

Block FW Student Packet 2023-2024



BLOCK FW Award
Fort Washington Elementary School
2023-2024

Philosophical Statement

Fort Washington's BLOCK FW Award serves four functions:

- To motivate students to become active participants in the activities of their school;
- To provide a blueprint for parents and teachers in planning, encouraging and setting goals with children regarding school involvement and achievement;
- To reaffirm the importance of being responsible, well-rounded individuals and establish a definition of what that is; and
- To provide a form of recognition for students who have met the criteria for the award.

Overview

The BLOCK FW Award is available to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and is awarded at the end of the school year. The criteria for earning this award reflect a broad base of participation, achievement, and service. In order to earn the award, a student must complete a minimum number of items in the following categories (for both the 1st and 2nd semester):

- **Mind** – Scholarship
- **Mind** – Co-Curricular
- **Body** – Athletics/Fitness
- **Spirit** – Student Leadership/Community Service

It is our hope that all students will actively pursue this award, making it a part of their planning for their total school experience. Whether or not the student actually receives the award, striving for it will enrich and enhance his/her educational foundation.

In the sections that follow, specific guidelines and requirements governing the earning of checks in each category are discussed. We encourage parents to work closely with students in planning and setting goals.

****In order for a student to earn the Block FW Award, requirements must be met for both the FIRST and SECOND semesters.***

MIND

Activities and requirements in this category have to do with intellectual and artistic development. The two components in this category are SCHOLARSHIP and CO-CURRICULAR.

SCHOLARSHIP

HONOR ROLL

- Students may earn a check each quarter for earning an honor roll award.
 - Principal's Honor Roll (GPA = 4.00)
 - High Honor Roll (GPA = 3.50 – 3.99)
 - Honor Roll (GPA = 3.00 – 3.49)
 - No Ds, Fs, or Ns on report card

GRADE IMPROVEMENT

- Students may earn a check in quarters 2, 3, and/or 4 for grade improvement. This is determined by comparing the latest report card grades with those of the most recent past quarter of the current school year. Students may earn a check if either of these criteria are met:
 - Improvement of at least one whole grade in at least one subject area, **no decrease** in any grades, and no Ns.
 - Progress of at least one level in honor roll status with **no decrease** in grades and no Ns.

PATRIOT READER

- Students may earn a check at the end of the 1st and 2nd semesters for achieving the Patriot Reader goal for their grade level. The Patriot Reader requirement for a check at the end of the 1st semester is to have completed half of the total points required by your grade level. To earn the 2nd semester check you need to have your grade level's total AR points for the year.

G.A.T.E. PARTICIPATION

- Students may earn a check each semester for participation in the Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) program. Your child will be contacted if they qualify.

CO-CURRICULAR

SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT COMPLETED

- 4th and 6th grade students ONLY may earn a check in the first semester for completing a Science Fair project in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor.

COUNTY/STATE SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPATION

- Students may earn an additional check in the second semester for participation in the County or State Science Fair competition.

HISTORY DAY PROJECT COMPLETED

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check each semester for participating and completing a History Day project in accordance with the guidelines provided by the advisor.

COUNTY HISTORY DAY PARTICIPATION-

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn an additional check in the second semester for participation in the County History Day competition.

ORAL INTERPRETATION

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check in the second semester for participating in all practices and the competition and completion of performance.

RECORDER BLACK BELT

- 4th grade students ONLY may earn a check in the second semester for achieving their recorder black belt.

BAND/ORCHESTRA

- 5th and 6th grade students ONLY may earn a check each semester for earning an "O" (Outstanding) on their instrumental music (band and/or orchestra) report card. Students must follow the guidelines set by the instructor regarding participation in performances/concerts, practices, and classroom behavior. Guidelines for participation have been set by the "Code of Participation" included at the end of this handbook.

CONCERT CHOIR

- 5th and 6th grade students ONLY may earn a check each semester for earning an "O" (Outstanding) on their choir report card. Students must follow the guidelines set by the instructor regarding participation in performances/concerts, practices, and classroom behavior. Guidelines for participation have been set by the "Code of Participation" included at the end of this handbook.

DRAMA

- 5th and 6th grade students **ONLY** may earn a check in the second semester for participating in the school drama production.

MATH CLUB

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check in the second semester for participating in all practices and the competition.

