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Message from Administration

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Welcome to March and some longer days with beautiful sunrises!

As you may be aware, the Government of Alberta has stated that we will be entering into Stage 2 beginning March 1st. Our students and staff are excited about the opportunities to relax some cohorting protocols and invite parent volunteers back into the school. To see the Government announcement, please click [here](#). You can also find a message from Parkland School Division [here](#).

Once again, we are asking for your patience as we adjust supervision schedules and timetables to account for these new measures. We will take a thoughtful approach towards redesigning recess play areas to address both the desire for cross-grade play, and the developmental stages of our students. Parent volunteers will be gradually welcomed into classrooms via homeroom teachers in support of educational programs. Please watch for communication coming directly from your child's teacher over the month of March.

Our community has been responding to COVID for close to two years now, and a quick transition may be disconcerting for some. We will continue to support all students and families with kindness and compassion as we make these adjustments.

Thank you to families who joined us for virtual parent/teacher/student conferences in February. We have heard from families this was a positive experience to meet with teachers despite COVID restrictions. If you have feedback on virtual interviews, please contact Mrs. Badry or Mrs. Visscher.

Our next Report Cards will be live on Powerschool on March 18th at 3pm. To allow teachers to enter in student comments and marks, Powerschool will be shut down beginning March 11th. For assistance in accessing the report card in Powerschool, please contact Mrs. Davis in the office.

Twyla Badry
Assistant Principal

Michelle Visscher
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General Information

Student Registration

Just a reminder that all students are now able to either register (new students) or verify their existing data (returning students) online. **It is very important for all parents to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 18, 2022.** To register, or to find more information about registering your child, visit Parkland School Division's [Registration webpage](#).

Thank you for your attention to this!

Report Cards

Report cards will go live on March 18 at 3:00pm. On this day, you can access your child's report card through [PowerSchool](#).

Spring Break

Our last day of school before spring break will be March 18. Students will return on March 29, as March 28 is a PD day for staff.

Transportation Inquiries

If you have any transportation inquiries, please see the [Parkland School Division website](#). Here, you will find the [bus status page](#), as well as a hotline number (780-591-5567) that you can access if your child has not arrived at their destination at the expected time.

Student Absences - Email Address Change

Please remember that our email to report student absences is different this year, so although the old address has been forwarding to us up until this point, it is no longer doing so. If reporting an absence for your child, please ensure you are using this address:

blueberry.absence@psd.ca (note the dot in between "blueberry" and "absence")

If your message has gone through, you should receive a confirmation email letting you know that your message was received by the school.

You may also phone the school at 780-963-3625 (Option 1 for attendance voicemail), if you would rather.

Visiting Blueberry

To ensure our school day runs smoothly, we ask that you contact the office if you need to drop off a student after bell time in the morning. If a pick up is needed mid-day, parents/guardians can call the main office and the student will meet them there. All visitors are required to check in at the office.

Pets at Blueberry (reminder)

A gentle reminder and request that if bringing your pet to school during pick up, it remains in your vehicle while retrieving your child(ren) from school grounds. Animals certainly bring joy to homes and the community, but we are asking for your help in keeping dogs and other animals away from main walkways and school grounds, especially during our busy pick up time after school. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the school office.

Strong Families Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Supports Newsletter, ["Stronger Together"](#). The information and parent sessions for this month focus on Teens.

Blueberry Playschool Announcement



Blueberry Playschool's Early Registration Night

Come register your 3 and 4 year olds for the 2022/2023 school year!

Wednesday March 16, 2022
6:00pm-8:00pm

Located in the lower level of Blueberry Community Hall.
A complete registration form and a deposit of \$50 is required to hold a spot for your child.

www.blueberryplayschoolassociation.com

Athletics

Intramurals

Our grade 7-9 students are continuing to enjoy intramurals in the gym at lunch recess.

Basketball

Our Junior High basketball teams are currently in playoffs, which will continue through to March 7. Good luck Blaze!

School Council & Fundraising Foundation

School Council

Our next meeting will be held virtually on **March 15 at 6:30pm**. We would like to invite all parents/guardians to listen in using [this link](#) to hear what's going on in our school and in our division.

Fundraising Committee

Please join us virtually for our next meeting on **March 14th at 6:00pm**.

Stay connected with us: <https://www.facebook.com/BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee>

Questions? Email: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Click [here](#) to see our Fundraising Update!

Photo Album



Pink Shirt Day



"Twos" Day