



# Blueberry Bulletin

## May 29, 2020

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### Dates to Remember:

June 19th - Last day of "virtual" classes for students	June 26th - Report Cards go live in Powerschool-9:00 am
June 19th - Junior High Awards - GMEET for recipients - 12:00 pm	

### Message from Administration

We are going into week 12 of distance learning...what a journey this has been. We would like to do a big shout out to you parents for all of your efforts in supporting us in this new reality. Your feedback has been vital to help us reflect and adjust routines and systems to try and find the best possible ways to provide an excellent education through this uncharted virtual learning world. We miss you and we hope that you have enjoyed our efforts to connect with you and provide authentic synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities for your child(ren). In chatting with our staff this week we know that they are spending a lot of time connecting with their students and working hard around the clock to provide them with the academics they need, as well providing social opportunities and routines for our students. We would like to publicly thank our staff for all they have done to transition to this new way of learning. This too shall pass, and we look forward to that eventuality. We appreciate their collective hard work during a time when we know they would much rather see their students face-to-face!

We will be letting students and families know their homeroom teacher for 2020 2021 in late August. This information will be made available through Power School and we will send a message through School Messenger informing you when it is available.

Our survey to the Grade 9 students and parents had 70% in favor of waiting to celebrate the Grade 9 Farewell until it can be done together, face-to face. More information will be made available when Alberta Health Services guidelines permit such gatherings. Thanks to everyone who completed the survey.

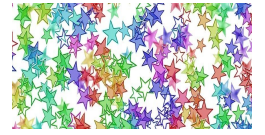
Please continue to reach out at any time to your homeroom teacher or to us as administrators. Your feedback matters to us. If you have any questions or feedback on how we can improve virtual learning or Blueberry School, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Michelle Visscher  
Vice Principal of Blueberry School

Sheryl Bridgeman  
Principal of Blueberry School



## Celebrating Blueberry



Congratulations to our Rural Crime Watch Poster Contest Winners!

Name	Grade	Provincial	Blueberry School
Lara Trimble	3	3rd	1st
Mattea McKee	3		2nd
Fergus Candy	3		3rd
Piper Tomm	3		4th
Auley Mae Williams	4	2nd	1st
Hadley Nelson	4		2nd
Ireland Reinhart	4		3rd
Vedha Gagne	4		4th
Cameron Aginas	5	3rd	1st
Austin Strachan	5		2nd
Addison Procter	5		3rd
Luke Rogatschnigg	5		4th
Keira Klashinsky	6		1st
Jillian Stockwell	6		2nd
Keeley Beaudry- Langevin	6		3rd
Maren Broadbent	6		4th
Brad Kwasnycia	9	2nd	1st
Wesley Kehler	9		2nd
Emily Nielsen	9		3rd
Mackenzie Hemeyer	9		4th

## 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](http://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.**

### Returning Blueberry School Materials

We are asking that any school materials (textbooks, library books) and chromebooks be returned the week of June 15th to June 19th, 2020. We will have a table labelled RETURNED MATERIALS outside the front door to place items. When dropping off a chromebook, please call the office at 780-963-3625 so that it can be retrieved from outside.

Should you wish to drop the materials off earlier than the week of June 15-19, the table will be available starting June 1st. You will have access to it from Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00pm. If these times do not work with your schedule, please contact the office to make other arrangements.

**Please note:** *Any materials including chromebooks that are not returned, or returned damaged, on or before June 22nd, will be issued a fine of the replacement cost on the students' PowerSchool account.*

**NEED A DESK?** We have some old desks and chairs we are giving away. If you are interested in one please email our Head Custodian, Laurie at: [lschwab@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:lschwab@psd70.ab.ca) or call the school and Mrs. Davis will put you in touch with her.



