



Blueberry Bulletin

June 26, 2020

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Dates to Remember:

June 26th - Report Cards go live in Powerschool-9:00 am	August 31st - First Day of School for Students for 2020-21
August 24th - Office Opens for 2020-21 School Year	

Message from Administration



Dear Families,

The 2019 2020 school year has been a year filled with many challenges and opportunities. We want to extend our deepest gratitude for your support and patience as we entered into the world of remote learning due to COVID 19. Our learning curve was steep as we tried to adjust to providing quality instruction online. We appreciate all of your hard work in helping your child(ren) attend GMEETS on time and providing additional home support with the learning. We look forward to responding as a community when we receive direction from Minister LaGrange regarding what school will look like for 2020 2021.

We would like to extend a big thank you to our staff. They have worked incredibly hard this year and they continued to rally and lean on each other as we adjusted to remote learning. We have some staffing changes for 2020 2021. Mrs. Strachan will be moving to Connections for Learning. We wish her all the best as she journeys into teaching in the junior high world. Mr. Schellenberg will also not be with Blueberry staff for 2020 2021 as he will be working in a different field than education. We have some retiring staff members all who have been at Blueberry for many many years. Mrs. Dorby, Mr. Ewasiuk and Mrs. Cust are all retiring from Blueberry School. The Blueberry community will be forever changed and impacted by these incredibly dedicated professionals. We will miss all of them and invite them to visit often and fill us in on their adventures.

We want to encourage your feedback at any time. Have a wonderful summer with friends and family. Best of luck to our Grade 9 students and our families leaving Blueberry. We look forward to when we can have a face to face gathering in the fall where we can more formally celebrate our Grade 9 students. More information to follow as we receive direction from AHS.

Please take care of each other and find time to connect with family and friends.

Michelle Visscher
Vice Principal of Blueberry School

Sheryl Bridgeman
Principal of Blueberry School



Celebrating Blueberry



Our Changemakers Club made some bracelets this year to raise money for charity. This year they gave to the Bissell Centre - Donation presented from Cst. Poirier. Way to go Changemakers!

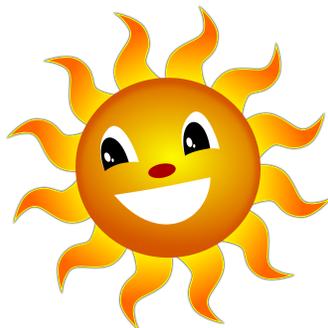


Coronavirus Updates From Alberta Health Services and Parkland School Division



All families are encouraged to stay updated on the latest information about coronavirus from [Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services](#) and the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#). As well the Parkland School Division will post any updates as they become available on information pertaining to our schools. [Parkland School Division](#)

As we work together to weather this outbreak, we ask that everyone embody values of patience, flexibility and support. Please take care of yourselves and one another.





Online Registration/Verification for 2020-2021

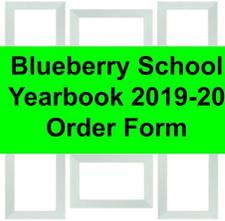
Online registration and verification for the 2020-2021 school year opened February 3. This process must be completed for every student each school year.

All parents and guardians are required to complete the registration process. The deadline was March 20, 2020. This deadline allows the Transportation Department to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating. **Because bus routes are already being set and some buses are nearing full capacity, it is imperative that registrations are completed as soon as possible.** Any applications received after the March 20 deadline may not be processed in time for the first day of school.

Remember: **If your child does not have a valid bus pass for the 2020-2021 school year, they will not be able to ride the bus.**

For more information, including the registration process for new students and a list of important registration dates and deadlines, please visit www.psd70.ab.ca/Registration.php.

Are you moving and not returning to Blueberry School next year? Please either email or call the school so that we can plan accordingly for next year. As well, tell new neighbors to contact us.



**Blueberry School
Yearbook 2019-20
Order Form**

Since there is no Class Picture this year, we want to remind you that we are now taking orders for the 2019-2020 Blueberry School yearbook. Your whole class composite photos will be in there! You can find the order form under your child's tab in Powerschool, under Fees - New Items. Payment isn't due until October 15, 2020 but you can pre-order now. The yearbook will be completed in the fall of 2020. When completed, the yearbook will be sent home with your child. If you do not have a child enrolled in Blueberry, you will be contacted to make other arrangements. Orders and payment will be accepted until October 15, 2020. 2019-20 Yearbooks are \$20 each.

