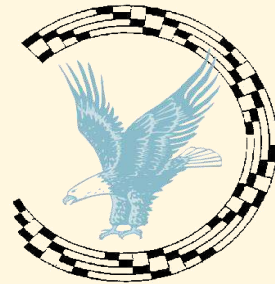


Blackwater Community School

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BIG NEWS

(Ge'e -Haichaagith)

Quality Education Begins Here!

March 15-26, 2021

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Upcoming Events

- Monday - 3-15:** **SPRING BREAK**
(Lunas)
- Tuesday - 3-16:** **SPRING BREAK**
(Go:k-Thash)
- Wednesday - 3-17:** **SPRING BREAK**
(Vaik-Thash)
- Thursday - 3-18:** **SPRING BREAK**
(Gi:ik-Thash)
- Friday - 3-19:** **SPRING BREAK-School Closed**
(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 IS BACK!!!

Served at all three locations D1 -Annex, D-2 Service Center and D-3 Boys and Girls Club from 11:45AM to 12:30PM. March 12th & 19th no lunch.

Spring Break March 8th to 19th. School resumes March 22nd.

- Monday - 3-22:** **Virtual Learning**
(Lunas)
- Tuesday - 3-23:** **Virtual Learning**
(Go:k-Thash)
- Wednesday - 3-24:** **Virtual Learning**
(Vaik-Thash)
- Thursday - 3-25:** **Virtual Learning**
(Gi:ik-Thash)
- Friday - 3-26:** **Virtual Learning**
(Vialas)



"If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't matter which path you take." -
- The Cheshire Cat (*Alice in Wonderland*)

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents and Guardians

Parent Teacher Conferences March 4th and 5th

We had Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled on March 4th and 5th, 2021 for the third quarter. The announcements were made to all parents via our bi-weekly newspaper "BIG NEWS", robo-calls, and teacher announcements in all classrooms. Administration allowed conferences to be held via virtual and or via phone calls only. We had a great turn out in this quarter. As part of the incentives for parents, the school had four flat-screen televisions for raffles for parents whose names were picked randomly as winners. Our First Grade students and teachers did a superb job by having one hundred percent attendance of parents in this quarter. Way to go Parents! The following matrix represents the number and percentage of parents who attended the conferences at each grade level:

Grade Level	# of Families attended	Percentage
Preschool	18	86
Kindergarten	48	83
First Grade	54	100
Second Grade	54	84
Third Grade	29	63
Fourth Grade	37	66
Fifth Grade	33	72
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES : 273		

The four lucky winners for our raffle draw of four 43-inch flat screen televisions are:

Olivia Leinberger-Kindergarten

Lalanya Wiston-3rd Grade

Rosalie James-2nd Grade

Mason Pablo-4th Grade

Congratulations to these four students and their families for showing your commitment in the education of your child. The raffle drawings were funded by the Gila River Indian Community Council as a part of one of the goals to enhance parental engagement in the education of their children. We want to thank our parents and teachers for working together as a team. Students tend to do better when they know their parents are really engaged actively and are genuinely interested in their education.

Principal's Letter



Spring Intercession March 8 -11, 2021

We at Blackwater Community School always look for some creative ways to continue to expand learning opportunities for our students from preschool through fifth grade. The intersessions are designed to provide academic enrichment and remedial services to those students enrolled during our intersessions. There are 114 students in total (Preschool-6, Kindergarten-11, 1st Grade-16, 2nd -25, 3rd grade -11, 4th -36, and 5th grade-9) registered during this spring session. Although it is open to all students that are currently enrolled at our school, however, not all parents register their kids for these sessions.

As we all know, this year has been very tough for our students and staff due to a prevailing pandemic nationwide and specifically in our community. There are a lot of families and students in our community who are having a hard time dealing with a pandemic, as well as, academics. We will also provide summer school to all our students either virtually or in person or in hybrid, contingent upon the pandemic situation in our community.

Jagdish Sharma
Principal

BWCS Breakfast & Lunch Distribution

Hot Lunch & Cold Breakfast for the following school day will be delivered from

11: 45 am- 12: 30 pm.

Please be sure to bring a box or basket if you are picking up meals for multiple students.

Bring your family lunch ticket.



