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Message from Administration

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As we approach the end of Term 2, we encourage families to check PowerSchool regularly for up to date information on student progress. PowerSchool is a secure web-based student management system designed to strengthen communication between the school and home. It provides parents and legal guardians online access to their children's progress in school. PowerSchool is accessible for students Grades 1-9 and teachers regularly post evidence of learning to keep families informed. For more information, please visit the [PSD website](#), watch [this video](#), or contact the school office.



Did you know you can sign up for alerts from PowerSchool? Similar to other Apps, you can enable alerts from PowerSchool to stay up to date when new student evidence is posted. Please check out [this video](#) to learn how to use the Powerschool App including information on assignments, attendance and more! *Parkland School Division's District Code is NKNC which is required to download the Powerschool App for the first time.*

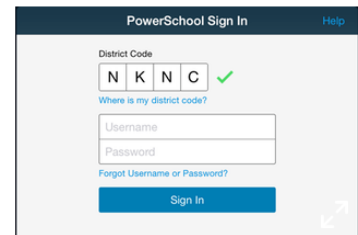
Using the PowerSchool App

PowerSchool is also available to use on your mobile device as a free downloadable app for iOS and Android.

To log in to the app, you will need your account username and password, and Parkland School Division's District Code, which is **NKNC**. Enter it into the app as illustrated in the image.

[Get PowerSchool for iOS](#)

[Get PowerSchool for Android](#)



Use code NKNC to sign in to the PowerSchool app.

[Report Cards](#) will go live on Powerschool on March 17th at 3pm. If you have questions about your child's progress, please reach out to their homeroom teacher.

We welcome your feedback about our school! Please contact us by phone, email or book a time to meet in person. We'd love to hear from you.

Twyla Badry
Assistant Principal

Michelle Visscher
Principal

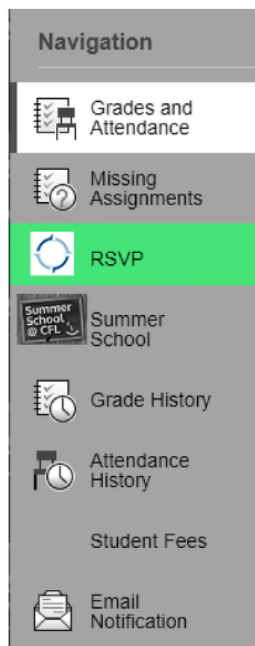
General Information

Student Registration

Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process is coming soon. **All Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 registrations for both new and returning students will be conducted online for the 2023-2024 school year.** Returning PSD students will receive an email reminder to log into their PowerSchool Account and look for the RSVP button in the side navigation to launch the registration process. All parents are required to complete the registration process by 4:30pm on March 24, 2023. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating.

Important Registration Dates:

- **Monday, Feb 13, 2023**- Registration opens. The NewStudent Registration Form for Evergreen Catholic, area private school students and new to PSD students will be added as a Quick Link on the homepage of psd.ca. Families of returning PSD students (i.e. students currently enrolled in a PSD school) complete the registration process starting in [PowerSchool](#).
- **Friday, Mar 24, 2023 at 4:30pm**- Registration deadline. For further information, visit our [Registration](#) page.
- **Friday, June 23, 2023** - Bus pass deadline to make payment arrangements or pay-in-full.
- Bus passes and route numbers will be mailed to parents starting at the beginning of July.



Returning Parkland School Division Students

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New to PSD or Returning Evergreen and Private School Students Registering for Busing

Register online using the 2023-2024 New Online Registration Form if your student is not currently enrolled in a Parkland School Division school, or is registering for busing as an Evergreen Catholic or area private school student who uses PSD's Regional Transportation system. A link to the form will be posted in the Quick Links section of the website when registration opens on **Monday, February 13, 2023**.

During the registration process, it will be important to select the *2023-2024 School Year* to register for NEXT year. The option to register for 2022-2023 will remain for incoming students who wish to register for the balance of this current school year.

Please note: The 2022-2023 New Student Registration form is still open and accepting registrations for the current school year. The 2022-2023 form cannot be used to register for 2023-2024. When registering, please make sure to select the correct school year in the drop down menu for the field 'Select School Year'.

Complete information on the registration process can be found on our [Registration](#) page.

