

# Blackwater Community School

## BIG NEWS

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September 23rd-October 4th

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Parents/Guardians,

Parent Teacher Conferences are this week and early release is scheduled Wed-Fri at 1pm. Beginning September 30, 2024, the Uniform Contracts will be in effect. The Dress Code policy has been attached.

Note from our Truancy Secretary:

Students are marked tardy after 8am, three tardies equal one absence.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **1st Qtr. Parent/Teacher Conf.**

Sept. 26th-27th at 1:30pm

#### **Fall Intersession**

Oct. 7th-11th

#### **Fall Break**

Oct. 7th-18th

School resumes Oct. 21st

#### **Quarter 1 Awards Assembly**

Oct. 25th at 1pm

#### **Red Ribbon Week**

Oct. 28th– Nov. 1st

#### **Book Fair**

Oct. 28th– Nov. 1st

### REMINDERS

Bus changes must be called in by 10:00am.

Morning Student Drop Off  
**No Earlier than 7:30am**

Early Release at 1pm  
every Wednesday

**PTC Early Release at 1pm**  
Sept. 26th - Sept. 27th

"It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

-Professor Dumbledore

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Serving Districts 1 and 2 & Parts of 3 and 4 which includes  
McKinney Vento Eligible Families

**Complete an APPLICATION and ALL required paperwork  
and Enter to Win A...**



## \$135 Harkins Movie Night Blanket Bundle

- Harkins Movie Blanket - 50" x 60" extra soft, embroidered fleece blanket
- Harkins Gift Card (starting at \$25) with a gift card box
- Two 2024 Loyalty Cups
- Medium Popcorn Voucher

Drawing will be: **October 31<sup>st</sup>**

At the end of the Trick-or-Treat Route

**MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

## HOME BASED

**\*Prenatal – 5 Years Old\***

- ❖ One - Hour weekly / Bi-weekly in-home visit: with the Parent(s)/ Caregiver(s) and Child
- ❖ Family Circle: Monthly Parent and child meetings

## CENTER BASED

**\*3 – 5 Year-old with and Adult\***

**5 Days a Week - 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM**

- ❖ School readiness
- ❖ Adult Education:  
GED Preparation Program,  
College Distance Learning,  
Basic Computer Skills Training,  
Parenting Classes, & Work Skills  
Training

Applications Are Available at the Blackwater School Front Office

**\*Child Development**

**\*Imagination Library**

For more information please call:

Anna Jose (Parent Educator) – (520) 215 – 7953

Kaitlin Jackson (Parent Educator) - (520) 215-7946



**\*Field trips**

**\*Child Development  
Screenings**

**\*And MORE!!**

## Student Dress Code

Blackwater Community School ("BWCS") recognizes the critical importance to promote academic achievement and a safe and secure environment. To assist in creating a positive educational environment, a standardized dress code that includes uniform styles and colors has been adopted for BWCS students. BWCS believes the dress code is in the best interests of the students for the following reasons:

1. Climate for learning. Standardized dress helps students focus on learning. Uniforms help set the tone of the proper work attitude in the classroom, reducing behavior problems and improving performance.
2. Campus safety and security. Standardized dress will help make the campus safer and more secure by eliminating gang clothing, which can also be used to intimidate or to conceal contraband. Moreover, outsiders or non-students can be easily recognized on campus. Students will be identifiable on field trips and other off campus activities.
3. School unity and pride. Attractive student dress promotes school spirit, good self-image, and school unity. Just as an athletic team's uniforms promote unity and spirit.
4. Label competition. Standardized dress eliminates "label competition" and the peer pressure to wear expensive clothing.
5. Economy and simplicity. Standardized dress styles and colors are economical. Comparisons show that standardized dress styles and colors cost significantly less than what most parents pay for unregulated school clothing. Durability, reusability, and the year-to-year consistency cut costs. Student dress options are simplified, thus reducing the tug-of-war between students and parents over what to wear.
6. Upholding of modesty standards. Uniform clothing meets widely accepted standards of modesty, thus eliminating the conflicting interpretations of dress codes and the embarrassment that often is associated with "violations" of dress codes.

