

JUNE 2021 BULLETIN

MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dear Families,

The 2020 2021 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 navigated a school year in the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic. Our learning curve was steep as we tried to adjust to new health protocols and transitioning between in-person and at-home learning throughout the year.

For the 2021 2022 school year, Parkland School Division will be offering virtual learning through Connections for Learning School. If you are interested in your child(ren) continuing to learn through an online platform full time, please follow this link for more information.

We look forward to responding as a community when we receive direction from Minister LaGrange and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Hinshaw regarding what school will look like for 2021-2022. We are hopeful that next school year will look closer to normal but recognize there may be several protocols still in place which may include masks indoors and cohorts of students. We thank you for your patience in following guidelines that are determined by our government and health leaders. We will share more information as it becomes available.

At this time of year, students and families are eager to plan for next year. Mr. Tyler will no longer be Blueberry's principal for the 2021-2022 school year. Our senior executive team is in the process of recruiting the best possible candidate to take on the principal position for the next school year. As the year comes to a close we recognize students and families want to know who their teacher will be. Our teaching teams will be announced in our July newsletter and students will learn who their teacher is through Powerschool in August. This allows us to be responsive to any changes that may arise over the summer months.

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 teaching in a pandemic.

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

Sheryl Bridgeman Principal Michelle Visscher Vice Principal

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Land Acknowledgement

With peace, harmony and unity, we honour the land on which we stand as Treaty 6 territory. This is sacred land to many First Nation, Métis and Inuit, and in particular our neighbours, Paul First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Alexander Cree Nation and our friends of the Métis Nation. We recognize and acknowledge Indigenous values, traditional teachings, ways of being, contributions and historical inequalities. We respect all cultures with an open heart and an open mind. We ALL heal together.



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National Indigenous Peoples Day ~ June 21st









Friday, June 11th



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SPIRIT

Friday, June 18th TWIN DAY



Pre-order 2020/21 Yearbook on your Parent Portal

Last day of school for students:

Tuesday, June 29th

Friday, June 25th

GET UP, DRESS UP, SHOW UP, AND never give up. DRESS YOUR BEST DAY!



Blueberry Student ~ Visual Arts Celebration Submissions - Click Here



















Thank you to the Stony Plain Lion's Club for the flags and certificates, Gr 1 & 2!















GRADE 9 AWARDS FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH 9 - 10 AM

GOOGLE MEET ~ NUMBERS ARE LIMITED BASED ON GMEET CAPACITY AND MORE DETAILS WILL BE SHARED WITH FAMILIES OF THOSE STUDENTS BEING RECOGNIZED.

FAREWELL ACTIVITIES - AFTERNOON

AT THIS POINT, WE ARE LIMITED TO STUDENTS AND STAFF ONLY, AND FAMILIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND GRAD 9 FAREWELL PHOTOS & OUTDOOR CLASS PHOTOS TOOK PLACE. ORDER DATES/CODES WILL BE SENT SHORTLY VIA SCHOOL MESSENGER.

<u>Gr 7 - 9 Final Exams:</u>

June 17 - Math June 18 - Social Studies June 22 - LA June 23 - Science

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 <u>here</u> to learn more!

PARENTING IN A PANDEMIC!

FREE Virtual Workshop for Blueberry Families
DATE: Monday, June 14th
TIME: 6 – 8 pm

Attendees will gain insight into the common experiences they are sharing with other families, and discover new tools to equip their parenting. The topics of self-care and meeting the needs of all family members will be emphasized. Take advantage of learning some strategies and tips that can benefit you while you are Parenting in a Pandemic!

RSVP: Paula e <u>juszaeualberta.ca</u> by Monday, June 14th at 9 am. RSVP will be required to access the link.



PowerSchool Parent Portal FINAL REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE June 29th - 9 am

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, the deadline for submission was <u>March 25</u> for a guaranteed bus pass for school start-up.

If you have not already completed your reregistration and plan to return to Blueberry, please do as soon as possible in your Parent Portal to help us plan!

Click <u>here</u> for moreinformation.

Last day of school for students: Tuesday, June 29th

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.

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MORNING OUTDOOR SUPERVISION STARTS AT 7:45 AM - PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR CHILD(REN) PRIOR TO THIS UNSUPERVISED TIME AS THERE IS NO COVERAGE.

> 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.

