

Summer 2023

Message from Administration

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As we reflect on the 2022-23 school year, we are filled with gratitude to our students, staff and community. This year saw many new adventures along with a return to traditions that are integral to our school community. From a new playground build to a triumphant magical musical, great memories were made throughout our school year.

Our hallways have been filled with volunteers throughout the year and it has been wonderful to have community members back in the building. We are appreciative of all of you who have helped partner in the education of our student population.

We wish you all a restful summer, full of laughs and connection.

Classroom Teachers 2023-24

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 2023. Please note that the school office reopens on August 28 if you have any questions.

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

August 28th	Office Reopens
September 4th	Labour Day
September 5th	Students' First Day
September 8th	Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast
September 14th	Blueberry Hosts Cross Country Run
September 15th	Terry Fox Run
September 18th- September 22nd	Book Fair
September 18th	School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the library and virtually
September 20th	Meet the Teacher @ 4:30pm-6:30pm
October 2nd	Picture Day Kinders M/W - Grade 1 - Grade 4
October 3rd	Picture Day Kinders T/TH - Grade 5 - Grade 9

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.

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.

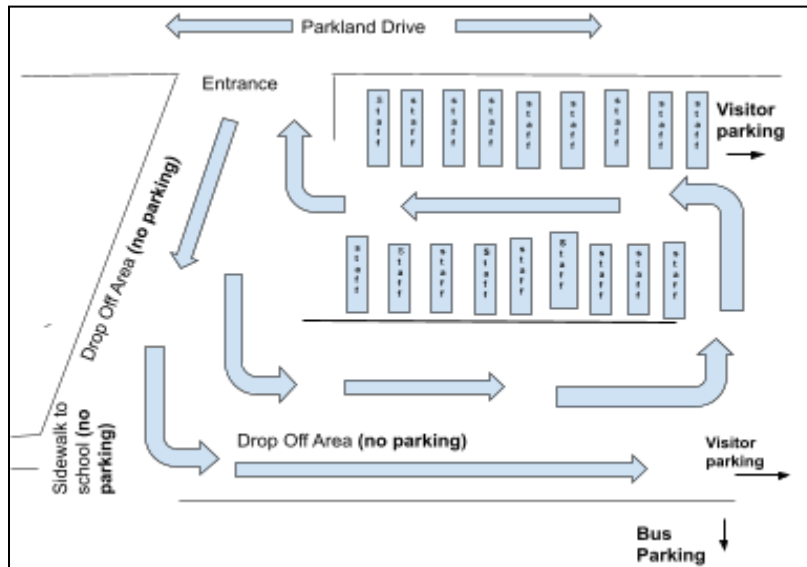
IMPORTANT - PARKING LOT SAFETY! - Please read

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

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. **Memory book** is available through your PowerSchool account or you can order directly through [Smart Photography](#)

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



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.

2023-2024 Supply Lists

Please visit our website for the 2023-2024 school supply Lists. You can place your order online at www.schoolstart.ca.



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 2023/2024 school year. This process will save you both time and money.

YOU CAN ORDER ANYTIME; however, THE EARLIER YOU ORDER THE MORE YOU CAN WIN!!!




✓ **ORDER by June 13, 2023:**
✓ **BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$500 GROCERY CARD! x2** 

✓ **ORDER by July 18, 2023:**
✓ **BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$1,000 CASH! x2** 

✓ **MISSED the above order dates? IT'S OKAY! YOU CAN ORDER ANYTIME FOR YOUR CHILD'S BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY KIT!**

*Order by June 13, 2023 and you will be entered into both draws. Two winners per draw. Winners will be announced on our School Start Facebook and Instagram pages.

3 WAYS TO ORDER:

-  **ONLINE:** You can place your order online at 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.

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 | info@schoolstart.ca | Ph: 1-800-580-1868

Kindergarten Staggered Entry Dates

Kindergarten students will be divided into smaller groups for the first couple of days of the 2023-24 school year to help with transitioning.

The dates are:

Monday/Wednesday Classes: September 6th and September 8th

Tuesday Thursday Class: September 5th and September 7th

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 **Wednesday, August 30th**, from **1pm - 1:45pm**. Students will get to view their classroom and have all of their supplies organized before the first day of school. Please note that due to the number of families dropping off supplies, there is not enough time for individual visits/conversations with the teacher. If you would like to request a meeting, please reach out to schedule an additional time. If you are not able to make this time, please feel free to send your supplies on the first day of school, September 5th, 2023.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

The Grade 1 Team

Save the Date!

Wednesday, September 20th 2023 4:30pm-6:30pm is Meet the Teacher and Powerschool Info Night 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.

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help out with some of our start up activities for 2023-24? Please use this [Googleform](#) to sign up for dates that would work for you. Thank you for supporting our school!

School Council & Fundraising Foundation

School Council

Please join us for our first meeting of the new school year on September 18th. If you have questions about getting involved, please contact blueberry.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Fundraising Committee

Stay connected with us: <https://www.facebook.com/BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee>
Questions? Email: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

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.

Hot Lunch

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



Photo Album









Grade 9 Farewell



Water Park

Kinders Trip to the Zoo







