



MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Parking Lot Patience!

We wanted to thank our parents for their patience as we have adjusted as a community to the increase in traffic flow at Blueberry School. Your patience and care are much appreciated as we keep our students safe and move vehicles along as quickly as possible.

It's Survey Time!

Blueberry School wants to hear from you. As part of the annual survey, we will prepare to engage students, teachers, and parents through the Accountability Pillar survey. As a yearly report on the education system, the Accountability Pillar results will allow Parkland School Division and Blueberry School an opportunity to look closely at what our stakeholders are saying about what we are doing well and where we need to improve. In April, all students and teachers in grades 4 and 7 will be completing their surveys online at school. All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school.

Parents/guardians of students in Grades 4 and 7 should receive a survey package in the mail. To encourage online participation in this year's parent survey, the survey package mailed by Alberta Education will not include the paper survey, but rather, include the Random Access Code (RAC) needed to access the parent survey online.

Parents still have the option of completing the AEA survey on paper. Requests for the paper survey can be directed to Sheryl Bridgeman or directly to System Assurance using the contact information:

System Assurance Branch

System Excellence, Alberta Education

Phone: (780) 643-9193 (in Edmonton) or 310-0000 (Toll-free within Alberta)

Email: EDC.SystemAssurance@gov.ab.ca



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Each of the student, parent and teacher surveys will have a learning mode question that asks the respondent to identify their/their child's primary mode of learning/teaching at the time of survey completion.

The choices are:

- o In-person
- o Learning at home due to COVID-19
- o Online in an online learning program

In addition, several items related to COVID-19 have been added to the end of the survey in order for the Ministry to collect some basic information about the student, parent and teacher experience during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to complete your survey promptly.

While the survey questions parents and guardians in grades 4 and 7, please know that we always welcome all Blueberry stakeholder thoughts about the work we are doing at Blueberry School. If you have feedback at any time (phone call, email, or GMeet!) we welcome it as we are always striving to improve.

Have a wonderful break with your family. Looking forward to having the students back on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 as Tuesday, April 6th is a PD day.

Sheryl Bridgeman
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Michelle Visscher
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**GRADE 9 PARENTS TO
MCHS**

MCHS has pre-recorded videos for
"First Time Parents" to MCHS. Each
program has a video link that you
can locate [here](#) to learn more!

**GRADE 9
GRAD
PHOTOS**



FRIDAY, MAY 7TH



**OUTDOOR CLASS
PHOTOS**

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 2ND**





Morning outdoor supervision starts at 7:45 am - Please do not drop off your child(ren) prior to this time unsupervised.

Picking up your child(ren)?

Please call the school before arrival to allow us 5 minutes to bring your child to meet you at the door!

Dress for the weather!

With the weather turning warmer, students are still required to dress for the **current weather!** 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.

Please consider sending your child in rubber boots and splash pants!

Extra clean clothes are also recommended to be included in your child's backpack.

Please label your boots and any other articles.

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.

Lost & Found

Students have had the opportunity to view the items, prior to Spring Break and the remaining items will be donated to a local charity.



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.



**TERM 2 REPORT CARDS ARE LIVE!
THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH**

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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**

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.

Online Registration & Verification for 2021-2022!

Current PSD families, email for the link with instructions to verify your upcoming school year registration.

The deadline for submission is **March 25** for a guaranteed bus pass for school start up. If you do not meet that deadline, please continue to complete the form!

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Spring Break ~ NO School:
March 26th - April 6th
Students return Wed, April 7th**

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.

Last session is May 2021!

**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.**

**Pre-order
2020/21
Yearbook**

Thank you for completing the
Thought Exchange!

Please complete the
**Accountability
Survey!**

**Parkland Public
Libraries are OPEN!**
Check out the
[website](#) for info!

REACHING YOUR CHILD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Cell phones can be a distraction and disruption to classroom learning. Our teachers and your kids have worked hard together to come up with routines so that cellphones are not disrupting class.

Here are some things for parents to know about communicating with their kids while they are at school:


- * During class time, your child has most likely turned off the phone.
- * Your child may not be able to respond immediately.
- * If you call the main office, secretaries can assist in getting messages to the students due to Covid protocols being in place.

We appreciate your support in minimizing disruption to classroom instruction.


If you have any questions about Blueberry's cellphone guidelines, please contact Mrs. Bridgeman or Mrs. Visscher.



My dream is
that covid will
go away so
I can visit
with my friends.





Wish peoiple
would never
litter and
people wud
never dump trash
anywhere.