**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](mailto:wcust@psd70.ab.ca) or 780-963-3625. They're \$20 each.



## Blueberry School Junior High Awards GMEET - June 19th - starting at 12:00p.m. (link to follow)



- Due to limitations on GMEET sizes only award recipients and their parents will be invited to attend.
- An invitation with the link to the GMeet will be coming soon to the recipients and their parents.
- If you have any questions regarding the awards or criteria please call Mrs. Bridgeman (780 963 3625)

### Last Day for Students- Friday June 19th, 2020

The last day of "classes" for students in Parkland School Division will be Friday June 19th, 2020. This will be the last day teachers will be doing any online instruction, assigning work etc. This allows teachers to have the week of June 22-26 to finalize assessments, report cards, and other year end reporting. Please enjoy this time with your families!  
Please reach out if you have any questions on this.

## 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, which will be added at the end of May. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Wendy in the school office @ 780-963-3625 or email [wcust@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:wcust@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.

**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.

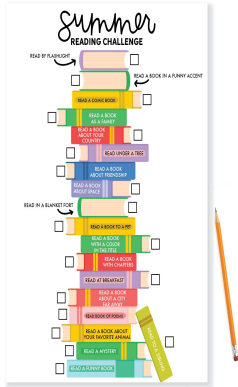
**Non-PSD Students** - (From any one of the other partner school divisions or area private schools in the regional transportation system) If a student does not plan on utilizing bus service in 2020-2021, please contact Transportation Services at [transportation@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:transportation@psd70.ab.ca)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



## From the Literacy Corner...

“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book”.

~Frank Serafini



Therefore, I challenge you to find the right book with your child this summer! How to do this? Why not enter Scholastic Canada’s Summer Read-a-Palooza? For 2020, Scholastic has changed things up with a brand new kids experience in Scholastic Home Base, a free digital destination which offers full books, live events, and games in a safe community for readers! Kids will be encouraged to track their reading streaks™ to earn rewards and unlock book donations, with the goal of donating 100,000 books by July!

Another option is to complete a Summer Bingo Card of Reading Activities. Both links

are below.

**The confidence that comes with feeling like a successful reader who has the freedom to read whatever they choose, cannot be underestimated!**

Read-a-Palooza:

<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>

Summer Reading Bingo:

[http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/images/programs/WEB\\_190346\\_SummerReading\\_bingo\\_2-18.pdf](http://www.scholastic.ca/bookfairs/images/programs/WEB_190346_SummerReading_bingo_2-18.pdf)

“You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read”!

~Cesar Chavez

Happy Summer Reading!

Ali White

Collaborative Teaching Partner (CTP) for Blueberry School

## 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.

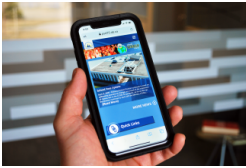
<https://www.flipgive.com/f/429820>

Keep connected with us on Facebook @BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee  
or my email- [blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com)

Amanda Adams

-your Fundraising Committee Chair

## Public WiFi Access



Monday, April 27, 2020 - Parkland School Division is pleased to offer residents of Parkland County, Spruce Grove and Stony Plain free access to WiFi during the COVID-19 pandemic. The school division was approached by the Town of Stony Plain's newly formed Mayor's Task Force on COVID-19. With the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on the community, the need for social cohesion and resiliency has never been more important. The Social Stream of the Mayor's Task Force has been established to prioritize the wellness of the community during this time of uncertainty. The Task Force is guided by a mission to provide leadership, connect and coordinate with partners, and develop initiatives to enhance the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing of all residents.

These temporary measures have been implemented effective immediately. When in range at Parkland School Division schools, the public may access the network PSD-Open between the hours of 7am-9pm.

Learn more about the Mayor's Task Force on COVID-19 – Social Stream and find local resources at [www.stonyplain.com/Together](http://www.stonyplain.com/Together).

## Supplementary Educational Resources



May 11, 2020 - Parkland School Division has compiled several lists of resources to help supplement each student's learning experience. Be sure to check out our new [Supplementary Educational Resources page](#) to find a wide variety of links to materials that may foster literacy and numeracy, and expand upon the curriculum taught by classroom teachers.

