The Blake Buzz

November 2022

November Events

11/9: Medina Spirit Day (to celebrate our Medina HS Boys' Soccer Teams' advancement into the Final 4!)
11/9: Raising Cain Book Club Meeting 7PM via Zoom
11/11: Veterans Day assembly 2PM (Only those who RSVP'd may attend)
11/14-12/10: Blake student artwork on display at the Medina County Library
11/15: School performance of 4th grade musical 2PM
11/16: Family performance of 4th grade musical 7PM
11/17: Scrabble Club tournament @ Blake 4:30-6:30
11/22: Early Release
11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Break





Halloween Slideshow

Please enjoy all of the photographs from our spooktacular Halloween parade and classroom parties! The Halloween parade video is also linked in the slideshow.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FRrH2cEcAW_U9xu2rOScrkRnpSkeqo_4KYoSAV_IXE/edit?usp=share_link

Veterans Day Assembly

We are very excited to be able to welcome back and honor our veterans on Friday, November 11th. We have over 30 veterans joining us. Veterans Day is such a special day as it allows all of at Blake the opportunity to thank those who sacrificed so much for our freedoms.



Only those veterans and their guests who have turned in their RSVP will be able to attend.



Congratulations to October's Budding Leaders!

Raising Cain Book Club

This year's staff/parent book club is *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys.* Our group will meet approximately once per month to discuss the reading and share insights. You may join at any time! We meet virtually via Zoom at 7PM. If you would like more information, click on the link for a synopsis of the book as well as meeting dates. The link to join to be added to email communications is also in the linked document. Our first meeting is Wednesday, November 9th!

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Blake's Talented Artists

We are honored to have the artwork of many of Blake's talented students on display at the Medina County Library November 14 through December 10. Please stop by anytime to view the amazing artwork from our students!

PBIS at Home

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) is not just for school. Many of the strategies and ideas easily apply to home life as well. For example, at Blake, we have specific behavioral expectations for every area of the building. These expectations are taught, practiced, and reinforced daily. You can also set home expectations in a similar fashion.



Here at Blake, we have a chart with desired behaviors, including a description of how those behaviors will look like in each setting. For

example, we might ask students to "Be Respectful" (what's expected) in the classroom (where it's expected) by raising their hand before speaking (the desired behavior). This matrix chart can be found on the school's website homepage and was included in the Back to School folders.

Linked <u>here</u> is an example of how easily you can create an expectation matrix, similar to what they are familiar with from school, that can make routines run more smoothly at home!



Proper Dress for Winter Weather

All students will be going outside for recess when the temperature is 20 degrees and above.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Boots, hats, scarves, gloves and a warm coat will be necessary. Students will also wait outside in the morning until the first bell rings at 8:45 when the temperature is 20 degrees and above.

A doctor's note is necessary for any student to stay inside for recess because of illness.

Electronic Device District Policy Reminder

As cell phones and smart watches continue to grow in popularity, we like to remind parents of the expectations for these devices during the school day. From the student discipline code:

RULE 4 - ELECTRONIC DEVICES

• Electronic devices such as (laser pointers, video cameras, cameras, etc.) are prohibited in school.



• Cell phones. smartwatches. electronic devices such as (Ipods. MP3 plavers. Ipads. Nooks.

Kindles, Gizmos, etc) and any video game devices must be turned off and in the student's book bag during school hours.

Please make sure to have a conversation with your student about this expectation so that everyone is on the same page in regards to these devices!



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