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## Upcoming Events

Monday, January 4th- BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 7th- SIT meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the library

Wednesday, January 13th- PTA Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library. It's never too late to join us!

Thursday, January 14th- 1<sup>st</sup> grade presentation in the library and gym @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 18th-NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19th - PBIS meeting at 7:30 a.m. in the library (change from usual date)

Tuesday, January 19th- Math Master's Ceremony at 2:10 p.m. in the gym. Early release available.

Friday, January 29th- BMX Motivational Speaker performances at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. in the gym

Friday, January 29th- Crazy Hat Day \$1.00. All proceeds to benefit Team Tolerance

## The Principal's Buzz



On behalf of the faculty and staff here at Blackrock, I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. We all hope you had an enjoyable vacation spending quality time with family and friends.

As we begin this New Year, we reflect on what was accomplished in the past and plan goals for the months ahead. It's hard to believe that the first half of the school year is almost over.

From now through the end of the school year, we have

much more uninterrupted instructional time and many expectations to meet before June. We want to let you know that we take this time very seriously. This time allows our school community to confidently and consistently focus on routines and instructional strategies that yield the most desirable results.

As a result, the demands on students may begin to be even greater than they were before. There may be an increase in class work and homework in addition

to more emphasis being placed on self-directed learning and student accountability. Everyone's best effort and renewed commitment to learning is critical. We thank you for your continued support and partnership as we continue our journey together.

Here's to an un-BEE-lievable 2010!

Mrs. Alicia Reniere-Castle ©  
Principal

## A word from the Nurse's Hive

Winter not only brings signs of the cold and flu into our households, but may also bring more serious infections with it.

If your child has vague complaints of aches and pains, a cold without fever, you may send them to school.

Please note however, if symptoms make your child uncomfortable in class, you may receive a phone call to pick your child up from school. It is important to make sure that an authorized adult can pick

up your child.

Guidelines for keeping your child home from school include:

Physical or emotional conditions where students would not be comfortable in class

A fever of 100 degrees or more, especially coupled with a rash, earache, sore throat or nausea. Children must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

A persistent and productive cough with wheezing or thick

nasal discharge

An undiagnosed rash

Conjunctivitis or Pink-eye (24 hours after starting antibiotic)

Head lice (students must stay home until all nits are removed)

Chicken pox (blisters must be scabbed over and dry)

Impetigo (24 hours after starting antibiotic)

Ringworm (treated with cream and covered)

Mrs. Beth Paretta, R.N.,  
School/Nurse Teacher



## Important Information

With a few snowstorms already under our belts, I remind all families to tune into local radio and television channels to keep up with school delays and/or closures. Furthermore, if you are not receiving district calls, please call 822-9400.

Remember that usually, when school is delayed, there is NO

AM KINDERGARTEN OR PRE-K PROGRAMMING.

In addition, children should only be dropped off at the appropriate time. If there is a one hour delay, than students should arrive NO EARLIER THAN 9:15 a.m. A two hour delay: 10:15 a.m.

There is no supervision on the premises

before then.

Also, families should still adhere to the drop-off signs during inclement weather. Cars should still drop off along the sidewalk and not at the front of the school. This area needs to remain clear for our buses. This is a safety policy. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Operations Update

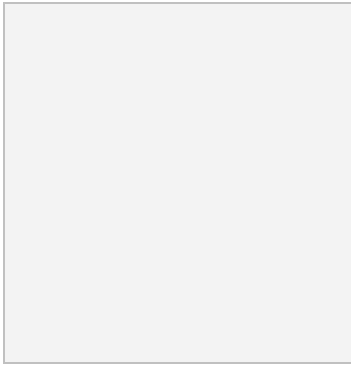
I have already had an opportunity to thank the many people who made our H1N1 flu clinic a huge success. It really did run smoothly and everyone seems to be more at ease.

I do want to let families know that since we have had most of our students vaccinated against the H1N1 virus, we

we will be beginning our math master's ceremonies again on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, classroom teachers have been given the green light to group students back into teams or small groups for instruction. We have done such a great job at cleaning and teaching our students

