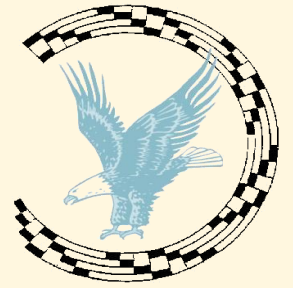


Blackwater Community School

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BIG NEWS

(Ge'e -Haichuagith)

February 14, 2022-February 25, 2022

Aupa Hiosik Mashath

Quality Education Begins Here!

Upcoming Events

- Monday - 2-14:** Virtual Learning
(Lunas) **Valentine's Day**
- Tuesday - 2-15:** Virtual Learning
(Go:k-Thash) **ASP/GATE**
- Wednesday - 2-16:** Virtual Learning
(Vaik-Thash)
- Thursday - 2-17:** Virtual Learning
(Gi:ik-Thash) **ASP/GATE**
- Friday - 2-18:** Virtual Learning
(Vialas)

Have you checked out the website lately?

1. Download the QR Code reader app in your Apple or Google Play store (Free to download!)
2. Scan the code! →
3. Check out the BWCS website and stay in the loop!



**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY HOTLINE
FOR COVID-19
(520) 550-6079**

Bulletin Board

Vaccination and COVID 19 testing on February 16th from 10 AM to 4 PM at Blackwater School. Drive thru testing and vaccines in the Gym.

**NO School
February 21, 2022
for President's Day**



"Listen with your heart, you will understand." -- Grandmother Willow (Pocahontas)

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are well into the 3rd quarter of the school year and spring break is just around the corner starting from March 7th through March 18th, 2022. I fully understand the disadvantages and loss of academics due to Covid 19 related pandemic. School staff has been working very diligently to ensure everyone's safety while our dedicated staff continue to provide virtual learning for your child. It has been another very hard school year not only on our students but also on our school employees as well.

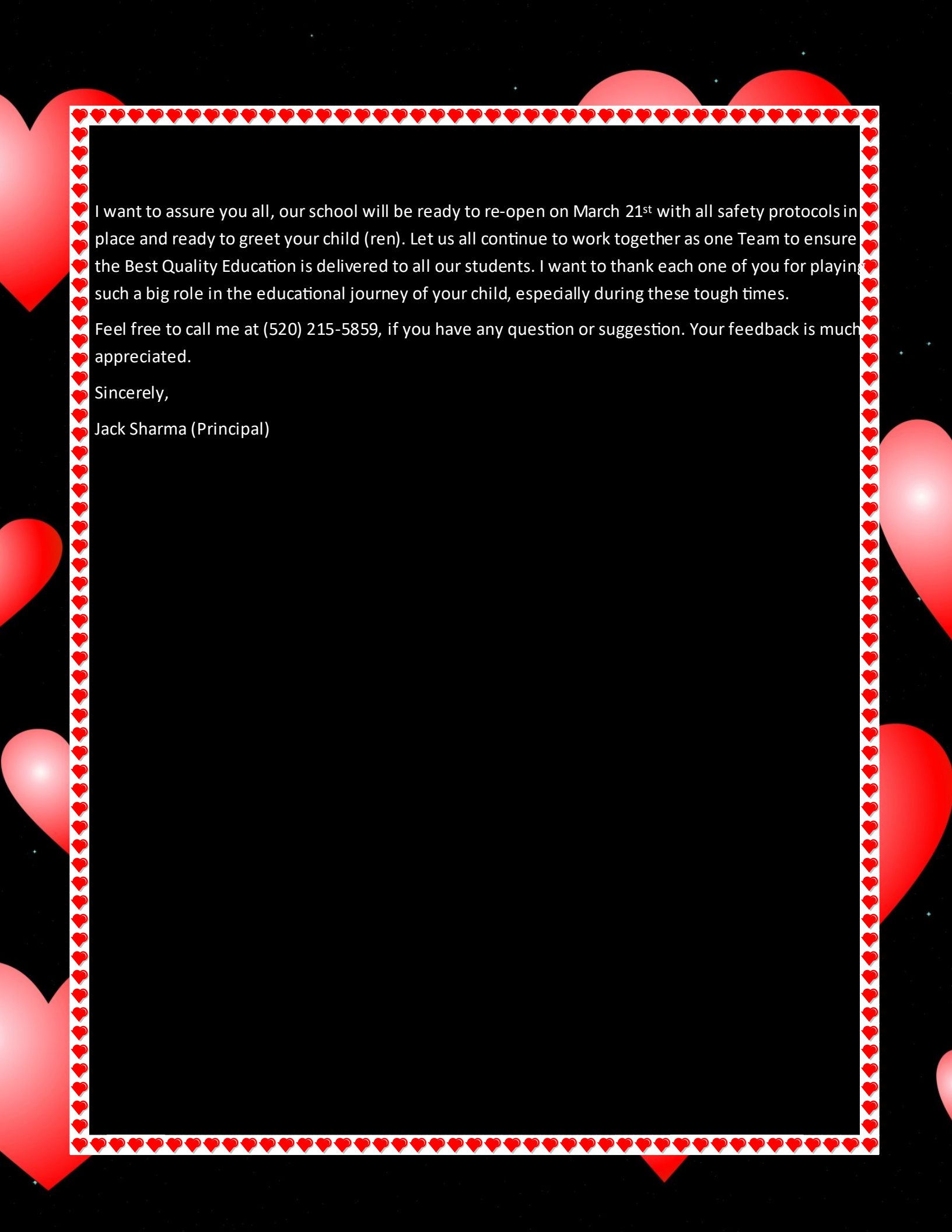
Our School Board has decided to re-open the school starting from March 21st onwards for all those students who are fully vaccinated as per the recently issued Governor's Executive Order #13. All students below the age of 5 years and those who are not vaccinated will continue to receive their academic instructions through virtual learning. Another requirement for your child to attend in-person classes includes that your child must be tested for covid19 5 days prior to March 21st and must have negative test results.