Upcoming Dates

March 2nd	Gr. 7 Field Trip Royal Museum
March 2nd	Gr. 4 Play Parkland
March 9th	Gr. 3 and Gr. 5 Play Parkland
March 13th	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm
March 16th	Gr. 3 and Gr. 5 Play Parkland
March 17th	Grade 1 In-School Field trip
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day
March 17th	JR High Ski trip Marmot Basin Jasper
March 20th	JR High Term 3 Options Begin
March 20th	Show Choir Choral Celebration at West Meadows Baptist Church
March 20th	Blueberry Fundraising Committee Meeting (online) @ 7pm
March 23rd	Gr. 4 Play Parkland
March 24th	PD Day - No school for students
March 27th-March 31st	Spring Break - No School

Spring Break

Our last day of school before spring break will be March 23rd, as March 24th is a PD Day. Students will return to school on April 3rd.



IMPORTANT - PARKING LOT SAFETY! - Please read

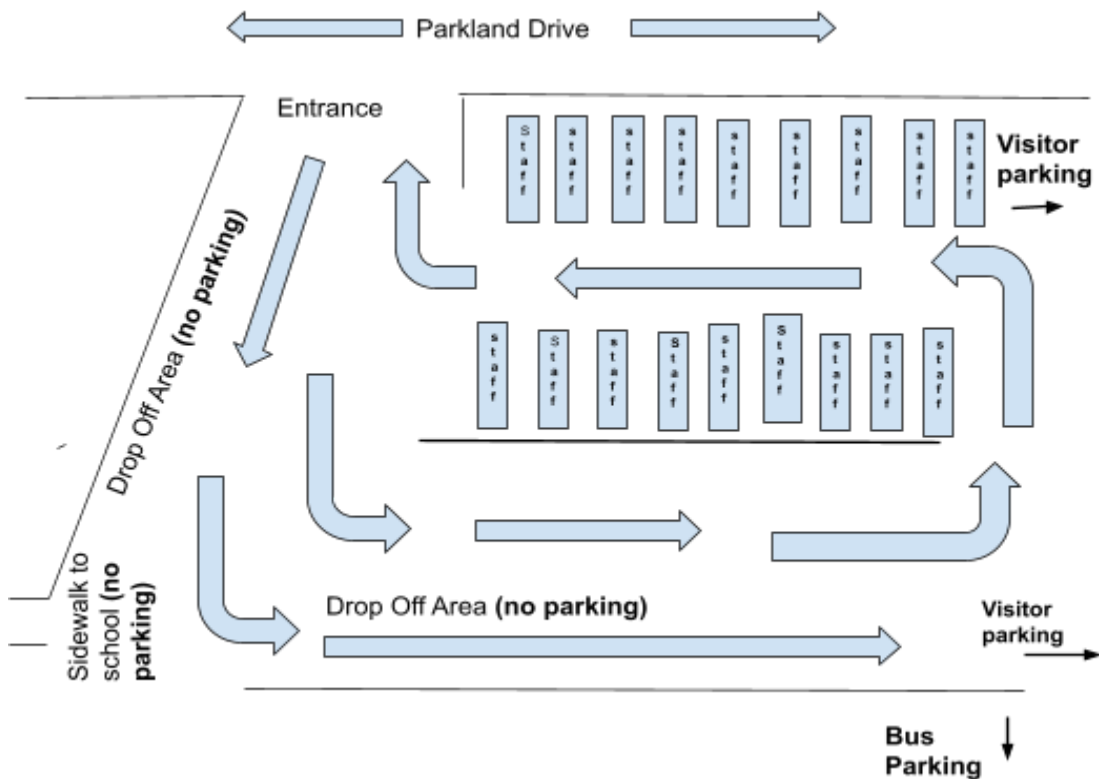
Please be mindful of posted signs and avoid parking in the “no parking” drop off area. If you are dropping off your children, please go around to the drop off area (see BELOW), and then continue around the parking lot to exit. **Please don't make u-turns at the entrance after you drop your children off.**

Our front parking lot goes in a “one-way” direction. Please be mindful of students and staff who are trying to cross the parking lot to get to and from the school, as it is now dark in the mornings and it's hard to see people walking. If you are parking to come in 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 the buses come in), is closed to vehicles while the buses are there (arrival and dismissal times). Also be mindful of the handicap parking stall by the gate.

We would also like to remind our community that parking three vehicles deep in the visitor parking is a safety concern. Please do not block vehicles during pick up time.

Thank you for your support in making our parking lot a safe environment!

Parking Lot



Student Absences

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 phone the school and leave a message on the *attendance voicemail* (Option 1) or email prior to 8:30 am to avoid the automated call out cut off at 8:45 am. **Please include your child's full name, homeroom/teacher and reason for the absence.**

Phone: 780-963-3625 (Option 1) Email: blueberry.absence@psd.ca

If your child is in grade 1-9, you can access activities while they are home on their Google Classroom.