Extra 2018-19 Yearbooks available to purchase

There are extra copies of the 2018-19 yearbook still available. If you'd like a copy, please contact Wendy at wcust@psd70.ab.ca or 780-963-3625. They're \$20 each.



School Fees Update

School fees that needed to be adjusted because of the closure of the school due to COVID 19 have now been credited to your child's powerschool account. Credits from adjusted fees will be applied against outstanding balances first and the remainder will appear as a credit within the student account. You can leave the credits on the accounts to be automatically applied against the 2020-21 fees, including Transportation. Division Office is applying any credits towards transportation fees now, and should hopefully have them all done shortly. **If you have any questions or concerns, please call Wendy in the school office until June 29th @ 780-963-3625 or email wcust@psd70.ab.ca, or Cindy Pittman at Division office after that, at cpittman@psd70.ab.ca.**

2020-2021 transportation fees, if applicable, will be posted to Parent PowerSchool accounts at the end of May. Payment arrangements must be received through Parkland School Division's online payment system (Parent PowerSchool)) or in the Parkland School Division Office on or before Friday, June 26, 2020 to be guaranteed bussing for the first day of school. Bus passes will be mailed out to parents in the summer.

2020-2021 school fees will be posted to student accounts starting in September of the new school year. Credits will automatically be applied against students' new fees.

Not Returning?

PSD Students - If a student is not planning on returning to Parkland School Division, please contact your school about refund options.

Non-PSD Students - (From any one of the other partner school divisions or area private schools in the regional transportation system) If a student does not plan on utilizing bus service in 2020-2021, please contact Transportation Services at transportation@psd70.ab.ca for refund options.

School Supply Lists 2020-21 and Online Supply Ordering

(updated June 22/20 with hand sanitizer added)

We are offering parents the opportunity to purchase school supplies through School Start for the upcoming school year. This online service is not mandatory, but promises to save you both time and money if you choose to use it.

Please download the supply list for your child's grade (see below) and use it when you shop.

How to Place a School Start Order

To order from School Start, you can download and print out an order form to complete and mail with payment. You can also phone in your order at 1-800-580-1868, or place your order online at www.schoolstart.ca until **October 1, 2020** (a \$5 late fee will be applied after **August 15, 2020**). Visa, Mastercard, and PayPal are accepted. Place an order online in June and you will be entered for a chance to win \$1000 in groceries!

The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your home. For complete information on the ordering process, please view the [School Start Parent Letter](#).

For more information contact:

School Start

Phone: 1-800-580-1868

Fax: 1-800-580-1890

Email: info@schoolstart.ca

2020-2021 School Supply Lists

- [Kindergarten Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 1 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 2 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 3 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 4 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 5 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 6 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 7 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)
 - [Grade 8 & 9 Supply List / School Start Order Form](#)

Music supply packages and alto and soprano recorders for Grades 1-6 will be available for purchase through your child's PowerSchool account, listed under "New Items". Please place a separate order for each child.

About the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Initiative

PSD schools are committed to enhance student learning through the BYOD Initiative. We hope to encourage an environment where each student has his or her own mobile device to use both at school and at home.

The BYOD Initiative is entirely optional, and students are **not required** to bring their own devices to use at school.

Purchasing Devices

Parents and students can make their own decision as to which device to purchase for BYOD. We do recommend that all BYOD devices meet the following criteria:

- Internet connectivity (through Wi-Fi or other)
- 6 Hour Battery Life
- Ability to connect to Google Apps For Education
- A Keyboard – integrated, Bluetooth or touch screen
- Word processing capability (more than 1 paragraph)
- Ability to integrate images, video and sound

Parkland School Division has partnered with a selection of businesses to aid with BYOD purchases. Visit the **Technology For Learning** page to access these offers and learn more about BYOD.

For more information contact:

Blueberry School

Phone: 780-963-3625

Email: Blueberry@psd70.ab.ca

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



You can still continue to support your school with our efforts to work towards replacing the old wooden playground. Since many stores are closed, you can still shop online. **Don't forget to do your online shopping through this link and earn money back for the school.** Every little bit helps.

<https://www.flipgive.com/f/429820>

Keep connected with us on Facebook @BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee
or my email- blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Amanda Adams

-your Fundraising Committee Chair



Summer School @ CFL

Parkland School Division offers Summer School for current and incoming high school students at **Connections For Learning**. Students over age 18 are also welcome to register.

Summer School is not only a convenient way to upgrade your marks - it's also a great opportunity to get a head start on the new school year, freeing up your future schedule for courses you didn't think you'd have time to take.