Many of these resources offer entertaining educational opportunities that children can enjoy and pass the time with outside the classroom environment. We've also included several resources of particular benefit during the COVID-19 pandemic, including a list of educational companies offering limited-time free access to their services, expert advice on how to make the most of a learning-from-home environment, and kid-friendly information about the virus itself.

### Important to Note:

- Making use of these resources is entirely optional. Your child(ren)'s teacher(s) will cover everything they will need to know for their grade level according to the Alberta curriculum.
- Use your own discretion when deciding which of these resources would be well suited to your child's interests and/or abilities.
- Parkland School Division does not endorse any specific external resource; we merely suggest them based on their potential educational value.

We will continue to add new resources to these pages as we come across them, so check back often for updates!

### For more information, contact:

Parkland School Division  
Instructional Services  
Director, Kathy Mann  
Email: [kmann@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:kmann@psd70.ab.ca)

# 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](mailto:cfl@psd70.ab.ca)



## Resources for parents

We included the following resources in our May newsletter but we thought they may continue to be helpful so we left them in for quick reference. The following resources were shared as part of the Minister of Education's information regarding continued student learning. Parents may want to supplement student learning by providing their children with additional resources. The following provincial resources are available to parents:

- [LearnAlberta.ca](http://LearnAlberta.ca): more than 4,000 digital resources aligned with Alberta's K-12 curriculum.
- [My Child's Learning: A Parent Resource](#): provides parents with information specific to each grade level.

Additionally, many Alberta school authorities have a variety of resources available to support parents and students in learning at home. The following list provides a sample of what is available:

- [Aspen View Public Schools](#): Educational Supports for Families provides a series of resources, many of which are publicly available to support literacy and numeracy.
- [Calgary Board of Education](#): Learning at Home provides a number of supports for kindergarten to Grade 12.
- [Clearview Public Schools](#): Student Resources provides resources for study skills and useful learning sites.
- [Edmonton Catholic Schools](#): Parent Resources provides links to a wide variety of informational resources.
- [Edmonton Public Schools](#): Activities for Parents provides a number of activities that can be done at home for kindergarten to Grade 12.

## Community Resources

- [Text4 Hope](#)
- **Family Care Psychology - Free Mental Health Virtual Support**  
Free online intake assessment by phoning 780-963-7451. Free online group supports available weekly for parenting, grief and loss, homeschooling strategies, and teen/young adult resiliency, and personal growth <http://familycarepsychology.com/onlinefamilysupport/>
- **Little Oaks Psychology - Free Virtual Support**  
Free online intake assessment by phoning 780-405-4209. Free online group supports for parents, teens, & young adults. Free online homeschooling strategies for kids with LD, ADHD, Autism, Anxiety. Free crisis therapy sessions: <https://www.littleoakspsychology.com/new-services>

## Alberta Health Services - Healthy Children and Healthy Teen Articles

[June Healthy Children Article - AHS](#)

[June Healthy Teens Article - AHS](#)

# School Supply Lists 2020-21 and Online Supply Ordering

We'd like to give parents the option of purchasing 2020-21 supplies for their kids themselves, or online ordering with delivery to your home. A School Messenger e-mail will be coming soon with information on supply lists and instructions on how to do your online ordering for school supplies. We will be posting the supply lists for next year on our website ([Blueberry School Supply Lists](#)) soon as well.

## Lost and Found Items at School

We still have a lot of lost and found and left over items from when the students were sent home in March. If you see anything from these pictures that is yours, please e-mail [blueberry@psd70.ab.ca](mailto:blueberry@psd70.ab.ca) or call the school @ 780-963-3625, and we'll set up a time to put the item out on the table outside for you to pick up. Any items not picked up by June 15th will be put in bags and then put out again for a short period of time in the fall. After that they'll be taken to a charity.