ESSAY CONTEST

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check each semester in Quarters 1,2, and 3 for participation in any (or all) of the several essay contests offered throughout the semester. Participation in this context means submitting a completed essay by the student which follows contest rules into competition.

POSTER CONTEST

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check semester in Quarters 1,2, and 3 for participation in any (or all) of the several poster contests offered throughout the semester. Participation in this context means submitting a completed poster by the student which is acceptable to the teacher for entry into competition.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- Additional checks may be awarded to students who participate in a school academic team not listed. This would be a pre approved check discussed at the beginning of the semester.

BODY – ATHLETICS/FITNESS

Activities and requirements in this category have to do with physical development (i.e. physical fitness and athletics.)

SPORTS, PEP, AND CHEER

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check for every sport that they participate in for the entire season. Guidelines for participation have been set by the “Code of Participation” included at the end of this handbook.

HEALTHY FITNESS ZONE IN ALL AREAS OF THE PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

- Students may earn a check each semester for performing in the Healthy Fitness Zone in all five areas of the Physical Fitness Test.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST

- Students may earn an additional check each semester for performing in the 85th percentile in running and pull-ups, and in the healthy fitness zones in all of the three other areas of the Physical Fitness Test.

TEAM MANAGER

- Students assigned to manage an athletic team may earn a check. Eligibility to become a manager is based on the grade level participation for that sport. See administration, not coaches to apply.

DISTRICT QUALIFIER

- Students may earn an additional check if they qualify to participate in a district level competition.

SPIRIT - STUDENT LEADERSHIP/

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Activities and requirements in this category have to do with character development. They are designed to provide opportunities for the development of such character attributes as concern for and service to others, active citizenship, civic mindedness, cooperation, responsibility, and dedication.

RUN FOR STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check for RUNNING for a study body office.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn an additional check for being elected as a Student Body Officer and serving for the full semester in accordance with the "Code of Participation" included at the end of this handbook. Note: Students may serve only one term per year as an officer on the Council. Students will be required to attend evening school events.

FORT FRIENDS

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check each semester for training and serving as a certified peer mediator, "Fort Friend." The teacher recommends students.

MEDIA MONITOR

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check each semester for serving as a Media Monitor. Media Monitors must apply for the position and be selected by Mrs. Petrissans.

CAFETERIA HELPER

- Students may earn a check each semester for assisting in the cafeteria at least five (5) times during the course of the semester.

SCHOOL SERVICE

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check each semester for providing a service to the school. There are an unlimited number of services that a student may elect to perform for the school. For example, students may assist in the Library Media Center, participate in campus cleanup activities, assist the custodian, or otherwise provide a service to the school and its student body.
- The service must be agreed upon between the individual student and an adult on campus. The student should ask to meet with the supervising adult to establish individual guidelines for their particular service.

- The service must constitute a minimum of one (1) day a week per semester. There are approximately 18 weeks per semester.

PEER TUTOR

- Students may earn a check each semester for being a peer tutor. Peer tutoring entails students providing help to other students. Students may be involved in working with another student in his/her classroom or a student in another classroom.
- Cross age tutoring assignments will be specific in nature, controlled, and coordinated by the teacher and/or teachers.
- Peer tutors must work with another student a minimum of ten (10) times during the semester.
- Peer tutoring does not include classroom book buddies.

MAC & KIDS

- Students in grades 4-6 may earn a check each semester for attending at least two (2) sessions of the MAC & KIDS Club.

COMMUNITY SERVICE/INVOLVEMENT

- Students may earn a check for performing at least four (4) hours of community service each semester. Verification of community service must be recorded on the "Community Service Verification Form."
- Examples of community service include Boy/Girl Scouts, Indian Guides/Princesses, Good News Club, church sponsored activities, visits to retirement homes, or other activities serving charitable and/or non-profit organizations.

EFFORT & CITIZENSHIP

- Students may earn a check each quarter for earning all "outstanding" effort marks on their quarterly report card.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

- Students may earn a check in each quarter that they have no absences.

PROCEDURES FOR BLOCK FW CERTIFICATION

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Student will complete the Block FW application each semester.
2. Student will check off the activities/items they have earned.
3. Student will complete and return the "Community Service Verification Form" if applicable.
4. Student will obtain initials from advisors/coaches where required.
5. Student will turn his/her completed form(s) to their classroom teacher by a specified date.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Teacher will review the completed form with the student.
2. Teacher will verify activities/items and initial the form.
3. Teacher will submit completed forms to the Block FW advisor.

