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## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION:

### Happy New Year Blueberry Community!

2020 was a year of many challenges and opportunities. We want to take this time to thank each of you for your ongoing support as we continue to try and provide the best learning for our students through these difficult times.

Our staff worked diligently to prepare virtual learning for the week of January 11th. We want to thank you for helping your child attend Google Meets on time and provide the support many of them require to learn virtually. We are very thankful for your time and willingness to troubleshoot technology challenges and navigate our way through this new reality.

**We are excited to welcome back all of our in-person learners to Blueberry on Monday, January 11th, especially our junior high students! [Here](#) is the Alberta Government update for January 7th, 2021 with a message from Premier Jason Kenney in regards to students returning to in-person learning.**

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**WELCOME  
BACK TO  
SCHOOL!**



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## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION: Message continued.

With the continuation of enhanced health measures determined by the Alberta Government, Parkland School Division has **enhanced** the **Mask Protocol** for students grades 4-9. We encourage you to view the **Mask Protocol** document but to summarize the enhancement:

- ALL staff and Grade 4-9 students will be asked to wear a mask whenever they cannot maintain minimal physical distancing from others in the school. This will include during class time unless students and staff can maintain a 2 m distance.
- In most instances at Blueberry school, this will result in students Grades 4 - 9 wearing masks while indoors with the exception of when eating in the classroom.

If individuals have travelled internationally, they are required to quarantine for 14 days UNLESS they have applied and have been accepted into the **International Border Testing Pilot Program** that is currently receiving travellers at the Calgary International Airport. Part of that program states that participants may not enter a school until they've received a negative test result from their SECOND test that is administered on the 6th or 7th day of quarantine. This information has been updated in **Parkland School Division School Staff and Students School Entry Protocol**.

Please continue to use the **Alberta Health COVID-19 Daily Checklist** to determine if your child should attend school, as we work together to keep each other healthy and safe.

Wishing you harmony and good health in the new year. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,  
Sheryl Bridgeman & Michelle Visscher



**REMINDER:  
STUDENTS SHOULD LEAVE  
AT HOME ITEMS SUCH AS:  
  
POKEMON CARDS, TOYS,  
BLANKETS, ETC. TO  
MAINTAIN SCHOOL  
CLEANLINESS.**

**IF THEY ARE BROUGHT TO  
SCHOOL THEY WILL BE  
STORED FOR PARENT  
PICKUP.**





## Student Absences

Thank you to all the parents who are either phoning in or e-mailing us with student absences.

As we continue to work to ensure the safety of all of our students at Blueberry School, it is imperative that we are aware when they are absent from school.

We ask that parents email their child's absence to [Blueberry.Absence@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:Blueberry.Absence@psd70.ab.ca)

**Please include your child's full name, homeroom and reason for the absence.**

If you do not have access to email please phone the school (780-963-3625) and leave a message on the Attendance voicemail (Option 1).



Pre-order  
2020/21  
Yearbook



2019/20  
Yearbook  
was sent  
home with  
students

## Zen Den is back!

Blueberry School is offering a program to support children experiencing difficulties with anxiety. Activities focus on anxiety reduction (e.g., relaxation exercises) and social skills development (e.g., role-playing positive communication skills). The activities and skills are taught in an engaging and developmentally appropriate manner. If you believe your child would benefit from this program please contact your homeroom teacher, Sheryl Bridgeman or Michelle Visscher for more information.



**POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL -  
IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE?**

It is important that we have the most current information on file and TWO Emergency Contacts.

Please take a few minutes to log into your [PowerSchool-Parent Portal](#) account and make any necessary changes under the Family Information tab. If there are changes to Guardianship/Custody, please contact the school office.

School fees can also be paid through Powerschool. If you have any questions about Powerschool or need help creating an account, please contact Tracy Davis in the school office at 780-963-3625.

**Time to Dress for  
the weather!**

As we move into winter and days get cooler students will need to be dressed appropriately in order to safely enjoy outdoor activities such as recess and physical education classes, as some of them take place outdoors.

A warm coat, mitts and a hat are musts to keep in the backpack at this time of year.

Please label your boots and any other articles.



*Picking up  
your child(ren)?*

*Please call the school upon  
arrival and give us 5 minutes to  
bring your  
child to the door  
to meet you!*

*Missing items?*

**Lost  
&  
Found**

**AHS - IMMUNIZATION**

All Immunization dates have been postponed until further notice. We will advise when we have dates.

Helpful tips for Pain Management click [here](#).

**School Fees**

See the [link](#) for the 2020-21 School Fee listing.

Please note that fees will be applied as the activities occur. If there are credits on the account, they will be applied to new charges.





