

# Blackwater Community School

(oo's-kuhk-kee'heem'dahm-Mash'chah'mah'koot)



## BIG NEWS

*(Ge'e -Haichaagith)*

*Quality Education Begins Here!*



### Upcoming Events

August 5– 16, 2019

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## Upcoming Events

Monday - 08/05:

(Lunas)

Tuesday - 08/06:

(Go:k-Thash)

Wednesday - 08/07: Early Release at 1:00 pm

(Vaik-Thash)

Thursday - 08/08:

(Gi:ik-Thash)

Friday - 08/09: GRIC In- Service- No School

(Vialas)

Monday - 08/12:

(Lunas)

Tuesday - 08/13:

(Go:k-Thash)

Wednesday - 08/14: Early Release at 1:00 pm

(Vaik-Thash)

Thursday - 08/15:

(Gi:ik-Thash)

Friday - 08/16: No School- F.A.C.E. & Preschool only

(Vialas)

## Uniforms/ Backpacks

The school will provide each student with a uniform and a clear back pack.

School uniforms are **REQUIRED**

to be worn

everyday! If your

child's back pack is not clear or mesh, it will be confiscated. Please refer to the student handbook for reference.



# I Pledge Allegiance

It is our daily practice that both the Preamble of the U.S. Declaration of independence and the Pledge of Allegiance are recited during morning flag. Blackwater Community School has opted to say the Pledge of Allegiance in O’Otham to promote the preservation and teaching of the language.

Math tho has i:el am wi kek    Vanjel mo anth jevedga  
Vchejed am ke:k.

Hemako hemajkan ke:dag    Vecho hek Josh, vimach  
Hegth saph ki:dag ciek    Cha ha neck am vesth wi.

**PLEASE REMEMBER**



Bus changes must be made before 10:00 AM. We will NOT be accepting any bus changes after 10:00 AM. Please try to limit bus notes to emergencies only in order to help prevent confusion and errors. The well-being of our students is our main priority and we need your help to ensure EVERY child is delivered home safely EVERY day.

## Student Drop off/Pick up

For your child’s safety, student drop off is NOT PERMITTED anywhere except the front office. Students arriving after 8:00 am must be signed in and all students picked up (regardless of time) must be signed out. All visitors are required to sign in to the front office and receive a visitor’s sticker in order to be on campus. Anyone without a visitor’s sticker will be asked to sign in with the office or to leave.

# Future Events

## August

**Fall Break**   
Monday 09/30 - Friday 10/11

## September

- ♦ **Monday 09/02**– Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- ♦ **Friday 09/30**– Native American Day NO SCHOOL
- ♦ **Wednesday 09/25**– Quarter 1 ends
- ♦ **Thursday 09/26 & Friday 09/27**– Parent Teacher Conferences

## From Principal's desk...

### Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to welcome you and your child to Blackwater Community School/Akimel O'Otham Pee Posh Charter School.

It is my pleasure to share with you that our first phase of construction that involved relocation of portable classrooms is over . Next year by this time around, we will have brand new classrooms and a nice cafeteria for our students .

For the safety of your child and yourself, please make sure you pick up and drop off your child at the front office following the routine school procedures.

As we all know this time around in Arizona , the weather and humidity is on the extreme side and is not kid-friendly weather out there. School administration has taken many steps to minimize the exposure of our children and staff to this hot weather. I want to thank all those parents who have been meeting with me and providing valuable ideas to help the school and our students. Some of these new changes that have been implemented in this regard are as following:

- ◆ All P.E. Classes, Library, and Computer Classes have been moved indoors . This step helped our K-3 grade level students from making multiple trips to the main campus.
- ◆ A short cut path has been created for students to walk from main campus to K-3 campus now.
- ◆ Administration is working diligently to install a new shade structure soon at the temporary K-3 playground area.
- ◆ School distributed re-fillable water bottles to all students donated by GRIC Genesis program.

I want to assure you that the safety of your child remains our first and foremost concern. With your continuing support, I am very sure we will a great school year of 2019-20.



OUR MISSION :

"QUALITY EDUCATION  
BEGINS HERE"

**UPCOMING EVENT**

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**Message from School Board of Trustees....**

On behalf of our community and the parents, we would like to Welcome each one of you. It is our pleasure to oversee a school which is student-focused with a dedicated and committed employees. We try our very best to provide a well-balanced curricula and other activities for the development of a "all-rounded" and "whole-child". We are proud of the academic progress our children are making in core areas of the curriculum. We as the governing-body of this educational institution which is funded partly by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and Arizona State under the Pee Posh Charter status, make every effort to provide all necessary tools to our staff to ensure a continues and significant growth in all areas of the school curricula.

We understand that the academic growth is important for the success of all children, but we equally believe in the preservation and promotion of our language and culture of our community (Gila River Indian Community), our rich heritage from our glorious past that we want to pass on to the future and young generations. It is no surprise therefore , that our Tribal Council earmarks a certain percentage of the tribal allocation for this very purpose. Secondly, a certain percentage of our annual tribal allocation also goes towards teaching our children the traditional farming and agriculture techniques with modern tools which serves dual purpose of teaching the farming skills as well as instilling a sense of entrepreneurship among the youth of this community.

On behalf of the School Board, I want to thank and welcome each one of you for your continuing support to Blackwater Community School...Henry Pino