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 vour

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 o need help creating an account, please contact Tracy Davis in the school office at 780-963-3625. AHS - IMMUNIZATION

All Immunization dates have been postponed until further notice. Please contact AHS directly if you wish to independently have your child caught up on any remaining immunizations. Helpful tips for Pain Management click here.



Please have your child look for any missing articles.

School Fees 2021~2022

See the <u>link</u> for the proposed 2021-2022 School Fee listing.

If you have any questions about the proposed fees, please contact Mrs. Bridgeman or Mrs. Visscher



Hello Parents!

NEWS: <u>Blueberry School Council</u> Blueberry School Fundraising Committee

A few notices and reminders for everyone.

The next BSC meeting will take place on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:30. We will be voting in next year's Executive council members (Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, and Treasurer).

Following the School Council meeting, we will be voting in our 2021/22 Fundraising Committee!

The Fundraising Committee has water bottles available at the school for \$10.00! Cash accepted. Thank you for supporting the Blueberry Blaze Spirit Wear! Orders will be in the week of June 21st

If there is someone you would like to nominate or if you are interested in any of these positions, please let the school know!

Parents are always encouraged to attend as active members of the school council.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the basis of design for the new playground was approved at the May 27, 21 fundraising meeting. We will be continuing with our business sponsorship campaign over the next several months and will also be working hard on various grant applications. We want to thank the parents for all of the fundraising efforts to date, as these monies raised puts us in a very good position to be successful for additional funding through grants.



Our goal will be for a Summer 2022 completion date, and although ambitious, is very doable.

We thank you for your continued efforts in bringing this playground to fruition.







HELP US AS WE WORK TOWARDS BUILDING A NEW PLAYGROUND





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www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool

If you have questions email 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: <u>ahs.ca/isolation</u>

Monthly Newsletters for Families: The <u>AHS.ca/COVIDSchool</u> webpage has been updated with the newsletters for families with Children & families with Teens.

Dear Parents/Guardians, The following is an update for routine school immunizations.

To ensure the effective roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine, adjustments to other immunization services have been needed over the past year. Immunization

of students in grades six, seven, and nine has continued to proceed, though some delays may have occurred in some cases. Alberta Health Services (AHS) will continue to provide school immunization services at the earliest opportunity and will ensure that every eligible student has access to vaccines for which they have received consent. The signed consent on file from parents or guardians will be used. It may take more than 1 school year for your child to get all the

doses of each vaccine.

AHS recommends that Albertans 12+ are immunized with the COVID-19 vaccine. It is recommended that you wait at least 28 days after you have a dose of COVID-19 vaccine before you get another vaccine. If you've had another vaccine, wait 14 days before you get a COVID-19 vaccine. For vaccine information please visit: <u>COVID-19 vaccines (alberta.ca)</u> or <u>AHS</u> <u>Immunization</u> | Immunization (<u>immunizealberta.ca</u>). For information about COVID-19 vaccine phases: <u>COVID-19 vaccine program | Alberta.ca</u> Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School – Translated versions. The AHS Guidance for Parents of Children Attending School and/or Childcare found at <u>ahs.ca/parentcovidguide</u>



To Administration Staff, teachers, and Librarians,

Thank you for helping us to promote the TD Summer Reading Club program to kids at your school.

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities. This free Club is offered at more than 2,000 public libraries across Canada, as well as online. The Club celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators, and stories, and inspires kids to explore the fun of reading their way. This is key to building a lifelong love of reading.

For more information about the Club, check us out online: www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca.

We will be offering TD summer reading club logbooks and materials for students ages 0-12 at the Stony Plain Public Library for curbside pick-up so everyone can participate for free in our Summer Reading game. Details regarding the distribution of the kits will go on our website at www.mysppl.ca starting June 1st, 2021. Registration for the club will start June 13th, 2021.

The Stony Plain Public Library will be offering free outdoor and virtual programs, games, prizes and challenges to encourage summer reading fun for everyone!

While the Summer Reading Club is free, the new Stony Plain Public Library is raising money through the Capital Campaign and needs your support. A donation of even \$5, \$10, \$15 or \$20 would be very welcome! To learn more about the campaign and how you can donate, please go to https://mysppl.ca/support-sppl/donations.



and you!

PARKING & DROP OFF ZONE



Bus Parking

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 as this is a designated "Kiss n Go" drop 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!