School Fees

[School fees](#) are added to your child's Powerschool account. Fees can be paid with a credit card online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal <https://powerschool.psd.ca/public/home.html>. You can also see any fees that are added, such as option fees, field trips as well as your account balance. Fees are posted to the website. Feel free to contact the office if you need further assistance.

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.

Save the Date

Please stay informed using our [school calendar](#), but also note some important year end dates:

- May 15: Grd 9 PAT English Language Arts Part A
- May 17: Grd 6 PAT English Language Arts Part A
- June 20: Grd 6 & 9 PAT English Language Arts Part B
- June 21: National Indigenous People's Day
- June 22: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Math Part A (Mental Math Portion)
- June 23: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Math Part B
- June 26: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Social Studies
- June 27: Grd 6 & 9 PAT Science
- June 29: Junior High Awards (am) and Grade 9 Farewell (pm) *Farewell will end in time for buses

Facilities Update

Parkland School Division is announcing changes to their outreach and virtual learning programming, to take effect at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. This will in part affect Blueberry School, with one of our modular classrooms on the move to Spruce Grove to accommodate the changes.

One of our Kindergarten classrooms currently occupying that modular classroom will be moved to the flex space located in close proximity to the current Kindergarten area. PSD's Facilities Services staff will be making those improvements over the summer months, with some possible construction during Spring Break. The current Kindergarten class will **not** be impacted during this school year, as the modular will be removed over the summer.

The move will place PSD in a better position to request new funding and projects as PSD's overall utilization will increase.

The changes referenced above refer to an effort to centralize resources and support, and to bring programming offered by the Division's Connections for Learning (CFL) under one roof, PSD is relocating all outreach and virtual learning programming to the École Broxton Park School (EBPS) site, beginning in the fall of 2023 and they need a total of 5 modular classrooms to accommodate the incoming students. Currently, CFL operates junior and senior high outreach programming on two campuses, one in Stony Plain (located on Boulder Boulevard) and the other in Spruce Grove (located on St Matthews Avenue, near Wendy's). The move will eliminate the need to lease two separate buildings and allow staff to better support students in their specialized learning programs

Athletics

Intramurals

Our grade 7-9 students have been enjoying weekly intramurals in the gym at lunch recess. Students are now able to participate in Badminton for intramurals.



Basketball

Playoffs for Basketball teams are the first two weeks of March. We look forward to cheering on our teams! Go Blaze!



Calendar

Check out our [school website](#) to see our school's [monthly calendar](#). Here you can filter by type of event and you can also add our calendar to your own iCal or Google Calendar. You can also check out our rotating Fridays.

School Council & Fundraising Committee

Blueberry School Council

Our next meeting will be held in person in the library on **March 13th at 6:30pm**. You can also join us online using this link: <http://meet.google.com/jpo-bhfa-wjb> Everyone is welcome, please come and have your voice heard and learn more about our amazing school.

Blueberry Fundraising

Join us online for our next meeting on
March 20th , 2023 at 7:00pm.

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL
Fundraising
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2022-2023



Thank you to all who participated in our
Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser!
We raised approx. \$1600!
Funds raised will help purchase chrome books, Raz-kids and
Mathletics subscriptions and help us get closer to purchasing
the final phase of our new playground!



Our next fundraiser will be ...
Meats & Sweets!
We will be partnering with
Calahoo Meats and **Kick Ass Caramels**.
Order forms will be available shortly!
Stay tuned for more info!

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FUNDRAISERS THAT
GO ALL YEAR

FlipGive **SHOP ONLINE** earn cash while you shop
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and the school gets a % back.
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Stay connected with us!

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E-mail: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Hot Lunch

Blueberry School provides a healthy, nutritious meal to our students through our hot lunch program. Hot lunch runs three days a week - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, from October to May. Students are required to pre-order and pre-pay for these meals online. We will be using a new website platform this year for ordering and paying for school lunches called Munch a Lunch, please follow the instructions below to register and Login.

Ordering Lunch Online:



1. Go to: munchalunch.com/schools/blueberry
2. Click the "Register Here" button. The system will guide you through
3. After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order
4. Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.

Contact Jennifer Fiddler at jenniferdavina@hotmail.com or 780-886-7344 if you require assistance or have any questions about the hot lunch program.

