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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The main office will be open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.



SUMMER READING LINK PROGRAM FOR K-5

Watch for information about our new summer reading program. We will still be sending a Summer Reading Log and some ideas of book choices your way, but there are some new portions to this year's program. The Accelerated Reader program will not be offered this summer, but we are excited about our new Summer Reading Link Program. Students will be able to create a paper chain at home this summer- one link for every hour of reading. Reading completed with a parent counts for all age levels.

Once school resumes in the fall, we will have a special celebration. Every student who has brought in their completed Summer Reading Log will receive a certificate. And every student will bring in their paper chain. We will connect all the links and see what reading progress we have made over the summer. There will be a special treat that day, too.

All elementary students received information about the Summer Reading Link Program before the end of the school year along with the Reading Log and Reading Lists. Will our chain go the length of the soccer field, or around both the Upper and Lower Elementary buildings, or will we be able to surround Prospect Park with our giant chain? Read, read, read this summer and let's see how far our chain will go. It's a great way to support continued growth in reading throughout the summer. So join in our Summer Reading Link Program and have some fun.

BLACK RIVER'S FIRST 5TH GRADERS GRADUATE

Congratulations to Chloe Beighley, Devyn Skinner, Erin VanderSlik, Laura Sligh, Raissa Permesang, and Brittany Anderson who were members of Black River's first 5th grade class with Ms. Fran Olesen. These students and their parents were the building blocks to a successful and thriving elementary program. Thank you for your support and way to go graduates!

ATTENTION ATHLETES

High School Volleyball, Soccer, and Cross Country practice begins on Wednesday, August 12. Middle School Volleyball, Soccer, and Cross Country practice will begin on August 17. Each student needs a sports physical on file (*dated April 15, 2009 or later*) with the school in order to participate in any practices or tryout sessions. Sports physical forms can be picked up in the front office at school. Look for more information from your prospective coach later in the summer about specific times of practice and tryout sessions.

Questions? lawtonk@brpsk12.org

2009-2010 UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday	August 5	Math Placement Exam for New Students	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	August 5	Instrument Audition for New Students	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	August 25	New Student Orientation for Grades 6-12	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	August 26	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	Grades 6-12
Friday	August 28	New Elementary Orientation (1-5)	8:00 - 3:10 p.m.
Monday	August 31	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	Grades K- 5
Tuesday	September 1	Convocation Assembly during G Period	
Friday	September 4	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K – 12	Labor Day Vacation
Monday	September 7	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K – 12	Labor Day Vacation
Thursday	September 10	Curriculum Night	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	September 30	Count Day	
Thursday	October 1	Count Day	For all classes not meeting on Wednesday
Thursday	October 22	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 1 - 12	Midterm Grading Day (K = Reg. Day)
Friday	October 23	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K - 12	Midterm Grading Day
Thursday	October 29	1/2 DAY SCHOOL 1- 12 (K = NO SCHOOL)	Parent Teacher Conferences 1- 8:00 p.m.
Friday	October 30	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K - 12	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Thursday	November 26	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K - 12	Thanksgiving Vacation
Friday	November 27	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS K - 12	Thanksgiving Vacation

A full copy of the 2009-2010 academic calendar is available on our website at http://www.blackriverpublicschool.org/calendar/calendar_2009-10.pdf

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The Black River National Junior Honor Society finished the school year by participating in the Lakeshore MS WALK on May 1 in Grand Rapids. The group raised almost \$2000.00 for MS. Students also volunteered at Resthaven Care Facility by visiting residents, playing musical instruments for them, and playing games or making puzzles with them.



LET THE SUMMER RUNNING BEGIN!

Students that are interested in running on Black River's Cross Country team in the fall are invited and encouraged to join runners from area high schools for summer runs. We will meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:00pm at Hope College's Dow Center (corner of 13th and Columbia). This is a great way to get in shape for the fall season and meet other runners. If you have questions, please e-mail Mrs. Ornée at ornee@brpsk12.org

ATTENTION GARDENERS!

Think of Black River as you split your perennials. We would love to update our landscaping with your extras! Please contact Kay Namovich for information at 393-0419 or email at fishookchik@sbcglobal.net. Thank you Kay for your help with this project!

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

It's not too late to register for summer sports camps at Black River. The camp information and registration form are available on our website at www.blackriverpublicschool.org. If you have questions, please contact Brent Rowe at roweb@brpsk12.org.