



BLACKBIRD & SHAY NEWS & INFORMATION

February 8, 2008

Attendance Lines:
Blackbird 526-4660
Shay 526-4550

Blackbird: Building the Foundation

Shay: Academic Excellence in a Family Atmosphere

ENRICHMENT NEWS

Blackbird Post Office

Mail will be delivered on
February 14th!

Please have all mail and special deliveries in blue boxes or to Mrs. Flynn in the Art Room before 8:30 on 2/14!

Let's welcome our new staff members:

Postmaster: Julius Watson

Facers: Max Sydow, Adas Wolniewicz, Drew Iafolla

Nixie Clerks: Oliver Kyser, Morgan Bellmer, Jacob Smith

Sorters: Jeff Schlehuder, Christopher Erxleben, Jonathan Postma

Carriers: Robert Vala, Joshua Huls, Molly Rautio, Songiide Keller

Shay School Store

The store will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and during conference times next week. Gift certificates will be available for \$1.00. These make great rewards/incentives for student behavior and academic achievement (or Valentine's Day)!

GREASE, THE MUSICAL

February 29, March 1-2

SPECIAL APPEARANCE!

In honor of Grease's first opening in NYC, the local cast of Harbor Springs High School players will make a preview appearance at the **Bob-In Again at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14th.**

Show tickets and ice cream sundaes will be given away and show tunes will abound!

100 DAYS!

The kindergarten students at Blackbird are busy counting the days until we arrive at our 100th day of school. There will be a special visit by Zero the Hero and many activities involving 100 planned for the classrooms.



Unless we have another snow day, the 100th day of school will be Tuesday, February 12th.

Dress-up Day

Wednesday
February 13th

**FANCY CLOTHES
FOR ALL SHAY AND
BLACKBIRD
STUDENTS AND STAFF**



*HEART HAPPENING
and COIN DRIVE*

February 1-22

The collection continues at Blackbird. We have already collected 208 items for the food pantry. Thanks for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/1- Heart Happening & Coin Collection
- 2/22 at BB
- 2/11 BOE Meeting 7 pm
- 2/11 Scholastic Book Fair at BB
- 2/12 P/T Conferences -evening
- 2/13 P/T Conferences -evening
- Blackbird & Shay dress-up day
- 2/14 **Half Day dismiss at 11 am**
- 2/14 P/Tconferences in the afternoon
- 2/14 ELF Training **CANCELLED**
- 2/14 Bob-In Again "Grease" performance
- 2/15 **NO SCHOOL**
- 2/18 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/29 "Grease, The Musical" 7:30 p.m.
- 3/1 "Grease, The Musical" 7:30 p.m.
- 3/2 "Grease, The Musical" 3:30 p.m.
- 3/10 **NO SCHOOL**
- 3/28- **Spring Break**
- 4/7

Your online source for school news

<http://www.harborps.org>

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The NCA/AdvancED team completed its visit to our elementary schools earlier this week.

As they traveled through our facilities they were impressed by the care, concern and respect shown to our students in interactions between peers, staff and parents.

It was apparent to them that everyone works to demonstrate that each child will learn every day. This is accomplished through efforts as a collaborative team to meet each child's needs and to use data to modify and differentiate instruction.

I am so proud to work with such wonderful students, staff members and parents.

Karey Scholten

Blackbird Birthday Books

The Blackbird library shelves are sporting some great new reading selections. We are excited to add the following birthday books:

Benjamin Sampson	<u>Great Inventors</u> and <u>Imaginative Inventions</u>
Luke Bosker	<u>A Hero Named Howe</u> and <u>The Flying Hockey Stick</u>
Gretchen Gabler	<u>The Alphabet Tree</u>
Sydney Hadix	<u>Ducks!</u> and <u>Mallard Duck at Meadow View Pond</u>
Brendyn Ford	<u>Trucks Roll!</u>
Mackenzie Godzik	<u>The Bus Ride that Changed History</u>
Katie Bila	<u>I Want to be a Ballerina</u> , <u>Pinkalicious</u> , and <u>Color Dance</u>
Zoe Shepherd	<u>Cats and Kittens</u> , <u>Chester</u> , and <u>A Dog Needs a Bone!</u>
Jacob Bailey	<u>Digger Man</u> and <u>Off-Road Motorcycles</u>
Abbey Scholten	<u>Toad by the Road</u> and <u>Jump, Frog, Jump!</u>

THANK YOU!

Your continued support of this program is appreciated.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Before the conference:

- **Talk with your child** about favorite subjects and activities and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- **Review assignments.** Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Plan to discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.

The day of the conference:

- **Be on time.** The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to arrive at their scheduled appointment time. If you need to re-schedule, notify the teacher immediately.
- **Remember that conferences are brief.** Each conference is scheduled for 15 minutes. If you need additional time, make arrangements for a follow-up session.
- **Keep an open mind.** These conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

- **Make plans.** Find out what you can do to follow through at home. Decide together what you, your child, and the teacher need to do to help your child succeed.

Afterward:

- **Tell your child.** After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- **Follow up.** In the days and weeks that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through on what was discussed and that you'd like to hear how things are progressing in the classroom.
- **Remember that our schools and teachers welcome parent involvement year-round.**

From the National Association
of Elementary School Principals