## BLUEBERRY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

HELP US AS WE WORK TOWARDS BUILDING A NEW PLAYGROUND  
TO REPLACE THE OLD WOODEN STRUCTURE

### DON'T FORGET

FUNDRAISERS THAT RUN ALL YEAR



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label your kids school supplies, clothes, lunch  
containers and so much more...  
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[www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool](http://www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool)

*If you have questions email [blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com)*



# Alberta Health Services

Information for Families with Children in Isolation: Information for families with children in isolation is now available on this webpage:  
[ahs.ca/isolation](https://ahs.ca/isolation)

*Click the underlined text to link to the info!*

Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School – Translated versions. The AHS Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School and/or Childcare found at  
[ahs.ca/parentcovidguide](https://ahs.ca/parentcovidguide)



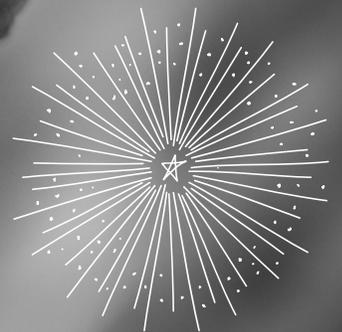
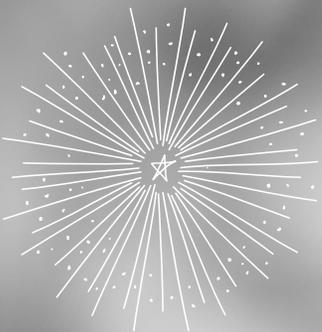
Monthly Newsletters for Families:  
The [AHS.ca/COVIDSchool](https://ahs.ca/COVIDSchool) webpage has been updated with the newsletters for families with Children & families with Teens.

***Check out information regarding free on-line programming for parents/caregivers of children and youth for January!***



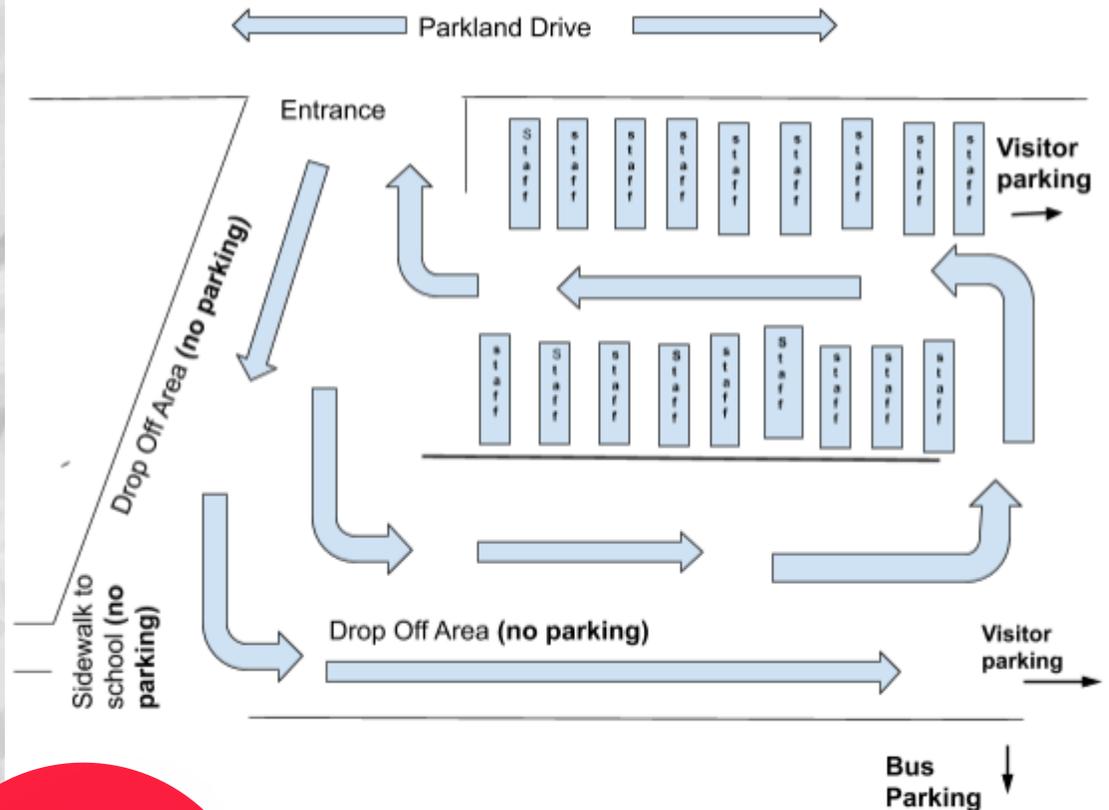
## **STRONG FAMILIES**

Take a few minutes to download the link in the email and read the Strong Families Series and check out the great upcoming free sessions and other free community activities for kids!



# PARKING & DROP OFF ZONE

## Parking Lot



When dropping off your children, please go around to the Drop Off Area (see above), and then continue around to the parking lot exit. Please **do not** make U-turns at the entrance after you drop your children off. Our front parking lot goes in a **one-way** direction.

If you are parking to come to the school with your children, please use the far west side of the front (south) parking lot to park after the designated staff parking spots. There is no parking in the drop-off area.

The back parking lot, where busses come in, is closed to vehicles while the busses are there (arrival/dismissal times).

**Thank you for making our parking lot a safe environment!**

*Thank you!  
Kiss n go  
is going great!*