CODE OF PARTICIPATION

Co-curricular activities are a vital part of our total school program. In addition to providing a variety of exploratory and enriching learning experiences for students, they are important also in building character and shaping attitudes. When students elect to participate in a co-curricular program (e.g., choir, sports, etc.), they must recognize that they have assumed certain responsibilities and obligations to the coach or advisor, to the other members of the activity, and certainly to themselves. The school allocates considerable resources in terms of time, money, energy, and personnel in an effort to provide quality co-curricular programs for our students. In turn, we encourage students to participate and expect quality participation from those who do take part in the activities.

Our major co-curricular programs have "participation contracts" stating what is expected of the participant. Students agree to the stipulations upon joining an activity. In essence, the terms of these "contracts" reflect the following CODE OF PARTICIPATION.

1. The participant will maintain a satisfactory level of scholarship ("C" average, with no "F"s) and demonstrate satisfactory behavior and citizenship.
2. The participant is expected to abide by the practice, meeting, or rehearsal schedule established for the activity. Certain absences or tardies may, of course, be excused as with classroom attendance. However, the participant has the OBLIGATION to clear these with the coach or teacher in charge of the activity. Failure to do so is grounds for disciplinary measures as in the case of tardiness or truancy from the classroom.
3. The student is expected to participate in the activity in a positive manner. That is, the student is to show proper conduct, strive to learn and grow in his/her abilities or skills, and contribute to the group effort to the best of his/her ability.
4. The participant is expected to respect and properly care for all property and/or equipment issued in conjunction with the activity. This is especially pertinent to members of athletic teams who are issued uniforms. Team uniforms are the property of the school. They are expensive and difficult to replace. Students who NEGLIGENTLY lose or cause UNDUE damage to such school property will be charged for its replacement.

5. The participant will not arbitrarily or unilaterally quit an activity. Normally, there is a one-week "grace" period during which the student may join an activity and decide if he/she wishes to continue. A student may drop the activity during that time with no conditions. After that time, the student may drop the activity only after consultation between the parent and the coach/advisor and a conference between the student, coach/advisor, and the principal. In the case of athletic teams, a student who drops a sport after the grace period may not join another team during the same season. Note, however, that if a student joins, say, the football team and drops DURING the grace period, he/she may join the cross-country team.

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Community Service Involvement
Verification Form



Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

Semester (circle one) : First Second

Dear Advisor,

The above named student is working to earn the Block FW award. This is the highest award a student may earn at Fort Washington Elementary School. In pursuing this award a student may earn credit for performing at least four hours of community service per semester. Examples of community service include Boy/Girl Scouts, Indian Guides/Princesses, Good News Club, church sponsored activities, visits to retirement homes, or other activities serving charitable and/or non-profit organizations.

This student is asking to receive credit for the following community service activity (to be completed by student):

By signing this form you are certifying that the student has successfully completed at least **four** hours of community service during the noted semester and will be awarded **1 point** toward the Fort Washington Block FW Award for this current semester.

Community Service Advisor: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

***This form needs to be turned in and approved by your teacher or Block FW Advisor when you turn in your Block FW sign off sheet. You may staple and attach this to your other form.

Approved by teacher/ Block FW Advisor

Fort Washington Elementary School
Block FW Award
2023-2024
First Semester Application

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

General Rules:

1. Student must have completed the season or activity or be a member in good standing to check an activity.
2. Student must complete the correct number of items in each area to be eligible for this award.
3. Student's teacher will verify this application form for accuracy prior to submission.
4. Where required, the advisor/coach's initials must be present.
5. A student who has two referrals to the office for an offense requiring disciplinary action is not eligible for the Block FW award.

Mind - Scholarship: (Need 3 items per semester)

- Principal's Honor Qtr. 1
- Principal's Honor Qtr. 2
- High Honor Roll Qtr. 1
- High Honor Roll Qtr. 2
- Honor Roll Qtr. 1
- Honor Roll Qtr. 2
- Grade Improvement Qtr. 2
- Essay Contest Qtr. 1 or 2
- Patriot Reader Qtr. 2 (need 1/2 of total pts. to get check)
- G.A.T.E. Participation _____

Body - Athletics/Fitness: (Need 2 items per semester for 5th/6th graders, 1 item per semester for 4th graders)