I would like to encourage each one of you to look into getting your child vaccinated if eligible. Vaccinations and Covid19 testing are being provided by our Community free of cost. Blackwater School will be hosting such a vaccination clinic and testing on February 16th, 2022 starting at 10:00AM till 4:00PM. No appointments are required and walk-ins are welcome. Vaccination will be given inside the school gym while covid19 testing will be on a drive-in basis. Thanks to our Gila River Community for making it very convenient for our students and the family members.

Please review the two attached documents with this newsletter. One letter is from our School Health Services (SHS) department asking your permission to share about your child's vaccination status related information with our school to ensure your fully vaccinated child joins in-person classes without any unnecessary delay. Please sign this document (if ok with you), and send this signed letter back to the school either by dropping it off at the front office or with your child if he/she is attending the school for in-person classes.

Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) has sent us N95 face masks for our school staff and students. Each student enrolled at our school will be receiving a bag of 10 masks. These masks will be delivered to your child at home unless your child is attending in-person classes. Please watch this YouTube video to learn how to help your child to put these N95 masks on properly. A separate informational flyer is also attached with this letter for your convenience. I have also requested our school teachers to train our students on the proper usage of these masks as well. Following is the link to the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGXiUyAoEd8>



I want to assure you all, our school will be ready to re-open on March 21st with all safety protocols in place and ready to greet your child (ren). Let us all continue to work together as one Team to ensure the Best Quality Education is delivered to all our students. I want to thank each one of you for playing such a big role in the educational journey of your child, especially during these tough times.

Feel free to call me at (520) 215-5859, if you have any question or suggestion. Your feedback is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jack Sharma (Principal)



Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Gila River Indian Community Schools require a copy of your child's COVID19 test result and COVID19 vaccination record before they can attend in-person school. By signing the Gila River Healthcare Release of Information (ROI) Form, GRHC School Health Services can send your child's COVID19 information to the school.

You have the option of submitting your child's records to the school, instead of signing this release of information. You may obtain a copy of your child's COVID19 test result and vaccine record from either of the Medical Record departments listed below.

Health Information Management (Medical Records) Department

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

483 West Seed Farm Road, Sacaton, AZ 85147

(520) 562-3321 Ext. 1399 or (602) 528-1399

(602) 528-1255 - Fax

Hours of Operation: Monday and Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Komatke Health Center

17487 South Health Care Drive, Laveen, AZ 85339

(520) 550-6003

(520) 550-6034 - Fax

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thank you,
School Health Services
Gila River Healthcare

Gila River Health Care (GRHC)

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, PO Box 38, Sacaton, AZ 85147	PH: 602-528-1399	Fax: 602-528-1255
Komatke Health Center, 17487 S Health Care Dr, Laveen, AZ 85339	PH: 520-550-6003	Fax: 520-550-6034
Ak-Chin Clinic, 48203 West Farrell Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85239	PH: 520-568-3881	Fax: 520-568-3884
Hau'pal Health Center 3042 W Queen Creek Road, Chandler, AZ 85286	PH: 520-796-2756	Fax: 520-796-2757
The Caring House P.O. Box 2187, Sacaton, AZ 85147	PH: 520-562-7400	Fax: 520-562-7453

