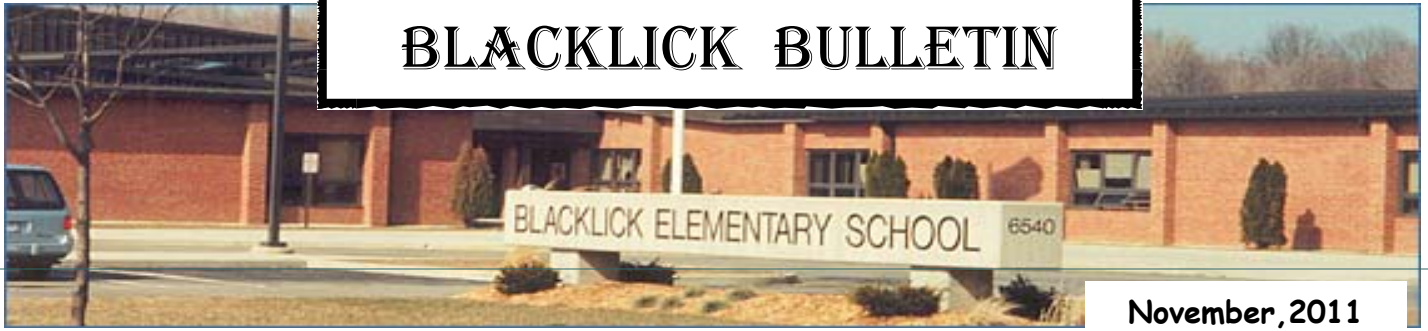


# BLACKLICK BULLETIN



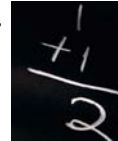
November, 2011



## Message from Mrs. Schmidt



Reading/Math Night



### Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- 11/2 Picture Retakes
- 11/3 Math/Reading Night  
5:30-7:00 p.m. Pizza Dinner  
5:15-6:30 p.m.
- 11/8 PTO @ 7:00 in the library
- 11/11 Veterans' Day Assembly @ 9:00
- 11/17 Early Release @ 1:10
- 11/23-11/25 Thanksgiving Break No School
- 11/28 Report Cards Sent Home
- 12/8 5th Grade DARE Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.

The staff is looking forward to Blacklick's Family Reading/Math Night on **Thursday, November 3rd**. Please be sure to mark your calendar so you can attend with your child. If you are planning to eat dinner at school, the time is from 5:15-6:30 in the school cafeteria. Please see the attached copy of the pre-order form. The evening is designed to offer you and your child opportunities to participate in fun reading and math activities. The events will be in classrooms throughout the school, allowing families to decide on their choice of activities to attend. The culmination of the evening will be a retelling of the 5 Little Monkeys Reading in Bed. I hope to see many of you Thursday evening.

## Veterans' Day PRIDE Talk

**November 11, 2010 at 9:00**

Blacklick's Annual Veterans' Pride Talk is planned for the 11th. We want to encourage all of you to invite family members or friends who have served in the armed forces to attend the assembly. Blacklick students and staff want to honor veterans who have served our country. The third grade students will be performing. The PRIDE talk will be in the gym. At 8:15 we



will be serving coffee and donuts in the cafeteria. Please RSVP to the front office (614) 759-5100 to let us know if you have a veteran attending, if you have not turned in your Veteran's form. We want to make sure we have enough corsages to honor each veteran.

To report absences:  
Inphonet 337-3737  
box 1604  
or  
Call the office  
@ 759-5100 by  
9:00a.m.



## Step by Step We Are Making Our Third Grade Journey Matter

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start on our third grade journey. The third graders are settling in well and are learning many new things. We are continuing to work together as a team to plan and develop relevant and rigorous lessons which are aligned with curriculum standards.



We worked hard to build strong classroom communities by focusing on good citizenship and strengthening our relationships. This transitioned well into our local government unit where students could use the skills learned from our community building. We focused on qualities of good citizens and leaders, which culminated in our class elections.

In math, students are currently working hard to think mathematically and build their number sense. We are firming up our understanding of numbers up to a hundred, including basic addition facts, so that we can extend that understanding when working with numbers up to a 1,000. The goal is for third graders to solve problems fluently and efficiently.

Writing is also an integral part of our curriculum. So far, we have focused on writing good sentences, which show complete thoughts with proper conventions. We will soon begin applying what we have learned into paragraph writing.

