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Mental Health Awareness

The onset of spring brings renewal and rejuvenation, key themes in both our environmental and personal well-being. Fittingly, May 2nd-8th, 2022 is Mental Health Awareness week, a time to promote and understand personal strategies to support well-being. As a school community, we will be taking part in classroom and school wide events to recognize the importance of positive mental health. Further in this newsletter you will notice local opportunities to build connection and resilience and additional Alberta Health Services resources can be found [here](#).

Office Update

We are excited to welcome Mercy Rosborough to our office staff as Head Secretary! Mrs. Rosborough brings with her school experience from both Prescott and Brookwood schools. Please stop in to say hello to our newest staff member.



Upcoming Events

May and June promise to be busy times at our school as we prepare for school wide events, field trips, PATs and final exams. Please watch for communication from your child(ren)'s teacher and the school calendar, for important upcoming dates, and reach out at any time.

Student Placements 2022-23

Current teaching teams are now creating class lists for 2022-23. This is a complex undertaking, based on many different factors including work habits, academics, social connections and relationships. For these reasons, individual requests for classroom placements will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed. If you will be moving out of our area, or are a family new to Blueberry, please contact the office so that we can plan accordingly. Families will be informed of their child(ren)'s teacher in August 2022 via Powerschool.

Comprehensive School Health

Parkland School Division has recently developed an administrative procedure regarding [Comprehensive School Health](#). As part of this ongoing work, we have identified two school health leads: Miss Clampitt

and Mrs. Pederson to partner with administration to continue and enhance school based programs. We will also be exploring opportunities to expand counseling support for students in 2022-23.

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to email, call or arrange a meeting in person. We look forward to hearing from you.

Twyla Badry
Assistant Principal

Michelle Visscher
Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

May 2	K-Gr.5 Outdoor Class Photos
May 3	K, Gr.6-Gr.9 Outdoor Class Photos Grade 9 Farewell Retake Day
May 4	Hats on for Mental Health Day
May 6	Jersey Day
May 16	Grade 9 PAT (LA Written Portion)
May 17	School Council Meeting (6:30pm) in the Library
May 18	Grade 6 PAT (LA Written Portion)
May 19	Jr High Zone Track Meet @ Duffield
May 20	PD Day
May 23	No School (Victoria Day)
June 1-3	Grade 6 Camp
June 7	Jr High Drama Production
June 8	Jr High Drama Production (times TBA)
June 29	Jr. High Year End Awards (9:00am) Grade 9 Farewell (1:00pm) Last Day of School for Students

Message from PSD Transportation

Just a reminder that students are only allowed to ride their registered bus and are not able to take a friend's bus at any time. PSD does not allow "guest riders" on buses. Thank you for making alternate arrangements if your child is going to a friend's after school.

PAI and Final Exam Schedule

May 2022	
May 16	Grade 9 ELA Part A
May 18	Grade 6 ELA Part A
June 2022	
June 13th	Grade 6 ELA Part B
June 15th	Grade 6 Math Part A & B
June 16th	Grade 6 Science
June 17th	Grade 6 Social
June 20th	Grade 9 ELA Part B
June 22	Grade 9 Math Parts A & B
June 23	Grade 9 Science
June 24	Grade 9 Social

Outdoor Class Photos

It's time for
Class Photos!

Blueberry School
K, Gr. 1-5 May 2nd

Class Photos will be available
online 4 - 8 weekdays after
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K, Gr. 6-9 May 3rd

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If the weather does not cooperate for the outdoor class picture days, photos will be taken in the gym.

Mental Health Awareness Week: Stony Plain Community Opportunities

Mental Health Week is for community, schools and workplaces to celebrate, protect and promote mental health through various workshops, events and activities. Planning for this week comes from participation of Stony Plain, Parkland County FCSS, clinicians, Evergreen Catholic and Parkland School Divisions, Parkland Libraries, Everactive, Alberta Parenting for the Future Association, RCMP and our local Indigenous Communities to offer a week of activities.

Our theme this year is Rediscover. Rediscover your sense of play, joy, community, connection, laughter, resilience, and what you need to stay well. [Click here](#) to access community opportunities.

Calendar Reminder

Just a reminder that in September, the PSD calendar was changed to accommodate Truth and Reconciliation Day (September 30th). The original calendar (and some of our printed calendars) has May 19-20 as "students do not attend" and this is not correct. The non-operational day on May 20th was canceled and moved to September 30; the PD on May 19th was moved to May 20th, and May 19th (Thursday) is now a full instructional day.

Summer School at Connections for Learning

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, and select courses are open to students who have completed Grade 7 and/or 8. 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.

Student Absences

If reporting an absence for your child, please ensure you are using this address:

blueberry.absence@psd.ca

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 **Co-Parenting**.

Parkland County Summer Camps

Parkland County is again partnering with Alberta Parenting for the Future Association to deliver 12 summer camps throughout Parkland County in 2022. Registration is now open for Parkland County residents. These camps are designed for children who have completed kindergarten and/or aged 6 up to 11 years of age. See [this link](#) for more information.

Athletics

Sun Run

A huge thank you to Mrs. Dawes and Miss Masterson for supervising the Vancouver Sun Run! This was PSD's first out of province Field trip since 2019! Students showed their pride in representing Blueberry and wearing shirts in support of the children of Ukraine. Special thanks to Mrs. Dawes for organizing this event for the entire division!

Senior Badminton

The Senior Badminton team has had a busy month of badminton, playing a variety of schools throughout the school division. The growth of all players is noticeable as we move to the Division Championship Tournament, May 5th through 7th. Ms. Lasuik would like to thank the team for their dedication and hard work! Best of luck at the Championships! GO BLAZE!

Boys Singles: Ian P and Shayden C

Girls Singles: Ffion J and Jill S

Boys Doubles: Ethan W and Riley D

Zane G and Austin S

Girls Doubles: Abby O and Cassidy S

Mixed Doubles: Coleton B and Izabel F

COACH: Ms. Lasuik

Watch for an update on our Junior team in the next bulletin!

School Council & Fundraising Foundation

School Council

Our next meeting will be held in person in the library on **May 17 at 6:30pm**. We would like to invite all parents/guardians to join us or listen in using [this link](#) to hear what's going on in our school and in our division.

Staff Appreciation Day - May 20th After a couple of missed years, we would like to celebrate the wonderful staff at Blueberry School during their May 20th PD Day and need your help. We would like to provide morning coffee/snack or lunch. We will source this from a local business in town. We are asking for monetary donations to do this and once we have collected the money we will know which one we are able to provide (our goal would be lunch, approximately \$500). Money can be sent to school in a marked envelope. Please have your child take it to the office. Or you can contact Heather at 780-919-6619 to make arrangements. All money collected will be used to brighten this day for our staff. Thanks for your help.

Hot Lunch

We are looking for a hot lunch coordinator for next year. If you are willing to help provide this program to our students, or if you have any questions about the role, please email Carmen at blueberryhotlunch@gmail.com. Thank you for considering!

Fundraising Committee

Watch our facebook page or contact us for our next meeting date.
Stay connected with us: <https://www.facebook.com/BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee>
Questions? Email: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Congratulations
to our 50/50 RAFFLE *Winner*

Miranda Taggart

PRIZES

PIZZA PARTY:
MWB- Knopper-Singleton

PURDYS CHOCOLATES:
4A- Marcil
8B- Weinhandl



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Last few days



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our staff
and
students
with
kindness



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