

# Blackie Bark

October 18<sup>th</sup> - October 22<sup>nd</sup>

## A Message from School Administration

What a great first week back at our own school! Students seemed very happy to be back in their "home" and have been enjoying their new spaces. Classrooms are alive with student energy and all of us are enjoying having our classrooms in close proximity to one-another.

This week, the weather has been cooler, especially in the mornings. It is important that students come to school prepared to be outside for breaks and for extended outdoor learning opportunities. Layers are essential and it's not a bad idea for students to have a spare pair of socks in their backpack, just in case. It is especially important for everyone to have two pairs of shoes so that our hallways and classroom spaces stay clean.

At this time, we are continuing to restrict our building to staff and students. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call or email. Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews for the first term, as well as parent council meetings will also be run in a virtual format for now.

After pandemic teaching over the last two years, we appreciate that there is a need for more targeted interventions, particularly in the area of literacy. Soon, our staff will be meeting to discuss strategic and creative ways we can organize to meet the needs of all learners. At Blackie, we see the success of all learners as a collective responsibility and we're committed to working as a team to target growth.

We also strongly believe that parents are our partners in education. That is why, we would like to offer an opportunity for parents to learn more about literacy. Our Director of K to 6 Instruction, Miriam Ramzy, has completed her Ph.D. in this area, and is a wealth of knowledge. If there is interest from our community, Dr. Ramzy is willing to lead several small sessions to introduce parents to the foundations of reading and to provide families with tips and tricks to support children at home. **Please complete [this](#) google form to let us know whether or not you'd be interested in participating.**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this week's field trip to Granary Road. An extra shout-out to our parent council for financially supporting this terrific opportunity. It's amazing to be able to take part in these types of off-campus learning activities once again.

Have a terrific weekend everyone. Stay safe and healthy.

Chase & Tammi




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School Fee invoices have been sent home and edsempli parent account login information was emailed Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please save your edsempli login information as you'll need it to pay any fees throughout the year

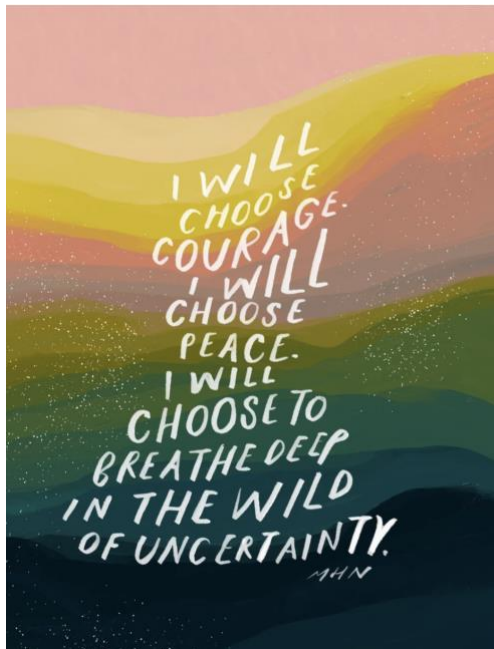
## Upcoming Important Dates

Monday October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday October 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Flag Football Game at Cayley 3:30 - 4:45 pm  Coco Brooks Orders Due - Thank you!			Foothills School Division Learning Conference Non-Attendance Day for Students	Foothills School Division Learning Conference Non-Attendance Day for Students

## School Fundraiser

Parents of Blackie School Students, we are kicking off our first fundraiser of the year, Coco Brooks sales! This fundraiser will run from October 8th thru to October 18th at which time all payments and order forms are due no later than October 18th. Your participation and help with this fundraiser are appreciated as the Blackie Parents Advisory and Funding Association reaches to hit our yearly fundraising goal which is needed to continue to support our students, staff and busing needs.

Order forms went home last week. Should you have any questions please contact Coco Brooks directly at 403-250-6790 or Candace Gillanders at cgillandersphotography@gmail.com or 403-601-3673.



*TraXSide Studios*



### Halloween event! Oct 31

TraXSide Studios is hosting a Halloween event for the whole family! 4-8:00pm on October 31st. FREE to community! See our Facebook event for details.



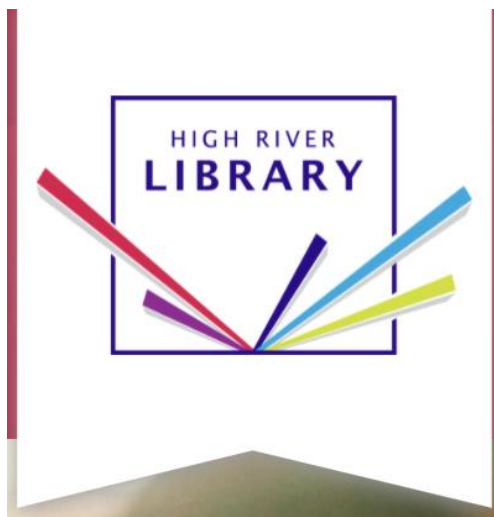
The Orenda Society was founded on the basis to ignite transformation in youth.

Our team came together with a shared vision to empower, mentor, and support youth. We encourage youth to live self-directed lives, accessing their own inner resources to effectively respond to life challenges, and connect to their authentic self.

We believe in shining bright and not playing small. We value connection, and creating a safe space for youth to relate through real and raw discussion. We are all about educating from the heart. We facilitate dialogue around self care, gratitude, friendships, body image, anxiety, self worth, and self love. To witness youth grow their self love and self worth is an incredible experience. We advocate for mental health, we dig deep and answer the tough questions about ourselves. We come to our yoga mats, we breathe and we move. We allow individuals to truly be seen, loved, accepted, appreciated, and stories shared, because the truth is **'we are all good enough'** and sometimes we just need to be reminded.



Click [here](#) to check out The Orenda Society for Children and Youth programs for both boys and girls.



High River's Library offers excellent programs and kits. Check out their website [here](#).