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May was a busy month with the Jr High Musical Theatre production, field trips and the construction of our new playground! We are looking forward to a fun-filled June as we finish off the 2023-24 school year.

We would like to thank our volunteers, and also recognize all the work you do at home, to make field trips, school events and daily learning seamless! Please see a note later in our newsletter regarding the Community and Volunteer Appreciation on June 5th.

At this time of year, students and families begin to think about transitioning to next year's grade. We will be releasing class lists in August and you can find out your child's teacher by logging onto Powerschool at that time. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the office. We will provide more detailed steps in our July newsletter.

A reminder to please register your student for next year if you have yet to do so. Registration can be completed by following this link:

<https://www.psd.ca/schools/registration>

A huge thank you to Mrs. Davis for her support in processing all of our registrations.

We welcome your feedback and would love to hear from you. If you have suggestions of how we can improve, please book a time to meet, send us an email or call the school.

Twyla Badry  
Assistant Principal

Michelle Visscher  
Principal

## General Information

### Upcoming Dates

*\*Please check your email and/or child's backpack regularly for information regarding upcoming events and field trips\**

June 2nd	Try-Me Triathlon
June 5th	Volunteer and Community Appreciation Day
June 6-7th	Grade 4 Drumheller Field Trip
June 9th	Elementary Fun in the Sun Day
June 14th	Grade 8 Telus World of Science
June 15th	Grade 2 Heritage Park
June 16th	Grade 2 Bird houses
June 16th	Grade 4-6 Track and Field Day
June 19th	Grade 5 Field Trip Camp Warwa
June 19th	Grade 9 Field Trip to Water Park
June 20th	Grade 6&9 PAT ELA Part B
June 21st	Kinders M/W Edmonton Valley Zoo
June 21st	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 22nd	Grade 6&9 PAT Math Part A
June 22nd	Kinder T/TH Edmonton Valley Zoo
June 23rd	Grade 6&9 PAT Math Part B
June 26th	Grade 6&9 PAT Social Studies
June 27th	Grade 6&9 PAT Science
June 29th	Junior High Awards (am)
June 29th	Grade 9 Farewell (pm)
June 29th	Report Cards live @ 3pm in Powerschool

### Dates for Next School Year

*Please also check the [PSD Calendar](#) for next year planning*

August 28th	Office reopens
September 5th	First day of school for students
September 20th	Meet the Teacher Evening

## Community and Volunteer Appreciation

On June 5th, each family received a special note and small treat to say “Thank You” for all you do to contribute to our school. We would like to thank those who are able to give of their time at school, and also our community who support students every day to do their best!



## Kindergarten Visit

We are excited to invite new kindergarten families (for the 2023-2024 school year) to sign up for a one-hour time slot to visit the school on Friday, June 9. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit the kindergarten teachers and meet their new classmates.

If your child will be attending Blueberry next year for kindergarten, please click [this link](#) to sign up. If you have any difficulties, please call the office at 780 963-3625.

## Transportation Funding Changes for 2024-25

The Alberta Government is changing school busing in the province by adjusting the distance criteria used to determine whether a student is eligible for transportation effective September 1, 2024. Please see this [website post](#) for additional information. 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.

## 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 the age of 18 are also welcome to register, and select courses are open to students who have completed Grade 7. Take one of our wide range of available courses, and:

- Upgrade your marks
- Make room in your high school schedule for courses that previously wouldn't fit

- Choose a course delivery method that suits your learning style
- Explore exciting career opportunities
- Earn high school credits—even on the job or at summer camp!

Registration for Summer School opens on Monday, April 3, 2023, and will remain open until Friday, June 23, 2023.

## Thank You Jumpstart!



Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities is committed to ensuring kids in need have equal access to sport and recreation. [See here](#) for more details. This year, the students at Blueberry School have benefitted from this funding. Thank you Jumpstart for supporting our students!

## Report Cards

Please note that the last day of school for students is Thursday, June 29. Report Cards will also go live on this day through [PowerSchool](#). Students' first day back for the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, September 5th.