Registration for Summer School opens Monday, March 30, 2020, and will close on Monday, June 29, 2020. Please view CFL's [Summer School Registration & Fees](#) page for more information and to register.

For a detailed list of the courses on offer and their prerequisites, check out CFL's [Summer School Courses](#) page.

Locations

The majority of summer school courses will be taught at Connections for Learning, with additional courses on offer at Spruce Grove Composite High School.

Connections For Learning

4300-43 Street
Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1J4

Spruce Grove Composite High School

1000 Calahoo Road
Spruce Grove, AB T7X 2T7

Dates & Times

Summer School 2020 will run from **Tuesday, June 30 until Friday, July 17** using the following schedule:

Monday-Friday: **8:30am-3:15pm**

Saturdays: **8:30am-Noon**

No classes will be held on Sundays or on statutory holidays (i.e. Canada Day - Wednesday, July 1). Please see the Connections For Learning [school calendar](#) for specific Summer School dates.

All Summer School courses must be completed by **Friday, July 17** - this is also the last day to write final exams.

Important to Note:

- Every day of Summer School instruction is the equivalent to one week of a high school semester program.
- Full attendance is required for classroom courses and no provisions will be made for late starts or early releases.
- Students must be in attendance on the final day of class to write their final exam.
- **No 30-Level Diploma courses will be offered at CFL Summer School for 2020.** Students interested in 30-Level Diploma courses are advised to check out [Alberta Distance Learning Courses](#) or [Edmonton Public School Summer School](#).
- CFL reserves the right to cancel any class for which the minimum enrollment is NOT reached.

For more information contact:

James Coghill
Assistant Principal, Connections For Learning
Phone: 780-963-0507
Email: cfl@psd70.ab.ca

Parkland School Division Stronger Together Family Supports Newsletters

[Stronger Together Newsletter - June 18, 2020](#)

[Stronger Together Newsletter - June 11, 2020](#)

[Stronger Together Newsletter - June 25, 2020](#)

Due to the COVID pandemic, APFA and Parkland County will not be offering an in person summer camp program this summer. Rather we are excited to announce that we will be doing a Family Wellness Kit – essentially a at home summer camp for families.

This program is *free* to residents of Parkland County.

Carilyn Bjarnason | Community Development Coordinator | Parkland County | 53109A HWY 779, Parkland County, Alberta T7Z 1R1

Office: 780-968-8342 | carilyn.bjarnason@parklandcounty.com | www.parklandcounty.com

Family Wellness Kit

summer camp in a box

For Parkland County Residents

- to build family connections
- improve physical activity
- support mental wellness
- create learning opportunities

Custom Designed to Your Family

- reuseable activities
- special tasty surprises
- opportunities for connection
- lots of good old fashioned FUN!

There's more!

- follow apfa's YouTube channel for ideas and activities
- join us in person throughout the summer at various locations in the County

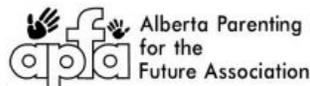
Order your kit through Eventbrite

- available in July and August
- Ordering will begin June 29
- limited quantities
- convenient pick up options

Questions?

- call apfa at 780-963-0549
- receive notifications by text message or e-mail
- proof of address will be required

\$ Free





Reading fun for kids, from
Canada's public libraries
tdsummerreadingclub.ca

It is that time of year again when we here at the Spruce Grove Public Library, want to promote reading over the summer break with our exciting [Summer Reading Club](#). Yes, that's right, despite the changes COVID-19 has brought about to our daily lives the Summer Reading Club 2020 will be going ahead (with a few changes). We want to help keep children continually engaged in reading and learning and feel participation in the Summer Reading Club is a great way for this to happen.

The TD Summer Reading Club (TD SRC) is the biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages. The TD SRC is an inclusive program, that strives to engage all children in the joy of reading, while also championing Canadian writers and illustrators. The program helps to connect families with books and to build confidence in reading.

Spruce Grove Public Library will be launching the TD SRC on Wednesday 2 July, with summer programming running 2 July – 15 August. We have a great line-up of virtual and outside programs, and interactive take-home activities in store for you, including the ever-popular Youth Virtual Writing Camp.

Like in past years, kids can register online at tdsummerreadingclub.ca to access free eBooks, read a web comic and share book recommendations, jokes, silly stories and more with children across the country. Participants can also vote for their favourite summer read as two books go head-to-head each week as part of the new Battle of the Books feature. Also new this year, the Club will be offering 28 author/illustrator online readings and workshops.

Register for the TD Summer Reading Club at tdsummerreadingclub.ca and start recording your reading progress to be entered for prizes!

