

Blacksburg Primary School News



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August

Welcome back!

Important Dates

- ★ August 9 - First day of School!
- ★ August 15- PTO meeting @5:30 in the cafeteria
- ★ August 18- Kona Ice
- ★ September 4 - Labor day holiday, No school
- ★ September 5— Boosterthon Fundraiser Kickoff

Attendance Tips for Parents

- A**lways know the school's policies on absences and making up homework.
- T**each your child that being on time each day is important.
- T**alk with your child about why he or she is avoiding school.
- E**xplain to your child the importance of attending school every day.
- N**otify school personnel if your child is going to be absent for any reason.
- D**iscourage your child from leaving school before the end of the school day.
- A**rrange for your child's personal appointments to be held after school or during breaks whenever possible.
- N**otify your school promptly in writing to explain why your child was absent from school.
- C**ontact teachers to find out what your child's homework assignments are when he or she has been absent.
- E**nlist the help of a school counselor if your child's academic problems seem to be affecting his or her attendance.

Reminder

We cannot take transportation changes over the phone. If you need to make a change, send a note with your child in the morning or send an email or message to your child's teacher. If you do not receive a response from the teacher when sending an email, you may call the office to let us know and we will notify that teacher that he/she should check his/her email for a transportation change.

Our School Pledge.....

I promise to treat others with kindness and respect, keep our school safe, be ready to learn, have a positive attitude, and do my very best every day. I am a special person. I am a WILDCAT!!

When dropping off or picking up students at Blacksburg Primary, please adhere to the following guidelines:

MORNING CAR RIDER DROP-OFF:

1. You may drop-off beginning at 7:00 AM. Please wait for school personnel to arrive outside. DO NOT drop-off or allow your child to exit your car until supervision is visible.
2. Please pull all the way forward to the next available staff member. When you stop your car, please say quick good-byes and make sure your child has all his/her school materials. Have your child exit from the right-side of your car near the curb. **Please have your child exit your car promptly.** Any slow exiting causes a greater back up of cars.
3. To promote greater safety, no drop-offs should occur in the front parking lot. After the first week, we also ask that parents not walk their child across the crosswalk. You are welcome to drop off your child in line, park, and then come in to the office if needed.
4. The tardy bell rings at 7:55, and staff will enter the building at this time. If you arrive after 7:55, you will need to park and walk your child into school to sign them in.

AFTERNOON CAR RIDER PICK-UP:

1. For safety reasons, do not begin lining up for afternoon pickup before 1:30.
2. Please have your car tag clearly visible so that the “caller” can read names quickly.
3. Please put your car in park while waiting on your child.
4. Please stand BESIDE your car - do NOT walk to your child.

Please be patient with other families and staff! The line will be long at times!



Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance!!

REMINDER TO PARENTS REGARDING STUDENT ABSENCES

A parent note can be used for ONLY 5 absences per school year. A doctor’s excuse is required for any absences after the 5 parent notes. If your child has a chronic illness, please ask me for a form to have your physician complete and return to the school; however, a parent note or doctor excuse is still required for the absences due to chronic illness. If you have any questions, please call me @ 206-6936.

Mrs. Snipes/Attendance Secretary

*****IMPORTANT *****

When paying for field trips, pictures, Kona Ice, etc. please make sure that you send the **CORRECT** amount. We do not keep change in the office. (This includes Grits for Grandparents)

All checks deposited for Cherokee County Schools must be written in black ink and contain the following information:

Current Date, Name, Address, Phone Number, Driver’s License Number, and either Date of Birth or Social Security Number.

If all information is not provided checks will be returned to you.