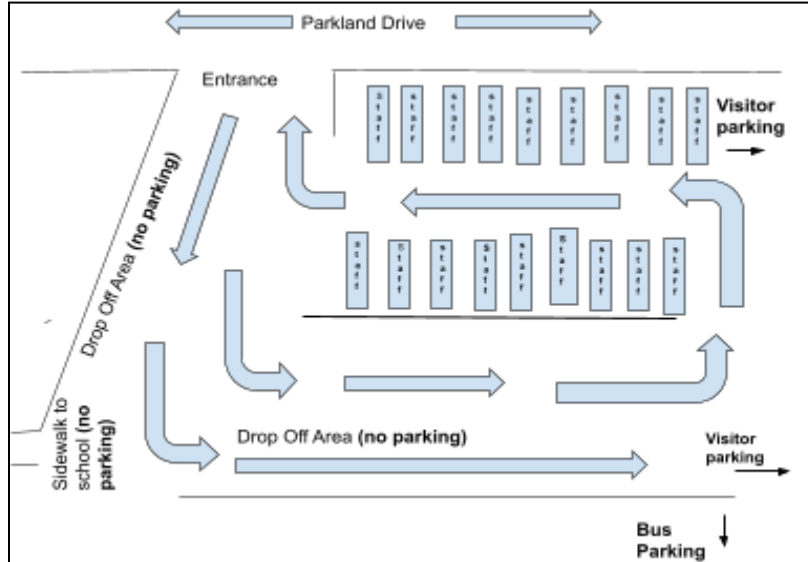
### **IMPORTANT - PARKING LOT SAFETY! - Please read**

**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!



## 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 at <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.

## PAT Schedule

June 2023	
June 20th	Grade 6&9 PAT English Language Arts Part B
June 21st	National Indigenous People's Day
June 22nd	Grd 6 & 9 PAT Math Part A (Mental Math Portion)
June 23rd	Grd 6 & 9 PAT Math Part B
June 26th	Grd 6 & 9 PAT Social Studies
June 27th	Grd 6 & 9 PAT Science

*If your grade 9 student is planning on leaving school grounds after the exam, they must have written permission provided ahead of time. We encourage all students to remain at school after their exams as these are key times for review and individualized support from their teachers. Please watch for more information regarding grade 9 PAT days coming soon.*

## Memory Book

The **Memory book** for 2022-2023 is now available online. Please order through your PowerSchool account.



## Athletics

### Track and Field Grds 4-6

A huge shoutout to all of the athletes that participated in the grade 4-6 track meet at SPC!

A special congratulations to the following athletes who placed in their events:

**Lindzi W - 4th place Running Long Jump**

**Olivia K - 6th place Baseball Throw**

**Brooklyn G - 2nd place 200M, 3rd place 100M**

**Piper T - 2nd place Turbo Javelin**

**Roman T - 6th place 50M**

**Taryn C - 4th place 50M, 3rd place 100M**

### Track and Field Grds 7-9

CONGRATULATIONS to our Jr. High Athletes who participated in the Zone 5 Regional Track Meet June 1st! It is an outstanding accomplishment to make it there, and all athletes were amazing!

OF NOTE:

Izabel Fellows won a SILVER medal in the 4 x 100m relay, and a GOLD medal in the Long Jump!

Jake Greaves won a GOLD medal in the 200m and a GOLD medal in the 4 x 100m Relay!

## 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 Foundation

### School Council

*Thank you for helping us celebrate our staff! A staff lunch will be provided on June 30th.*

Our next meeting will be held in September and we look forward to welcoming new community members to support our school! We have elected a new council and welcome all to come and join the fun!

Council Chairperson - Erin W.

Council Vice Chairperson - Jenn R.

*Council Secretary - open position (elect in the fall)*

Members at Large - Sarah C., Heather B.

### Fundraising Committee

We need your feedback and ideas as we plan for next year.

Please take a few minutes to complete our [SURVEY!](#)

Watch our facebook page or contact us for our next meeting date.

Stay connected with us: [Facebook Link](#)

Questions? Email:

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

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL  
**Fundraising**  
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2022-2023

**Thank you**  
for all of your support during the  
2022-2023 school year!

**Please complete our survey!**

We need your feedback and ideas as we plan for next year!

**Click here!**

**Want to join the committee?**

We are always looking for new members!

Please reach out if you are interested.

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

**Ordering school supplies for next year?**

**Don't forget your labels!**

Make labeling easy for the upcoming school year with  
Oliver's labels and help support our school too!

[www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool](http://www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool)



## Thank You to our playground sponsors!

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**Our students and community are so thankful for your generosity!  
You have helped bring our playground to life!**

If you would like to become a playground sponsor, please contact Malinda @ [mapachal@hotmail.com](mailto:mapachal@hotmail.com)

*"Under Construction"  
May 19th*



**Stay tuned for a date for the Grand Opening of our New Playground!**

## Hot Lunch

Thank you for your Support on our Blueberry Hot Lunch program. Hot lunch order will reopen October 2023.





## Photo Album



Jake- 4X100m Relay Team  
Gold and 200m Champion!



Quin - 3000m Beast!



Dax - 3000m Beast!



**IZABEL..Gold Medal in Long Jump and Silver medal 4x100m  
Parkland Relay Team!**





## STEM Stars of the Month



Ella for her enthusiasm in exploring the website-Tinkercad, where she used Science to balance her basketball net!!

Chiara and Avery for great teamwork, good listening and creative ideas with their wrecking ball!!!

# June