- Football _____
- Girls Volleyball _____
- Cross Country _____
- Wrestling _____
- Basketball _____
- Pep and Cheer (4th-6th grade) _____
- Superintendent's Award PFT
- Healthy Fitness Zone in all areas of PFT
- Team Manager _____
- District Qualifier _____

Mind - Co-Curricular: (Need 2 items per semester for 5th and 6th graders, 1 item 1st semester for 4th graders)

- Band/Orchestra _____
- Concert Choir _____
- History Day _____
- Science Fair projects advancing to CW _____
- Science Fair 4th and 6th graders _____
- Poster Contest Qtr. 1 or 2
- Special Consideration (must be pre approved) _____

Spirit - Student Leadership/Community Service:

- (Need 4 items per semester)
- Run for Student Council Office
 - Student Council Officer _____
 - Fort Friends _____
 - Media Monitor _____
 - Cafeteria Helper (min. 5 times/semester)
 - School Service (1 day/week min.) _____
 - Peer Tutor (min. 10 times/semester) _____
 - MAC & KIDS (attend min. 2 sessions) _____
 - Community Serv./Involvement-4 hrs. per semester(attach verification form)
 - Effort & Citizenship - All Outstanding - Qtr. 1
 - Effort & Citizenship - All Outstanding - Qtr. 2
 - Perfect Attendance Qtr. 1
 - Perfect Attendance Qtr. 2



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<u>Totals per semester</u>	<u># Checks</u>
Mind (5 th /6 th -5; 4 th -4)	_____
Body/Fitness (5 th /6 th - 2; 4 th - 1)	_____
Spirit (4)	_____
Student has met Block FW standards	Yes No
Due to teacher by January 19th	
Teacher's Initials: _____	

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2023-2024
Second Semester Application

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room #: _____

General Rules:

1. Student must have completed the season or activity or be a member in good standing to check an activity.
2. Student must complete the correct number of items in each area to be eligible for this award.
3. Student's teacher will verify this application form for accuracy prior to submission.
4. Where required, the advisor/coach's initials must be present.
5. A student who has two referrals to the office for an offense requiring disciplinary action is not eligible for the Block FW award.

Mind - Scholarship: (Need 3 items for 2nd semester)

- Principal's Honor Qtr. 3
- Principal's Honor Qtr. 4
- High Honor Roll Qtr. 3
- High Honor Roll Qtr. 4
- Honor Roll Qtr. 3
- Honor Roll Qtr. 4
- Grade Improvement Qtr. 3
- Grade Improvement Qtr. 4
- Essay Contest Qtr. 3
- Patriot Reader Qtr. 4
- G.A.T.E. Participation _____

Body - Athletics/Fitness: (Need 2 items for 2nd semester for 5th and 6th graders, 1 item for 2nd semester for 4th graders)

- Baseball/Softball _____
- Boys Volleyball _____
- Track _____
- Pep and Cheer (4th-6th grade) _____
- Superintendent's Award PFT
- Healthy Fitness Zone in all areas of PFT
- Team Manager _____
- District Qualifier _____

Mind - Co-Curricular: (Need 2 items for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders during 2nd semester)

- County/State Science Fair Participation _____
- History Day Project Completed _____
- County History Day Participation _____
- Drama _____
- Oral Interpretation Group or Individual _____
- Recorder Black Belt _____
- Band/Orchestra _____
- Concert Choir _____
- Math Club _____
- Poster Contest Qtr. 3
- Special Consideration (must be pre-approved) _____

Spirit - Student Leadership/Community Service:

- (Need 4 items for 2nd semester)
- Run for Student Council Office
 - Student Council Officer _____
 - Fort Friends _____
 - Media Monitor _____
 - School Service (1 day/week min.) _____
 - Peer Tutor (10 times/semester min.) _____
 - MAC & KIDS (attend 2 sessions min.) _____
 - Community Serv./Involvement 4 hrs. per semester (attach verification form)
 - Effort & Citizenship - All Outstanding - Qtr. 3
 - Effort & Citizenship - All Outstanding - Qtr. 4



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<u>Totals per semester</u>	<u># Checks</u>
Mind (5)	_____
Body/Fitness (5 th /6 th - 2; 4 th - 1)	_____
Spirit (4)	_____
<u>Due to teacher by May 17, 2024</u>	
Student has met Block FW standards	Yes No
Student needs plaque	Yes No
Teacher's Initials: _____	