

THE BLYTH BULLETIN

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, we are pleased to welcome **Mrs. Rhona Murphy** to Blyth Academy as our new Grade 6 teacher. We are confident that she will be a valuable addition to our school community and look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students.

Additionally, we have exciting news to share! **The Ministry of Education in Alberta has restored Blyth Academy Qatar to a Level 3 status as an Alberta International School.** This is a significant achievement, reflecting our ongoing commitment to excellence in education. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parents and, especially, our dedicated staff for their unwavering commitment and hard work in making this possible. Your support and efforts continue to drive our success.

We are also pleased to announce that **Ms. Norah Elmasry and Ms. Halimah Rteil** are our Teachers of the Month. We sincerely thank them for their hard work and commitment to our students and school community.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership as we strive to make our school a place of excellence, growth, and opportunity.

Mr Derek Begley



Teachers of the month - February 2025



Ms Nora Elmasry



Ms Halimah Rteil

TEACHER TALK

AT BLYTH



**MR BRUCE
HENDERSON**

1. WHAT LEAD YOU INTO BECOMING A TEACHER

"I always wanted to work with people, and always wanted to help. I like helping other teachers by providing support to others"

2. IF YOU WEREN'T A TEACHER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE INSTEAD?

"I'd probably be a lawyer or do something laborious like work on the oil rigs"

3. WHAT'S THE MOST MEMORABLE OR FUNNY THING A STUDENT HAS EVER SAID OR DONE IN YOUR CLASS?

"In a grade 12 history class, a student pranked his friend by putting a fake snake on his seat. When he saw the snake he flipped the whole desk over and ran off. They searched for him and eventually found him hiding in the bathroom"

4. WHAT'S SOMETHING SURPRISING ABOUT YOU THAT MOST STUDENTS OR COLLEAGUES DON'T KNOW ?

"In 2002 a poem I had written a poem that got published in a book called 'Meandering Paths', it also included many other Poets from South Africa"

5. WHAT'S THE NUMBER 1 LESSON YOU'VE LEARNT AS A TEACHER?

"Its always easier to push someone down than to pick them up, but it's more rewarding to pick them up"

6. WHAT DO YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT BLYTH?

"I enjoy the supportive atmosphere here at Blyth"

7. WHO DO YOU NOMINATE TO BE INTERVIEWED NEXT ?

"I nominate Ms Rooha Meer from 2B"

ELEMENTARY

EDITION

PARENTS VOLUNTEER TO READ

Elementary students recently had the enriching experience of listening to stories read in Arabic by parent volunteers. This initiative aims to promote literacy, cultural appreciation, and language skills among young learners. Parents engaged students with captivating storytelling, making learning enjoyable and interactive.

The program not only strengthens students' Arabic language proficiency but also fosters a love for reading. Many teachers have praised the initiative for enhancing students' comprehension and listening skills. Parents expressed their enthusiasm for being involved in their children's education and contributing to the school community. The initiative has received positive feedback, encouraging more parents to participate.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Elementary Time Changes:

Sunday to Wednesday: All students, including bus students, dismiss at 14:10. Thursday dismissal is at 12:10.

Entry to the building is allowed from 07:20. Before that, students are encouraged to play on A-Field and Playzone.

IMPORTANT DATES:

New ECA Begins:

3 February 2025

Blyth Bear Cup:

Starts 26 January 2025

Poetry Competition Grade 4-6:

9 February 2025

Short story Competition Grade 3-6:

9 February 2025

Spelling Bee Grades 6-8:

16 February 2025

Spelling Bee Finale:

20 February 2025



Parents volunteering

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

BANFF BLOCK ART STUDENTS HOLD SUCCESSFUL ARTS EXHIBITION FOR CHARITY

Art Exhibition update:

Banff Block Art students recently held an Arts Exhibition showcasing their creative works. Students also had the opportunity to sell their art pieces, with all proceeds going to charity. The event was a great success, bringing together students, teachers, and community members in support of young artists and a meaningful cause. The positive response has encouraged our community to plan similar events in the future, continuing to foster artistic talent and community engagement.



BADMINTON SEASON STARTS SOON:

For students in grades 7-9 who are interested in trying out or in joining the team, please sign up using the sheets on the **bulletin board by room B107**.



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SPORT'S CORNER

AT BLYTH



BLYTH WRESTLERS SHINE

Blyth wrestlers recently competed at the ASD OPEN, delivering an impressive performance with a **6-1 victory**. The team demonstrated their resilience and skill, proving just how tough they are to pin down.

Their dedication and hard work paid off, earning well-deserved recognition. Coaches and supporters applauded the team's effort and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Great job, team! Keep up the hard work and continue making Blyth proud.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Boys Basketball Final:

5 February 2025

Varsity Girls Football at ASD

2 February 2025

JV Girls and Boys Basketball at GEMS

2 February 2025

Blyth Bear Cup Grade 5-6:

Starts 26 January 2025



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AT BLYTH



Elementary Parent - Teacher meeting



Teacher Swap Day 2025



THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING BLYTH ACADEMY QATAR