

## Summer 2022

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As we reflect on the 2021-22 school year, it is difficult to summarize the amount of changes and “pivots” that were necessary from families and staff to keep our students learning and thriving. Twyla and I would like to acknowledge the perseverance and patience of staff and families as we navigated many moments of uncertainty together. We have seen over the months of May and June a renewed community connection through volunteers, field trips and special events that have brought energy and memories to the building. Blueberry is an incredible place to learn and grow and we thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

#### Some special Goodbyes:

It is never easy to say “goodbye” to teachers who have become cornerstones in a school. This year we say “see you later” to two amazing educators, Mrs. Wendy Feschuk and Mrs. Cheryl Dawes. Both of these ladies have created a lasting impact at Blueberry School which will endure for years to come.



Mrs. Feschuk with her heart for kinders and community.



Vancouver Sun Run 2019 (Mrs. Dawes in blue)

### Classroom Teachers 2022-23

As summer approaches, many families are eager to find out who their child's teacher will be for next year. As in past years, we need to respond to late registrations and families moving in and out of the Blueberry catchment area, and want to ensure balanced classrooms. Your child's classroom teacher will be communicated via Powerschool in August 2022. Please note that the school office reopens on August 22nd if you have any questions.

Twyla Badry  
Assistant Principal

Michelle Visscher  
Principal

## General Information

### Dates for Next School Year

August 22nd	Office reopens
August 30th (Tuesday)	First day of school for students
September 2nd	Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast
September 5th	Statutory holiday
September 12th	School Council Mtg 6:30-7:30pm
September 20th	Meet the Teacher 4:30-5:30pm
October 3rd & 4th	Individual Student Pictures
Week of October 17th	Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews

### Report Cards

Please note that the last day of school for students is Wednesday, June 29. Report Cards will also go live on this day through [PowerSchool](#). To access your child's report card, use a browser or computer to login to Powerschool. Navigate to the left side menu column and choose "report card".

## 2022-23 Supply Lists

Please visit [our website](#) for the 2022-2023 school supply lists.



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your teachers at Blueberry School are excited to offer the opportunity to purchase quality standardized school supplies through School Start for the 2022/2023 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

### THE EARLIER YOU ORDER THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!

✓ **ORDER by June 14, 2022:**  
**BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$500 GAS CARD!**



✓ **ORDER by July 8, 2022:**  
**BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$1,000 GROCERY CARD!**






✓ **ORDER by August 8, 2022:**  
**BE ENTERED TO WIN \$500 CASH!**





\*Order by June 14, 2022 and you will be entered into all 3 draws. \*\*One winner per draw.  
**Winners will be announced on our School Start Facebook page.**

### 3 WAYS TO ORDER:


-  **ONLINE:** You can place your order online at [www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca).  
Our site is best compatible with Firefox or Chrome.
-  **PHONE:** You can call our customer service centre at 1-800-580-1868 to place your order over the phone.
-  **EMAIL:** You can print and fill out the order form and return to our office via email to: [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca).

### HOME DELIVERY:

The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your house. If you have a P.O. Box, please use your 911 address. Because the kit (s) are delivered to your home, you will have the ability to:

-  Pre-label your child's supplies
-  Add supplies to your order for home use or for your child in another school

*Thank you for your support!*

 OUR CALL CENTRE IS AVAILABLE if you have any questions or need any assistance ordering online: 1-800-580-1868  
[www.schoolstart.ca](http://www.schoolstart.ca) | [info@schoolstart.ca](mailto:info@schoolstart.ca) | Ph: 1-800-580-1868

## JH Drama Players Channel...ENTHUSIASM!

Blueberry Players put on four fabulous performances of "Channeling Grimm", our junior high drama performance. Grade 7, 8, and 9 actors put on three daytime performances for students in grade 1 through 9 and one evening performance for parents and guests on June 7th and 8th. All actors, tech team, and backstage managers worked together to pull off an engaging show!



Miss Abbas-Nejad and Mrs. King would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring rides were arranged for after school rehearsals, assisting students with memorizing scripts, helping with creative costumes, and joining us as members of the audience in our performances. We could not do it without the support from home.



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Miss A and Mrs. K thank all actors, tech team members, and backstage managers for their hard work - such a dedicated team of talented students! It was a fabulous drama year, and we look forward to next year's show!



## Supporting Phonemic Awareness at Home

Looking for some activities to do over the summer to promote phonemic awareness? Check out [this archived webinar](#) and [these resources](#).

