

BLACKWELL SCHOOL NEWS



Hornets to play in McCamey on Saturday

McCamey ISD will hold the Second Annual Six-Man Football Shootout on Aug. 27, the first Saturday of high school football season.

Blackwell will be among 10 squads at the event that will

play five games beginning at 10 a.m. The final game of the day is scheduled for 8 p.m. at Badger Stadium.

In the opening game, Eden will face Buena Vista. That game will be followed by Sanderson vs. Grady. Then Blackwell will face Water Valley at 3 pm, Fort Davis will play Robert Lee and then Borden County and Rankin will conclude the day.

Entry at the gate is \$8. Proceeds raised at the Shootout will be used for the McCamey High School Scholarship Fund.

Meet the Hornets slated

Meet the Hornets will be held Thursday evening, August 25, from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Blackwell CISD Cafetorium.

BCISD Open House scheduled

An Open House will follow the meal and Meet the Hornets Thursday evening, August 25. Begin meeting your teachers at 6:30 pm.

Change in Grading Policy announced Grading standards tougher for 2011-2012

As you may know, the state of Texas has discontinued TAKS testing for most grade levels and is now giving the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments for Academic Readiness) test to students. Students entering the 9th

grade for the 2011-2012 school year will be taking End-of-Course (EOC) exams rather than the TAKS or STAAR.

The new STAAR and EOC are much more rigorous and have higher expectations for student success. To meet the rigor and expectations of this exam, BCISD has altered its grading policy. It is important that each parent or guardian become familiar with the new grading expectations by reading through pages 34 and 35 of the student handbook.

Briefly, these changes are as follows:

- If allowed by the classroom teacher, district policy now limits the number of times a student is allowed to redo (or correct) an assignment to ONE TIME. The "new" grade will then be averaged with the original grade.

- Late work WILL NOT be accepted after TWO DAYS. There are instances where late work may not be accepted after one day...please talk to your child's teacher for details.

While we realize that these changes will take some time to adjust, it is important that BCISD's grading standards are rigorous, match the high expectations of state assessments, and prepare students for college and real



Cheering the Hornets! Varsity Cheerleaders Breanne Richardson and Reccie Roland (above) show their support for the hornets at the scrimmage.

BHS Football! Sophomore, Jayden Jones (photo at left) makes a first down at Blackwell's 2nd scrimmage of the year.

world experiences. As always, it is important that you maintain an open relationship with your child's teacher. Please share a working email address with your child's teacher so that they can maintain consistent communication with you as a parent/guardian. Although each classroom has a phone, phone calls are not allowed during instructional time.

BCISD hosting canine and feline vaccine clinic

The Blackwell CISD will be hosting a canine and feline vaccine clinic on September 7 from 4-6 pm at the BCISD Ag Science Building. The available vaccines include Rabies, Parvo-Virus, Puppy parvo-virus, Rattlesnake vaccine, Feline Rabies, and Feline Leukemia.

The shots will be given by Pioneer Vet Clinic of Winters. Don't miss this opportunity to have your pets vaccinated.

Getting To and From School

Contributed by Jan Yanez Texas AgriLife Extension Agent

You can help prepare your children for the experiences they will face at school and help create a safer school environment. Read the following tips for advice on

how to protect your children, and how to teach them to protect themselves.

Getting There

Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and intersections. Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as vacant lots, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.

Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.

Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at the bus stops with other children.

Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school, they should tell an adult.

Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and zip code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work

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School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, August 29

French toast sticks or asst. cereal, juice, milk

Tuesday, August 30

Breakfast burrito, salsa or asst. cereal, juice, milk

Wednesday, August 31

Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Thursday, September 1

Biscuits, gravy, sausage or asst. cereal, juice, milk

Friday, September 2

Donuts, yogurt or asst cereal, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday, August 29

Corn dog, mac-n-cheese, baked beans, carrots, fruit, milk

Tuesday, August 30

Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, corn on cob, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, August 31

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, hot rolls, fruit, milk

Thursday, September 1

Nachos, taco meat, nacho cheese, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, fruit, milk

Friday, September 2

Sub sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baked chips, fruit, milk

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