gila River Indian Community Tribal Governor or Office of Emergency Management of any Emergency Situation the school will take the following actions:

Communications:

- The Principal or Principal's Designee will formally notify the Board of Trustees of Blackwater Community School by phone, text message and by email.
- The Principal or Principal Designee will notify Gila River Tribal Education and the Bureau of Indian Education by phone and by email.
- School administrative staff will Notify parents by robo phone calls, Email, Social Media and on the school website.
- The School Principal or Designee will notify school staff by phone and emails.
- The Principal or Principal Designee will Provide daily updates to all stakeholders by email and updates to the school website and Social Media.

Actions:

- Emergency Declaration
- BWCS will initiate Prevention and Mitigation Procedures
- Declaration of School Closure (Mitigation and Prevention)
- All classes will be canceled until further notice
- Parents will be notified by robo phone calls and information on Social Media, school Website
- Tribal Government and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Notification through email/Phone calls

OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)/Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP):

Section 3: Food Services: The Food services plan will be executed and implemented on March 30th, 2020, should the school remain closed. BWCS/Akimel School will collect the information and develop a master list of families and students requesting school meals to be delivered at certain delivery stations within the community. School meals will include sack lunches that meets the NSLP nutritional guidelines and requirements. School has established six distribution centers throughout our serving areas of the community and deliver the sack lunches at those designated sites.

- **Lunch Serving sites: District-1:** {Annex Building}, { D1 Service Center}
- **Lunch Serving sites: District-2:** { D2 Service Center}, { Mawid Park}
- **Lunch Serving sites: District-3:**{ B&G Club}, { Basketball Court on Westhap}

Parents and students will be notified about the lunch schedule and approximate times of meal deliveries at each site. Staff members serving or delivering the meals will follow all safety guidelines and will be properly equipped.

Section 4: Online Teaching Learning and Assignment Packets: School administration has been preparing a contingency plan, should the school remain closed for an extended period of time. School has already established the designated website thru our school for those students and families who have wi-fi Internet access at home as well as providing students with hard copies of their workbooks and other assignments. Students may be given an option either to do it online or do it with paper and pencil. Those parents and students who would like to take an early lead may visit our online Resources page at: <https://www.bwcs.k12.az.us/mywork/mywork.html>

I highly recommend all our parents and guardians to keep checking our online educational resources and staying informed with all the latest updates and situation since it changes so frequently.

I want to thank you all for your continued support to our school and we will get thru this situation together. Please take good care of yourself and your children at home.

Please check out our Main web site at: <https://www.bwcs.k12.az.us>

Sincerely,

Jack Sharma (Principal)

Cell 480-688-5006

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOTLINE FOR COVID-19

(520)550-6079



Blackwater Community School

Online Learning Resources

(Student Username and Password Required)

K-5 ELA: Journeys Think Central

www-k6.thinkcentral.com

District: State Operated School

School: Akimel O'otham Pee Posh K-2

Math Practice: IXL

www.ixl.com

K-2 Phonics: SmartyAnts

<https://play.smartyants.com/login>

K-5 Math: Pearson Realize

www.pearsonrealize.com

3-5 Reading/Science/Social Studies: Achieve3000

<https://portal.achieve3000.com/index>

FREE Online Educational Websites

Reading

- Scholastic.com/learnathome
- Storyline online
- ABCya!
- Readworks
- ABCmouse— use code
SCHOOL771

Math

- Funbrain
- Prodigy
- Math Playground
- Splash Learn
- Math Game Time
- Kahn Academy

Science & Social Studies

- Code Academy
- How Stuff Works
- NASA Kids Club
- Who Was?
- Nat Geo Kids
- Time for Kids

Other

- PBS Kids
- Brain Pop
- Go Noodle
- Hello Kids
- Ted Talks
- Duolingo