## Before and After School Care

Blueberry School hosts a Before and After School Care Program. If you are interested in child care, please contact Cindy Van Beers at 780-918-7825 or [cindyvanbeers1@gmail.com](mailto:cindyvanbeers1@gmail.com)



## Kindergarten Staggered Entry Dates

Kindergarten students will be divided into smaller groups for the first couple of days of the 2022-23 school year to help with transitioning.

The dates are:

Monday/Wednesday Classes August 31st and September 2nd

Tuesday Thursday Class: August 30th and September 1st

Emails will be sent to kindergarten families prior to August, to let them know when their staggered entry date is.

## Staggered School Supplies Delivery for Grade 1 Students

The first day of school can be an exciting, busy, and slightly chaotic time for students and their families! To help with this, we are inviting Gr 1 families to bring in all school supplies during the afternoon of **Monday, August 29**, from **10:00am - 11:30am**. Students will get to view their classroom and have all of their supplies organized before the first day of school on August 30th. If you are not able to make this time, please feel free to send your supplies on the first day of school, August 30, 2022.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

The Grade 1 Team

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found items were on display for most of May and June. All items that were remaining on June 29th were sent to charity.



## School Fees

Student Account Statements for any students with overdue fees were emailed to parents earlier this spring. All outstanding accounts will now be sent to the Division office for collection. Fees can be paid with a credit card online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/>. They can't be paid through the app—only through the actual website. If you prefer, you can return your account statement to the Parkland School Division Office with your cheque (made out to PSD70) or cash. Payment plans are also available on this site. If you have any questions about your account, please email Mercy Rosborough at [mercy.rosborough@psd.ca](mailto:mercy.rosborough@psd.ca). **Memory book** is available through your PowerSchool account or you can order directly through [Smart Photography](#).

## Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 20th 2022 4:30pm-5:30pm is Meet the Teacher at Blueberry. Please schedule your visit according to the following:

- Families with last name starting with A-M can go into their child's classroom from 4:30- 5:00pm to meet the teacher and grab a "Curriculum at a Glance."
- Families with last name starting with N-Z can go into their child's classroom from 5:00-5:30pm to meet their teacher and grab a "Curriculum at a Glance."

Please note that this evening is designed to provide an opportunity to say "Hi" to teachers and see classrooms. Individual meetings regarding specific student needs should be scheduled with your child's teacher outside of these times.

## 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.

## School Council & Fundraising Foundation

### School Council

Please join us for our first meeting of the new school year on September 12th! We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast on September 2nd. If you are interested in helping out, please contact [blueberry.scchair@partner.psd.ca](mailto:blueberry.scchair@partner.psd.ca)

### 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](mailto:blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com)

## Photo Album

# Year End Dance

LET'S  
DANCE!





## Jr High Water Fight





## GRADE 9 FAREWELL

2022



*We'd like to say goodbye to our families not returning next year, as well as good luck to our Grade 9 students as they embark on their next adventures in high school! Enjoy your summer holidays everyone! Relax, stay safe, and we'll see everyone back on August 30th, 2022!*

## Strong Families Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Supports Newsletter, "[Stronger Together](#)". The information and parent sessions for this month focus on **Caring, Compassion and Kindness**. There are some great ideas for your family, as well as information about summer camps and supports that are available in our community.

## Community Supports

If you need information on community supports please call 211 - it is a confidential and free service.

If you need CRISIS SUPPORT:

- Ages 17 and Under
  - 24/7 Kids Help Phone: 780-668-6868 or Toll Free: 1-800-668-6868 or Text CONNECT to 686868
  - Stollery Addictions & Mental Health Crisis Team: 780-407-1000
- Ages 18+
  - 24/7 Distress Line: 780-482-HELP(4357)
  - 24/7 Adult Crisis and Response Team: 780-424-2424, option 2.

If you need WALK-IN COUNSELLING SERVICES:

(These services offer a 50 minute, solution- focused, single therapy session on a first come first serve basis with a focus on exploring specific issues and possible solutions. Please call ahead to determine wait times.)

- Ages 5-17
  - Northgate Mental Health Clinic: 780-342-2700; #2020, 9499 137 Ave Edmonton AB (Monday to Friday 12:30pm - 4:00 pm)
  - Rutherford Mental Health Clinic: 780-342-6850; #202, 11153 Ellerslie Rd, Edmonton AB (Monday to Friday 12:30pm - 4:00 pm)
  - St. Albert Mental Health Clinic: 780-342-1370; 30 Sir Winston Churchill Ave St. Albert AB (Wednesdays 12:30pm - 4:00 pm)
  - Leduc Clinic: 780-986-2660; Centre hope Building on the 2nd Floor 4906 – 49 Ave Leduc AB (Wednesdays 12:30pm - 4:00 pm)
- Adults (18+)
  - ACCESS 24/7: 780-424-2424 option 1