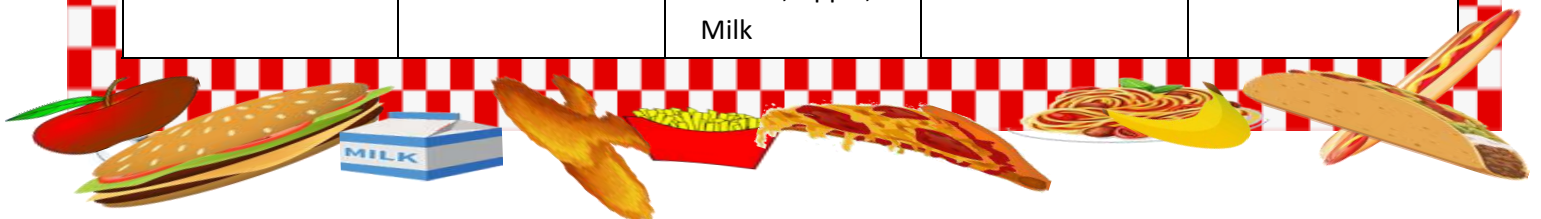
D1 Annex Building

D2 Service Center

D3 Boys & Girls Club

March 2021 Lunch Menu

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8 Corn Dog , Baby Carrots, Apples/ Applesauce, Milk	9 Cheeseburger Mac , Bean Salad, Oranges, Milk	10 Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza , Caesar Salad, Banana, Milk	11 Beef & Potato Wrap , Celery, Pears, Milk	12 <i>No lunch services provided</i>
15 Chicken Sandwich , Corn, Applesauce, Milk	16 Teriyaki Chicken & Rice , Oranges, Milk	17 Corn Dog , Baby Carrots-Ranch, Apples, Milk	18 Pasta with Meat Sauce , Green Beans, Banana, Milk	19 <i>No lunch services provided</i>
22 Mini Cheeseburger , Celery-Ranch, Apple, Milk	23 Meatball Sub , Cucumber-Ranch, Banana, Milk	24 All Beef Hot Dog , Carrots-Ranch, Orange, Milk	25 Bean Burrito , Green Beans, Pears, Milk	26 PB & J Uncrustable , Salad-Ranch, Apple, Milk
29 Pulled Pork Sandwich , Corn, Orange, Milk	30 Taco in a Bag , Beans, Banana, Milk	31 BBQ Chicken Sandwich , Carrots-Ranch, Apple, Milk	1	2



Mrs. Nuccio and Ms. Agripino (Para pro)

1A

Mrs. Nuccio's 1st Grade class has taken on the challenges of online learning and continued to make learning mostly fun. Our parents/guardians are the best! Thank you for having your students up and ready each day. We have learned several different ways to add and subtract, with each unit getting a little bit harder. Counting money and telling time will be our next challenge.

Give us a word and we can clap out the syllables and we're working on changing out our middle sounds in a word, CVC words, and comprehension. Our high frequency word list has grown, we know a lot of words and are becoming better readers. Our complete sentences are progressing by the day. We're mastering SmartyAnts, IXL and Kahoot.

Did anyone say school spirit? We're #1 so far, our class had 100% attendance and 100% participation with red, white, and pink day. That is because Mrs. Nuccio can be pretty silly and wants all the students to have fun expressing themselves. Our reward was a popcorn and movie party. Yay!

We are working hard so we can say...2nd Grade Here We Come!



online learning

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1st Grade

Go Eagles!!

Mrs. Martinez 1B

First Grade Team
Mrs. Martinez
Mrs. Nuccio
Ms. Williams
Ms. Guthrie
Ms. Agripino Para

We are doing Great!
We have had our challenges, but we have continued to have the mindset.

"We can do it."

We continue to work together learn together.

I am extremely proud of my students and all first-grade classrooms.

Students in my class have shown they have gained more skills than they had before this pandemic.

Students have worked hard learning this new way of learning.

Students have utilized jam board, Flipgrid to basic cutting and pasting within a document to much more.

We continue to work hard in our core subjects of Reading, Writing and Math. Students are beginning to get through work much faster and enjoy time spending learning new skills of doing writing assignments.

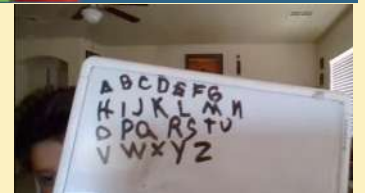
Thank You Parents
For All Your Support

Mrs. Martinez



Miss Williams/Ms. Agripino

1C



Despite a chaotic start to the school year, I am so proud of how quickly all of my students adjusted to virtual learning!

This year in ELA, we've been working hard on handwriting, sight words, and sequencing (first, next, then, last). Through the stories in Journeys, our first graders have learned about how different animals communicate, outer space, the seasons, and the life cycle on an apple tree.

In math, we're continuing to make progress on addition and subtraction. The students have shown tremendous progress with adding and subtracting double-digit numbers!

Note to students: Keep being super students and practice, practice, practice! Remember, the more you practice, the easier it'll get. Practice writing your high-frequency words and writing in complete sentences (don't forget the punctuation at the end). Think you can beat your older brother or sister in a math race? Have your adult write out two sets of math equations to solve and set a timer!



Miss Kaitlynn Guthrie and Ms. Agripino

1D

Miss Kaitlynn Guthrie and Ms. Jo Agripino 1D has done a great job adapting to online learning! The students enjoy starting the morning with Go Noodles. They are practicing reading decodable stories, writing their numbers, and writing sentences everyday using the spelling and high frequency words for the week. Students have learned to use jamboard to write their numbers or sentences. We enjoy getting to learn about science on Wednesdays and doing art on Fridays. Many students have mastered telling how many tens and ones a number has. We are reading to move into time and money after Spring Break. Thank you to all of the families that have stepped up and helped out to make virtual learning the best it can be.