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS, DATE, AND SIGN

1.	Name of Patient:	Chart #:
	Address:	Date of Birth:

Information Released

2.	FROM (✓ box)	TO: (✓ box)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Komatke Health Center <input type="checkbox"/> Ak-Chin Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Hau'pal Health Center <input type="checkbox"/> The Caring House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other as identified below:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Komatke Health Center <input type="checkbox"/> Ak-Chin Clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Hau'pal Health Center <input type="checkbox"/> The Caring House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other as identified below:
	Name of Person/Organization/Facility GRHC School Health Services	Name of Person/Organization/Facility GRIC Tribal School: Blackwater Community School
	Address PO Box 38	Address 3652 E. Blackwater School Rd
	City/State Sacaton, Arizona 85147	City/State Coolidge, Arizona 85128

3. **The purpose or need for this release is:** (✓ box)

Medical Care School Attorney Disability Patient Portal
 Insurance Transfer to new PCP Personal Use Other: _____

4. **The information to be released from my health record:** (✓ appropriate box(es))

Clinic Visits Physical Exam X-Ray CD (images) Lab Reports
 Immunization Record Billing Face Sheet X-Ray Reports
 Only information related to (Specify) **COVID-19 Testing Results and COVID-19 Vaccination Record**
 Only the period of events from: **11/01/2021** to: **6/30/2022** (end of School Year 2021-2022)
 PHI to be used in a verbal discussion per HIPAA (only used for Healthcare Operations)

➔ **If you would like any of the following sensitive information released, ✓ the applicable boxes**

Alcohol/Drug Abuse Treatment/Referral HIV/AIDS-related treatment
 Sexually Transmitted Diseases Mental Health (Other than Psychotherapy Notes)
 Psychotherapy Notes ONLY (by checking this box, I am waiving my psychotherapist-patient privilege)

5. I understand that I may revoke this authorization in writing submitted at any time to the Health Records Department, except to the extent that action has been taken in reliance on this authorization, this authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage or a policy of insurance, or other law provides the insurer with the right to contest a claim under the policy. If this authorization has not been revoked, it will terminate one year from the date of my signature unless I have specified a different expiration date or expiration event as identified here: _____ Specify New Date Refer to GRHC's Notice of Privacy Practices for information concerning the right to revoke this authorization.

I hereby voluntarily authorize this release of information and understand that GRHCC will not condition treatment or eligibility for care on my providing this authorization except if such care is: (1) research related or (2) provided solely for the purpose of creating Protected Health Information for release to a third party.

I understand that information released by this authorization may be subject to re-release by the recipient and may no longer be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule of 1996 and the Privacy Act of 1974.

Signature of Patient, Guardian, or Legal Representative (State relationship to patient if applicable)	Date
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This information is to be released for the purpose stated above and may not be used by the recipient for any other purpose. Any person who knowingly and willfully requests or obtains any record concerning an individual from a Federal agency under false pretenses shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (5 USC 552(a)(i)(3))

Tribal/State ID/Wrist Band/Other: _____ ID VERIFIED Employee Initials: _____ Pages Given: _____



Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) N95 Respirators for Schools and Families



WHY ARE WE DISTRIBUTING THESE MASKS?

BIE schools want to reduce risks to their students, staff, and communities from the dangers of COVID-19. These N95 respirators are for your family's use to reduce COVID-19 risk when in close proximity with public such as indoors with people from outside your home.

HOW DO N95 RESPIRATORS PROVIDE A BETTER LEVEL OF PROTECTION?

An N95 respirator has better filtration, and if worn properly the whole time it is in use, can provide a higher level of protection than a cloth or surgical mask. A mask or respirator will be less effective if it fits poorly or if you wear it improperly or take it off frequently.

HOW TO WEAR IT CORRECTLY?

It is important for respirator to form a seal to the face to work properly. Gaps between mask and face can let air with respiratory droplets leak in. Gaps can be caused by choosing the wrong size, type of respirator or worn with facial hair that prevents a close seal.



WHAT NOT TO DO!

N95 respirators are intended for adult use only. **Do NOT wear NIOSH-approved respirators**; if they are wet or dirty, or with other masks or respirators. If it is hard to breathe while wearing then consult your physician.

WHAT ABOUT N95 RESPIRATORS?

N95 respirators are typically worn by healthcare workers. These mask provide even more protection than surgical or cloth masks. However, N95 respirators must fit and be worn correctly to be effective. The N95 respirators should not be used if it is hard to breathe while wearing one. N95 respirators are for use by Adults only, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has not approved N95 respirators for children at this time.

CDC Website for more information (*QR Code will take you there*):

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/types-of-masks.html>