We hope you'll help us spread the word about the Club. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Happy reading this summer!

Sarah Goetz
Children & Youth Services Librarian

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PH: 780-962-4423 ext. 213
Fax: 780-962-4826

Virtual Summer Camps!



Virtual Summer Camps Powered by TELUS!

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton, TELUS Spark and TELUS have joined forces to offer Virtual Summer Camps powered by TELUS.

Virtual Summer Camps powered by TELUS cover a range of topics including Nature, Coding for Video

Games, Space, Building & Design and more. Camps are for ages 6-14 and are comprised of 1.5-2 hours of live instruction and numerous activities including design challenges, access to exclusive video content, virtual expert visits and more.

Registrations are now open for camps running between July 6 and August 28.

Visit www.twose.ca/virtualcamps to register today!

<https://telusworldofscienceedmonton.ca/visit/camps/virtual-science-camps/>

All you need, for these week-long camps, is a device (desktop, laptop, tablet) with an internet connection and your child can participate in our small group sessions where they can have fun while exploring and experiencing animals, nature, space, science and so much more!

Enjoy daily camp content and activities for 4-6 hours per day, including virtual group instruction time with our expert camp instructors.

Stony Plain Public Library News

Hello families, teachers, and friends of the Stony Plain community,

We are pleased to present to you an opportunity to promote reading, learning, and fun for our students throughout the summer.

The TD summer reading club site is now open for registration. Sign up now at

www.TDsummerreadingclub.ca and find out what exciting opportunities they have in store for the

summer. Go to www.mysppl.ca and play BINGO to earn prizes. **Free family craft kits and prizes will be made available every Monday between 10:00am-noon at the Stony Plain Public Library starting on July 13th.**

Curbside pick up ONLY.

There is a limited supply, so come early.

I have attached our newsletter with details including special events, and opportunities around town.

Tag us on facebook and share the fun with everyone!

And..don't forget to have your students sign up now at www.TDSRC.ca and read all summer! It's fun and free!

Get excited! Every Tuesday (and some Fridays), we'll be featuring exclusive new stories and songs performed by some of your favourite Alberta authors, musicians, athletes, and more. Please don't forget to use the #absrc2020 hashtag!

Please direct any questions that you might have to myself at lauram@mysppl.ca.

Happy Reading and have a wonderful summer!

Laura McGillis

Children's Programmer

**Stony Plain Public Library
780-963-5440**

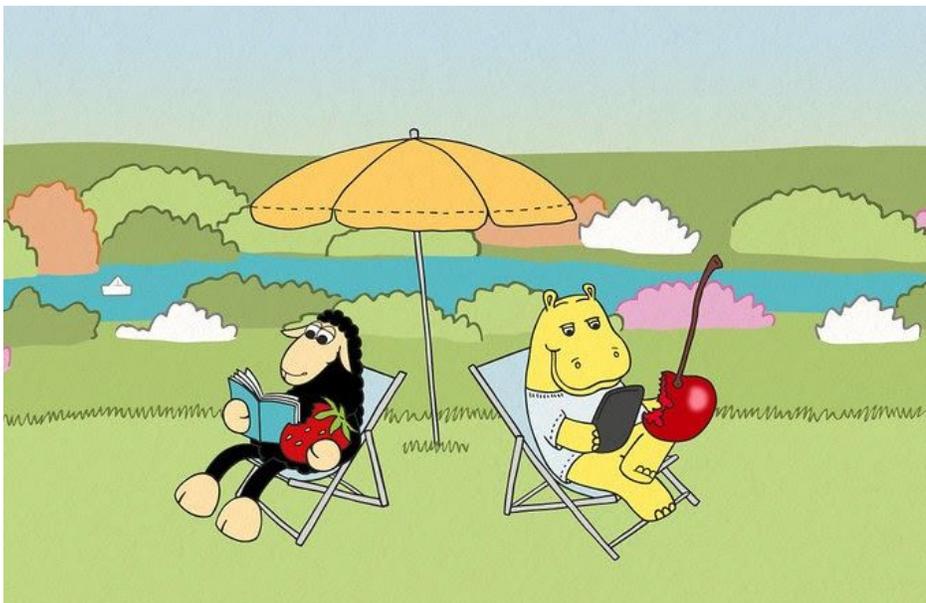
Twitter: @stonyplainlib

Instagram: @stonyplainlibrary

Website: mysppl.ca

Mondays and Tuesdays

We wish to acknowledge that Stony Plain Library is on Treaty 6 land.





