

THE GROWLER

BLACK RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Paws from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to a great year.

Our theme for this year is, "Be the magic." We will be talking about ways that our students and staff can create magic for others through being kind and serving, as well as creating magic for themselves through meeting high academic goals. Ask your kids what they did to "be the magic" for someone that day.

We will also be implementing a new behavior and incentive program. Make sure to read the article to find out more.

Miss Larsen



Important Dates

September 5 Labor Day-No school

September 6 1st Grade Chinese Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.

September 19 School Pictures

The Black Ridge B's

We are excited to introduce our new school rules, called The Black Ridge B's. They are:

1. Be respectful.
2. Be kind.
3. Be responsible.

Teachers and staff are making these rules a part of our school culture and procedures. Students are learning what following these rules looks like in different areas and situations at school (such as the hallway, lunchroom, our dress code, etc.).



Students also have the opportunity to earn Bear Paws. You may have seen these come home already. When a staff member sees a student following one of our Black Ridge B's, the student may receive a Bear Paw. Students can take these home, tell a parent why they received it, have the parent sign it, and return it for a prize from the office.

If students are not following one of The Black Ridge B's, they will be given an opportunity to change their behavior with a warning. If the behavior is repeated, students will be given a Stop and Think form to fill out in the classroom and set a goal to change their behavior. The teacher will notify parents. A third occurrence will result in an additional Stop and Think in a neighboring classroom and parents will be notified. In case of a fourth occurrence or a severe action such as acts of aggression or bullying, students will be sent directly to the office.

Black Ridge Code of Conduct

In September we will be introducing the students to our Code of Conduct. Each month we will focus on a different value. Teachers will recognize two students a month that will receive a “You Make a Difference” award and brag tag for exhibiting the quality we are focusing on for the month. You can find some of the highlights in future editions of The Growler.



Sub Help

We are always in need of substitutes. You can choose the number of days you work, as well as the location. You could even choose to just work in your child’s classroom. Please contact the office if you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher through Kelly Services.



Background Checks

Due to Utah state policy, background checks are required for classroom and field trip volunteers. The background checks are \$55 and will not expire. These can be done through the school district and may take up to three weeks, so please plan ahead. You can call 801-610-8586 to set up an appointment.

