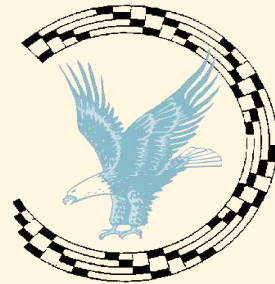


Blackwater Community School

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BIG NEWS

(Ge'e -Haichuagith)

Quality Education Begins Here!

March 1-12, 2021

Kwi l'ivakidak Mashath

Upcoming Events

Monday - 3-1:

(Lunas)

Virtual Learning

Tuesday - 3-2:

(Go:k-Thash)

Virtual Learning

Wednesday - 3-3:

(Vaik-Thash)

Virtual Learning

Thursday - 3-4:

(Gi:ik-Thash)

Virtual Learning

Friday - 3-5:

(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.

Monday - 3-8:

(Lunas)

SPRING BREAK-Intersession

Tuesday - 3-9:

(Go:k-Thash)

SPRING BREAK-Intersession

Wednesday - 3-10:

(Vaik-Thash)

SPRING BREAK-Intersession

Thursday - 3-11:

(Gi:ik-Thash)

SPRING BREAK-Intersession

Friday - 3-12:

(Vialas)

SPRING BREAK-School Closed



"Giving up is for rookies."
-- Philoctetes (*Hercules*)

Principal's Letter

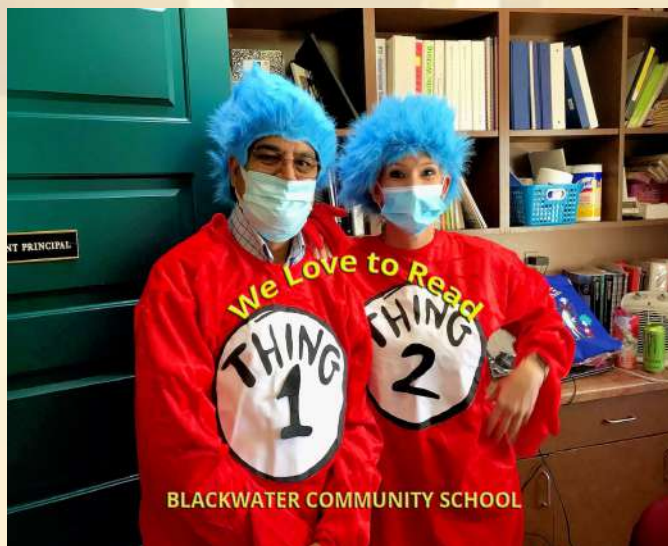
Dear Parents and Guardians

Please be advised that our school will resume the Meals services to our students from March 8th, 2021. Due to Spring Break at our school from March 8th thru March 19, we will serve meals only from Monday thru Thursday . Starting from March 22nd, we will serve meals five days a week. We will have the same three serving points. We will prefer to serve meals this time outside (out in the open). (D1: Under the canopy by Annex Building) (D2: Parking Lot of Service Center at D2) ,(D3: Parking lot in front of Boys & Girls Club). We highly recommend parents to wear face-masks when picking up the meals for your children. Your cooperation with this request will be very much appreciated. Call (520)215-5859 for any questions. Thanks for your continuing support to our School.

Please continue to encourage and promote the reading with your child at home. It takes only 15-20 minutes each day when there is no television or music but just reading happening. Believe me, when adults show their interest to read to their child or ask their child to read aloud, it makes a world of difference and significantly reduces the chance of your child dropping out from middle or high school. School has received a temporary certificate of occupancy from the BIA, meaning our employees can start working in the new classrooms.

This special edition of our BIG NEWS is dedicated to our kindergarten teachers and students.