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info@mysppl.ca
T:780-963-5440 F:780-963-1746
Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm
Closed Statutory Holidays

Join Us in Our Summer Reading Game!

Registration Begins June 15th, 2020

www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca

FREE to Join!

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Happy reading this summer!

PLAY Bingo with us!!

Print off a bingo card of your own at

mysppl.ca

Complete a line, take a picture or video of what you did or of the bingo card and tell us about it at info@mysppl.ca for a prize. One prize will be distributed per completed line. Prize distribution will be on Monday's only between 10-noon, July 13-August 17th. At the library, curbside only. Bring the completed Bingo card to us and get a bonus prize. We are in competition with the Spruce Grove library to see who can read the most over the summer, so complete as many BINGO cards as you would like! There is no limit!!

Have fun!!



BINGO

TD SUMMER READING CLUB AND THE STONY PLAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

<p>Read under a tree!</p>	<p>Read to a relative online</p>	<p>Register for a Special Event at mysppl.ca</p>	<p>Write a COMIX story about your favorite summer holiday. Ideas found on TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Sign up for the TD Summer Reading Club online TDSRC.ca TD Summer Reading Club 2020</p>
<p>Listen to an Audio Book or a book on TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Create your own COMIX recipe and try it on your family.</p>	<p>Video yourself reading in another language or singing a song. Make it COMIX! Choose a book from TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Make your own COMIX BOOK</p>	<p>Write an Acrostic poem using the letters of your name. Reliable, a healthy happy, all the time Young, with dreams Special, from the start</p>
<p>Write a letter to a friend or email or mail it!</p>	<p>Read a magazine to a friend!</p>	<p>Free Space</p>	<p>Complete the Scavenger hunt found at TDSRC.ca or make your own.</p>	<p>Make your own Memory Game or use the one found at TDSRC.ca</p>
<p>Do a crossword or wordsearch! Have a race with your family. Who can finish first? TDSRC.ca has great puzzles.</p>	<p>Learn how to play a game from another country and play it! Make your own or use the one found at TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Make up a groovy action rhyme or song and get moving! Fun ideas at TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Learn the basics of coding and make a paper CODING MAZE ideas found at TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Read to a pet or stuffed toy</p>
<p>Read under the STARS!</p>	<p>Pick a new favourite book from a series. Read the series or have someone read it to you. Good reads found at TDSRC.ca</p>	<p>Make pancake letters with a grown-up and spell words. TASTY</p>	<p>Create a new and unique family game. Have your family play. Make it fun!</p>	<p>Make letters out of playdough and spell your best friend's name. LAURA</p>



SUMMER EVENTS



Weekly Events!

Every Monday, between 10am-noon ONLY starting July 13th and ending on August 17th pick up a kit with game and craft supplies at the library, curbside pick-up ONLY. There is a limited supply and each kit supports the online TDSRC Summer Reading Program. We will also post a video weekly at mysppl.ca to help you make the craft or play the game in the kit. If you do not get a kit from us because of limited supplies, no worries! Go to TDSCR.ca and they will have all of the information you need there to make a kit at home.

Also, you can go to mysppl.ca and sign up for two new online weekly events through the summer, every Friday starting July 17th.

Themes for the weeks:

Week 1: July 13	Catapult into Summer
Week 2 July 20	Monster Athletes
Week 3: July 27	Mini Games From Around the World
Week 4: August 3	Scavenger Hunting
Week 5: August 10	"Art" you having fun yet?
Week 6: August 17	Shake Your Sillies Out!

Community Events:



[Virtual Canada Day Celebration](#)

Celebrate Canada Day together!

[Summer Sessions](#)

Set up your blanket or lawn chair in your yard and enjoy this free music series featuring Canadian talent.



[The Stony Plain Youth Centre \(SPYC\)](#)

goes virtual to connect in spite of COVID-19! Follow on [Facebook](#).



Virtual Summer Camp for kids of all ages.

Visit [Microsoft](#) website for details

Weekly Virtual Events:



Dungeons and Dragons Online

Fridays July 10-August 14 2:00-3:00pm
Ages 9-12 Check the [website](#) for details

Meet on Zoom and Play 'KAHOOT'

Fridays July 10 – August 14 11:00-11:30am.
Test your knowledge about the Olympics and favourite games played from around the world!
Win prizes and have fun! Permission form and Registration required

Meet on Zoom

Fridays July 10- August 14 1:30-2:00pm
Read to our favourite senior residents at Westview Health Centre. Pick a favourite book and read online. Interactive and fun! All ages welcome to join in.
More information and register go to our [website](#).