Parkland Fun Ball and Soccer

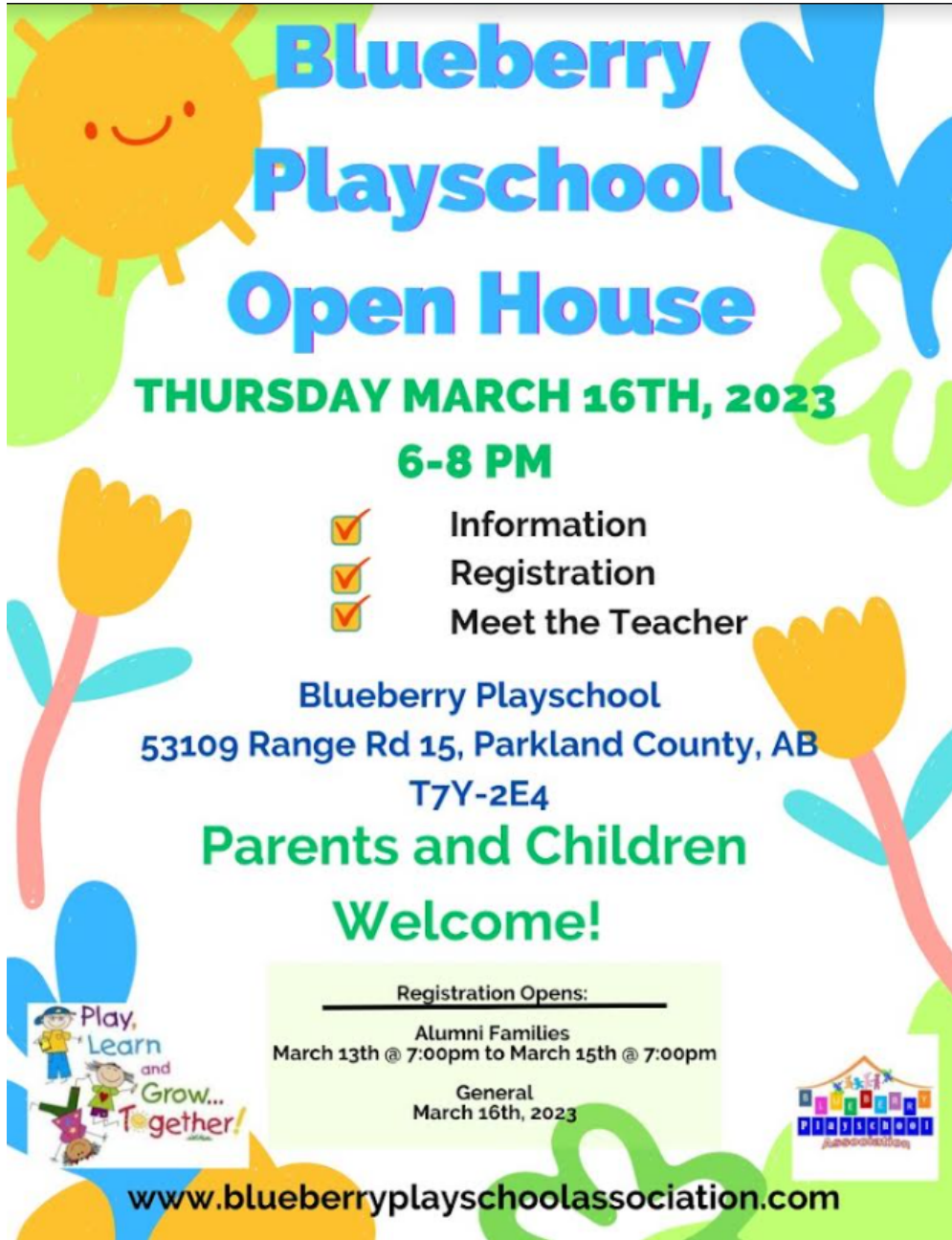


Parkland Fun Ball and Soccer at Blueberry Hall and School

<p>Soccer Registration Deadline: April 1st</p>	<p>Fun Ball (Softball) Registration Deadline: March 12th</p>
<p>For more information and to register visit: Soccer Blueberry Community League (blueberryhall.com)</p>	<p>For more information and to register visit: FunBall Blueberry Community League (blueberryhall.com)</p>
<p>Contact: soccer@blueberryhall.com</p>	<p>Contact: baseball@blueberryhall.com</p>



Blueberry Playschool News



Blueberry Playschool Open House

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH, 2023
6-8 PM



- ✓ Information
- ✓ Registration
- ✓ Meet the Teacher

Blueberry Playschool
53109 Range Rd 15, Parkland County, AB
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Parents and Children Welcome!

Registration Opens:

Alumni Families
March 13th @ 7:00pm to March 15th @ 7:00pm
General
March 16th, 2023



www.blueberryplayschoolassociation.com

Photo Album



School Trustees and Senior Executive Members visit Blueberry School





Junior High CTF
Leather work



Pink Shirt Day