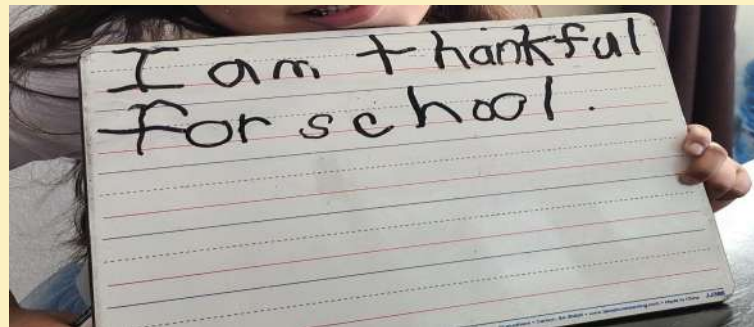
Jagdish Sharma
Principal



**Mrs. Pru-John-Off-Ski & Ms. Cox
Kinder-A.**



Starting our first virtual education adventure in July 2020 was a challenge that our students, families and we have met. All students were provided laptops for our daily Google Meets. We have used song, coloring, white board activities, and tactile materials to bring the joy of learning into the lives of our students. We enjoy sharing our "stuffies" during reading time. We celebrated Valentine's Day, 100th Day of School and so many milestones in the year together. We are learning our alphabet letter names, sounds, sight words, and counting all the way to 100! We are mastering our addition and subtraction facts, too. Thank you to all our families that support our educational endeavors, every day!



Ms. Noreika & Ms. Rhonda Boelens Kinder B

KB is doing great this year! We are powering through virtual learning during the '20-'21 school year so far. We all have had our ups and downs, technology wise, but we are all figuring this out together! We start up our day with reading, and within that we have been learning the letter names, letter sounds, and sight words. The kids have been using their letter sound to blend and segment words, and I have seen amazing growth with them! In the middle of our day we have math. The kids have been counting to 100, reading and writing their number to 10, and doing simple addition and subtraction. We just started our teen numbers. We are working on decomposing and finding the groups within the numbers 11-20. We end our day with writing. In this lesson the kids work on writing their names, writing sentences, and writing with our sight words. They even use what they know about letter names and sounds to help me spell the words we use in our writing. Also during our last lesson we try to read stories together to spark their love of reading. It has been a struggle for all of us to do this virtually, but I know that in KB we are pushing through and doing the best we can!

Note to parents: Keep practicing at home! Work on those letter names, letter sounds, and sight words! Practice writing your number and counting as high as you can go. Finally, practice writing your name, our sight words, or any words that you find around the house!

Ms. Crystal Butler and Mr. Stephen McMullen-Kinder C

Our KC students have overcome the difficulties of this new wave of online learning. We are full steam ahead with acquiring the skills needed for a successful First Grade Transition. With this new wave of learning and differentiated teaching we use a collaboration of Google Classroom, Smarty Ants, YouTube, Raz-Kids, Journeys, and Think Central in addition to biweekly take home packets to support their academic needs.

Furthermore, students are also producing technological and visual work in highly creative ways with the use of Flip Grid video recordings. They've discussed things from oral and written narratives and responses to questions, to projects and reports. Many students have mastered the letter names, sounds, number identification 0-100, counting by 1's 5's and 10's as well as blending sounds, CVC words, and sight words. Those building blocks lead to word recognition, spelling, comprehension and sentence building.

In addition, Mr. McMullen and I are truly grateful for the parents/guardians who have stepped up and remain vigilant and consistent during these challenging technological times. They are phenomenal and are a vital part to this new educational partnership.



Mrs. Donna Schlarb and Mr. Daniel Garcia Kinder D

Kindergarten students in the KD Classroom have been working hard toward a First Grade Transition. They are navigating many online learning tools in addition to take home packets to support their academics. Some of those tools are logging in to Google Classroom, Smarty Ants, Raz-Kids and Think Central. Students are also producing demonstration of knowledge in creative ways through Flip Grid with video recordings.

Many students have mastered the letter names and sounds of the alphabet. Currently, many are working on blending CVC words and mastery of sight words (that must be memorized.)

KD parents/guardians are awesome in the educational partnership. They are cooperative and supportive online and offline. Our classroom data shows all students have shown growth! Keep growing!

100 Day



President's Day Drawings Step-by-Step



Happy Valentine's Day!



Flip Grid-We write letters, say sounds, read and respond to questions.