No student will be denied an education for inability to afford standardized clothes. In situations of economic need, the School will work with parents and students to resolve any family's financial inability to purchase standardized clothes.

For parents/guardians, students who wish to opt out of the dress code, the student may attend another school. Parents/guardians are responsible to provide transportation.

All BWCS students are expected to dress in the proper standard school attire. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure compliance with the dress code. All students who attend BWCS must dress in accordance with this dress code. Each student will wear the standard school clothing as authorized by BWCS. The clothing may not be altered in a manner that includes, but is not limited to, slits and shredded hems.

The standard school clothing shall be:

For Boys:

1. A solid color light blue, navy, or teal collared polo shirt.
2. Khaki, navy blue, black or denim (blue) shorts/slacks. Shorts/slacks will fit at the waist. No tight fitting or baggy, oversized shorts/slacks. No designer stitching, decorations. Pockets should be flat; no extended pockets. No corduroy pants, cargo pants, or sweat pants.

For Girls:

1. A solid color light blue, navy, or teal collared polo shirt.
2. Khaki, navy blue, black or denim (blue) shorts/slacks/skirts/jumpers/capris/skorts. Clothing will fit at the waist. No tight fitting or baggy, oversized attire. No designer stitching, decorations. Pockets should be flat; no extended pockets. No corduroy pants, cargo pants, or sweat pants.



For All Students:

Outer wear is designed to be worn outside as the weather dictates. It should be removed in the classroom. At the discretion of the teacher, if the classroom is cold, students may keep their outer wear on. Students may wear windbreakers, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts as outer wear. Jackets of different colors, patterns, and emblems are acceptable as long as they do not contain vulgar, lewd, obscene, or plainly offensive messages, advocate the use of alcohol or drugs, or make reference to or identify with gangs. Expensive jackets are discouraged, as BWCS is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen outer wear. Outer wear may not be more than one (1) size too large for the student. Students may not wear hats inside the building.

Baggy or oversized clothing is not acceptable, and is prohibited. Clothing may not be more than one (1) size too large, to allow for one (1) year's growth. No sagging of clothing is allowed. Slacks must fit at the waist, and not drag on the ground. Shorts must not be shorter than the middle of the thigh or longer than the bottom of the knee. Skirts must not be shorter than two inches (2") above the knee. No short shorts or short skirts are allowed. No undergarments may show. T-shirts worn under polo shirts must be white.

Any buttons, jewelry or other accessories that contain vulgar, lewd, obscene, or plainly offensive messages, including accessories that advocate the use of alcohol or drugs and accessories that make reference to or identify gangs are not allowed.

For student safety, buttons shall be no larger than three inches (3") across. Any pin used to attach a button must have a latching closure and the pin may not be longer than one inch (1"). Jewelry and other accessories may not be of such a nature that would endanger the health or safety of the student or others. Items such as spiked collars and belts, chains, or other similar items are strictly prohibited. Students may be asked to remove buttons or other jewelry for specific activities when, in the opinion of the instructor, the wearing of a button may pose a safety hazard or interfere with the instructional activity.

For safety reasons, students are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes. Students participating in physical education activities must have a pair of closed toed, flat shoes such as tennis shoes at school in order to participate in the programs safely. "Heelies" or any other footwear with wheels attached are prohibited.

Students not dressed in accordance with the BWCS dress code may be offered use of standard school clothing for the day, or their parents will be contacted to bring correct clothing. Students who repeatedly fail to dress in accordance with this dress code may be subject to disciplinary actions as set forth in the Student Handbook and the BWCS policy manual. No student shall be subject to discipline for failure to comply with this dress code if the reason is economic hardship. Under extreme circumstances, BWCS will work with families to locate assistance for the student to be furnished with standard school clothing. New students who enter BWCS will have one (1) week to purchase standard school clothing. During this time period, the school will provide one (1) standard school clothing set per child. On occasion, the Principal may allow a "dress up" day when students may wear clothing other than the standard school clothing. This will be on special occasions only. The students and parents will be notified prior to the "dress up" day. Clothing must still be school appropriate.

Backpacks for ALL students must be clear or mesh. School appropriate designs are allowed but the contents of the backpacks must be visible.