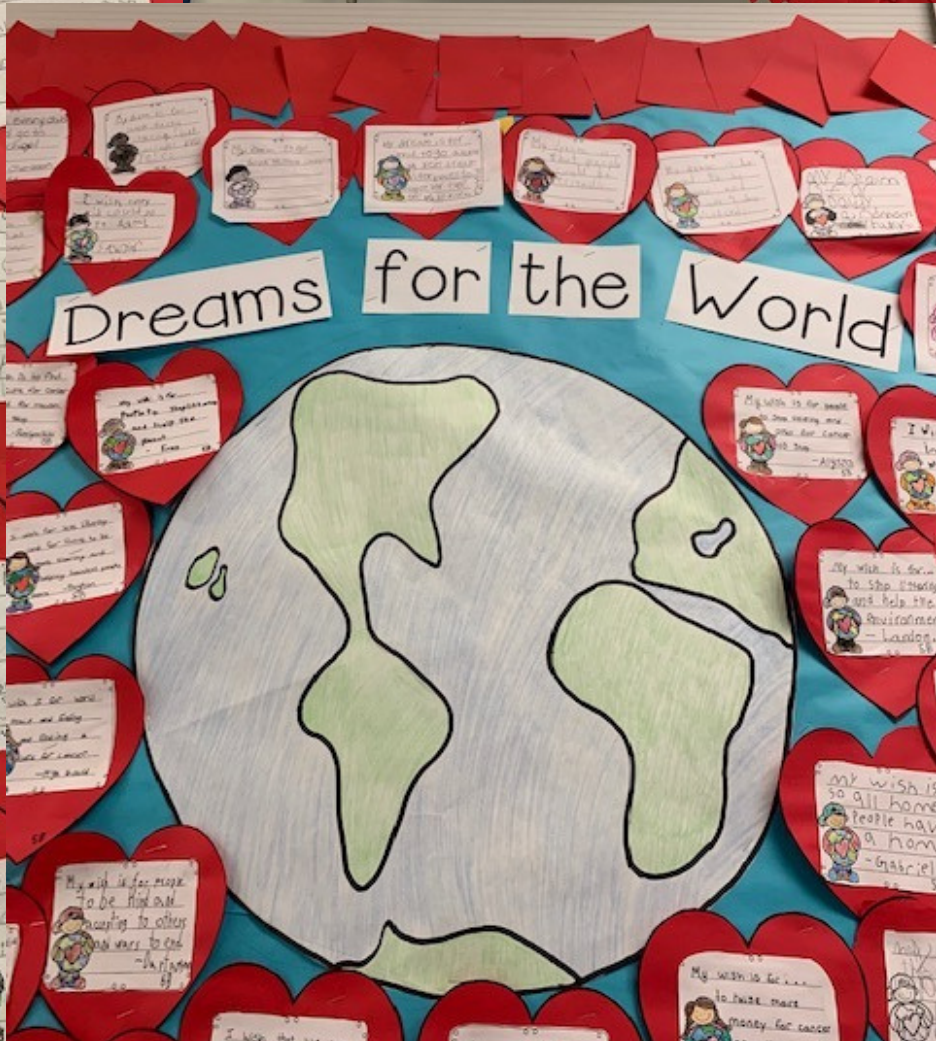
I wish for
the government to stop
the war.




My wish for the
world is to
expand grocery
stores for
more food
to feed
the world.



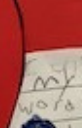
Not to
sick
No
N
A


My wish for
the world is
plant more
trees.




my wish
is to
B




My wish is
to have more
money for cancer
research.




My wish is for
people to be
kind and
helping to others
who need to end
the pain.




hunger.



I Hope that
All the Animals
In the world
To have A warm
and loving home.



My wish to the world
is to end world hunger
because world hunger is
one of the world's
biggest problems.







Fun ~ Carnaval de Quebec





Gr 9 Option





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



FlipGive

SHOP ONLINE earn while you shop

buy e-gift cards, shop from your favorite stores
just click the link below before you start your shopping

www.flipgive.com/f/429820



LABELS because kids loose everything

label your kids school supplies, clothes, lunch
containers and so much more...
click the link below to start your order

www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool

If you have questions email blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Alberta Health Services

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

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

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

**CHECK OUT INFORMATION REGARDING
FREE ON-LINE PROGRAMMING FOR
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN
AND YOUTH EACH MONTH!**

**LUNCH & LEARN WEBINARS ARE
AVAILABLE! 60 MINUTE
INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS FOR
PARENTS/CAREGIVERS LOOKING TO
STRENGTHEN THEIR
CHILD'S/ADOLESCENT'S ABILITY TO
THRIVE THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES
AND DISCOVER STRATEGIES TO HELP
BUILD RESILIENCY.**

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.