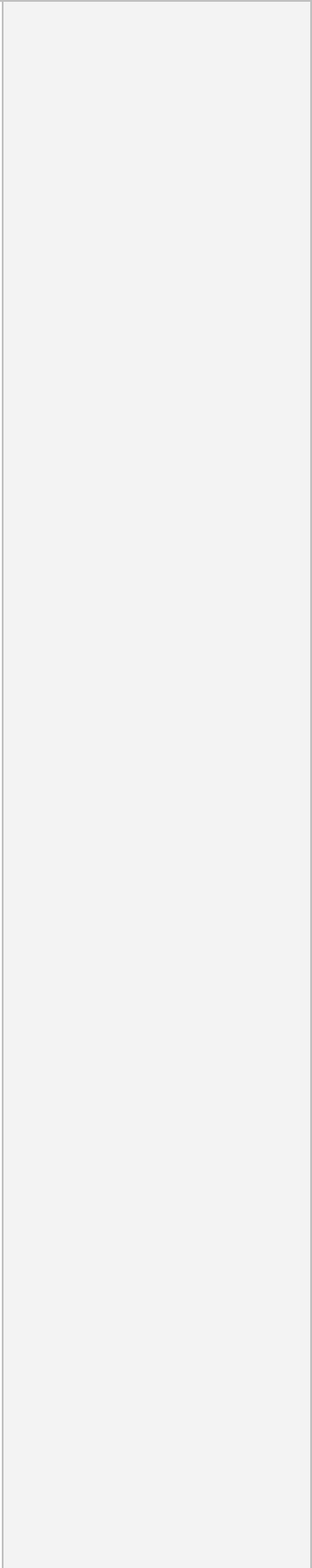
to care for themselves and others. Kudos to all staff for their continued efforts in keeping our students safe and healthy!

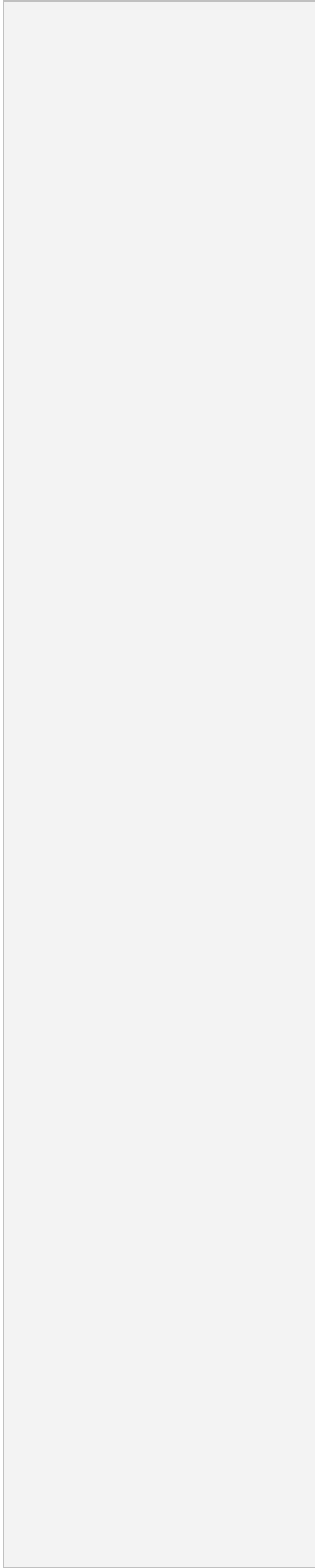


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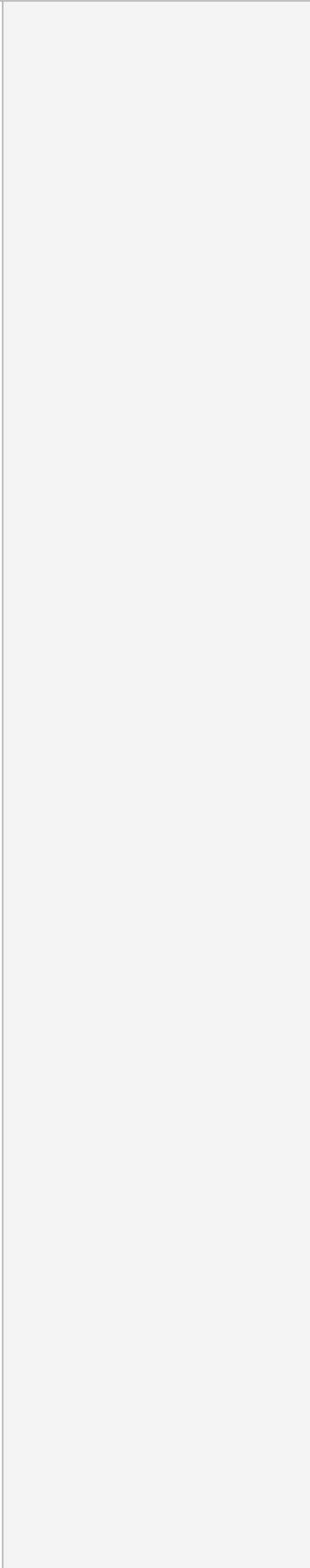


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