Our leveled guided reading groups have just begun. This allows us to meet the individual needs of our readers. We are doing this by grouping students across the grade level, which means that students may read with another third grade teacher other than their own. The focus will be to strengthen fluency, while developing deep understanding of text through written responses.

We are excited and we're looking forward to a great year! Together, let's make their third grade journey matter.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team

**A**cademic success depends a great deal on the effort exerted. Teaching your child the importance of this simple fact is not easy, but the confidence he/she will gain from it will help tremendously in the future. Here



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# Achieving Academic Success

are some ways to help your child achieve success with improved effort.

## **Recognize, value, and reward effort.**

Let your child know that effort is an important factor in achieving any goal. Praise your child for trying, not always just for achieving. For example, simple support from comments like, "Look how hard Michael is trying," or "Good job, Mary, you are certainly working hard," can be very helpful. Discuss the pleasures and pains of hard work and effort with your child. Discuss your work with them; tell them about the aspects you enjoy and the things you find difficult about it. Describe the satisfaction you get after a tough day, after working hard to achieve a job well done.

**Acknowledge task difficulty.** Sometimes you can provide encouragement simply by recognizing the difficulty level of a problem. Comments like, "Wow, that is a tough problem, keep at it," will encourage your child and provide that extra

push needed for success. While acknowledging the task's difficulty is important, task completion is the ultimate goal. Teach your child that every job that is started needs to be finished (small jobs done are better than large jobs undone).

## **Emphasize effort more than ability.**

Effort can change whereas ability is considered less alterable. Children who stick with a task longer and more persistently take more responsibility for the outcomes of their behavior, and tend to attribute their successes and failures to effort rather than ability. Avoid phrases stressing ability, such as, "You are so smart," or "It takes talent to do that." Instead, try to use the words **effort** and **hard work** in your praise. Say, "Good effort," "Nice work," and "Thanks for trying so hard."

**Learn from mistakes.** Teach your child that there is nothing wrong with making mistakes as long as we learn from them. Turn failure into a learning experience. Explain the benefits of trying to your child. Then, brainstorm ways to do better,

and ways to work harder to succeed next time.

## **Provide feedback about performance.**

Check your child's work frequently, and be specific in any feedback you provide. Tell him/her what has been done well, then work together to correct any mistakes. Make sure your child understands what he/she is doing right or wrong. Not only does this help children get their work done correctly, it makes them aware of their efforts, what they have done well, and what they can improve upon in the future. It shows that parents know they are working hard and care enough to help them work even harder. It models for children that final products get better by working hard and putting in more effort.

By **recognizing** and **rewarding** effort, **acknowledging** the difficulty of some tasks, **emphasizing** effort more than ability, **turning** mistakes into learning opportunities, and **providing** feedback, you will help your child achieve greater success in school and other life experiences. ▲



Attention Parents:

The Elementary School Counselors would like your input as we plan for our 2011-2012 parent workshops which will be held in January, February, and March. Please click on this link and complete the short survey. Thanks for your help.

Suzan Siegel, Elementary Counselor

Blacklick and  
Chapelfield Elementary

Chapel-  
field Elementary

[Click Here to Complete the Elementary Counselors' Survey](#)

## Flyers Pizza & Subs Menu

15" Cheese Pizza	\$ 12.00
15" Pepperoni Pizza	\$ 12.00
Pizza by the Slice	
Cheese or Pepperoni	\$ 1.50
6" Italian sub with Chips	\$ 3.00
Spring Salad	\$ 1.50
Stromboli	\$ 3.50
Drinks	\$ 0.50

### Blacklick Family Night Order Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Used for confirmation of dinner time. Seating is limited.

Dining Time      5:15      or      6:00

Quantity	Menu Item	Per Item Cost	Total
_____	15" Cheese Pizza	\$ 12.00	_____
_____	15" Pepperoni Pizza	\$ 12.00	_____
	Pizza by the Slice		
_____	Cheese	\$ 1.50	_____
_____	Pepperoni	\$ 1.50	_____
_____	6" Italian sub with Chips	\$ 3.00	_____
_____	Spring Salad	\$ 1.50	_____
	Dressing: Ranch or Italian		
_____	Stromboli	\$ 3.50	_____
	Drinks		
_____	Water	\$ 0.50	_____
_____	Lemonade	\$ 0.50	_____
	Total Payment		_____

**Return by Monday, October 31**