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

Strong Families Series: Supporting Emotional Regulation with Children on the Autism Spectrum

March 16, 2021 - Parkland School Division is proud to partner with Alberta Parenting For The Future to present another **FREE** information session for local families.

In our upcoming Strong Families session, registered psychologists Larissa Predy and Ashton Parker will offer families valuable information about emotional regulation and how it relates to the behaviour of children with Autism, as well as practical tips for supporting their children on the spectrum in managing their emotions, so they can respond appropriately to stressful stimuli and know how to cope when faced with something that upsets them.

Date: **Wednesday, April 7, 2021** Time: **6pm**

Location: **Online Zoom Webinar / Discussion Group**

Presenters: **Larissa Predy & Ashton Parker, Registered Psychologists** (Little Oaks Psychology)

Difficulties with emotional regulation underlie several challenging behaviours in children with Autism, including aggression and anxiety.

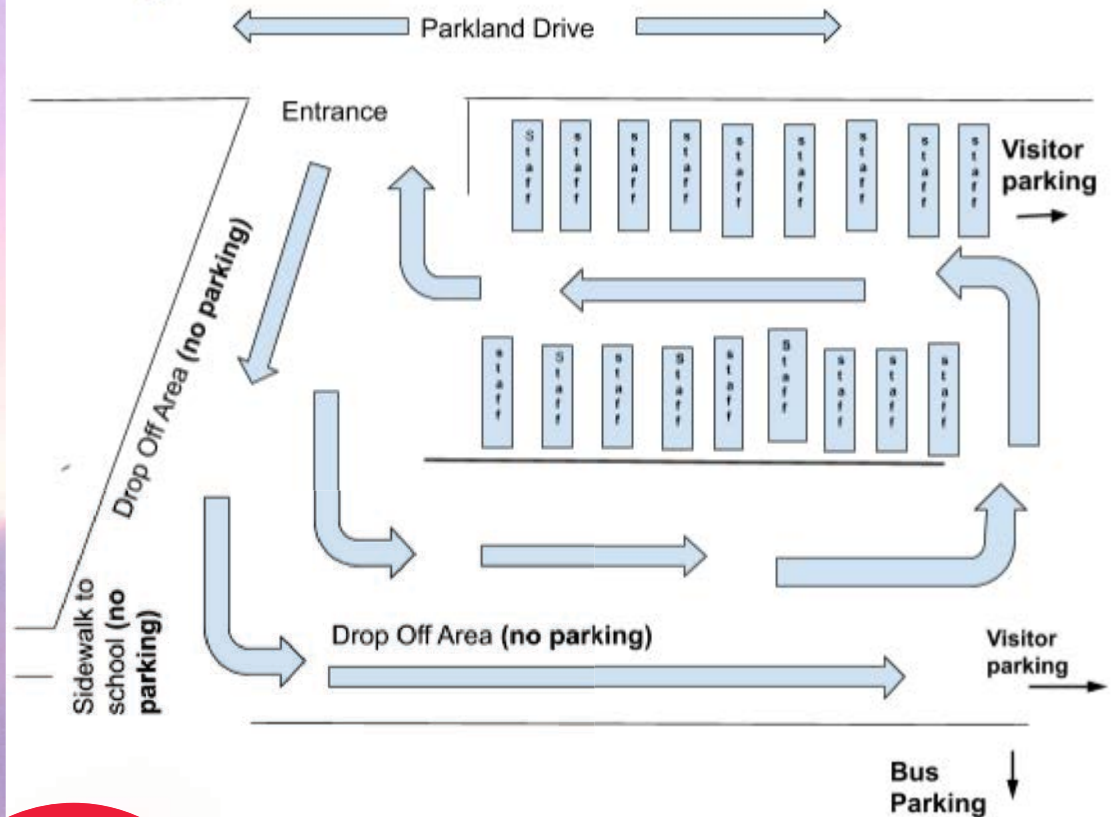
Psychologists Larissa Predy and Ashton Parker specialize in complex learners and behaviour profiles, as well as autism assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning. In this session, they will discuss strategies for improving perspective-taking and problem-solving skills, cognitive behavioural tools for dealing with "big" feelings and their related behaviours, and how to communicate and promote skill building in children with high needs.

Please register early to reserve your spot by visiting <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supporting-emotional-regulation-with-children-on-the-autism-spectrum-registration-131635817273>.

For more information, please contact: Vicky Mamczasz Family Supports Facilitator Email: vmamczasz@psd70.ab.ca

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!*