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After being part of this amazing community for the past 8 years, the time has come for me to wish you well as I move to another Principalship within PSD.

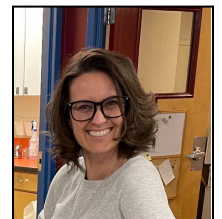
I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you – students, teachers, staff, families and community partners who have made my time here so incredibly rewarding. Your support, dedication, and passion for education have inspired me every day, and I am deeply thankful for the opportunity to have served as your Principal.

To the students, continue to embrace learning, act through kindness, and always strive for excellence. To the parents, thank you for entrusting your children to us and for your ongoing support in their education. And to the teachers and staff, your dedication to our students is truly commendable, and I am proud to have worked alongside each and every one of you.

I am confident that Blueberry will continue to thrive and flourish. Continue to embrace kindness and be open to different perspectives. There is so much that can be learned when we come to understand each other's stories.

Thank you once again for allowing me the privilege of being part of this incredible journey.

Michelle Visscher - Principal Blueberry School



General Information

Upcoming Dates

June 4- June 6	JH Musical Theatre Production - Sound of Music
June 5	Gr 6 Writing Field Test
June 6	Gr 4-6 Division Track Meet
June 7	Gr 6 Reading Field Test
June 12	Gr 9 PAT ELA Part B
June 13	Gr 6 Math Field Test
June 13	Gr 9 PAT Math Part A
June 14	Volunteer Appreciation
June 18	Gr 9 PAT Math Part B
June 19	Gr 6 & Gr 9 PAT Social
June 20	Gr 6 & Gr 9 PAT Science
June 21	National Aboriginal Day
June 24	Gr 8 Field Trip to Activate
June 24	Elementary Fun in the Sun
June 25	Div 2 Track and Field - Morning
June 25	JH Water Fight
June 25	Gr 2 Field Trip to the Pioneer Museum
June 26	JH Awards and Gr 9 Farewell
June 27	Gr 5 Field Trip to Activate
June 27	Last Day of School
June 27	Report Cards Live @ 3pm
June 28	PD Day

Would you like to volunteer in 2024/25? We need your help for some welcome back events! Get to know teachers and other parents by signing up [here!](#)

Staff Farewells



I've reached a point where it's time to step away and do more travelling and spend more time with family. How lucky am I that saying goodbye is hard?
I want to thank everyone at Blueberry for allowing me to be a part of an amazing community and workplace. I've had the honour of working at every grade level at the school, beginning and ending with kindergarten. I have learned so much from working with children, it's been immensely rewarding - and that is what I'll miss the most. Remember, life goes quickly so don't take it too seriously.
I will miss you all!

Claire Pederson ❤️



Well it is hard to believe that I have been here at Blueberry School for almost 20 years! I have thoroughly enjoyed working in this community and have made many great relationships with families over the years. It has been an honour to teach many of your children and they will have a special place in my heart forever. I have decided it is time for a new adventure and will be moving to Copperhaven School at the end of this school year. Thank you to all the families who have worked alongside me during my time here at Blueberry. I will miss you all! I wish you all health and happiness.

Love,
Mrs. Heemeryck



Much Love from Mrs. Charleson (retired),

Teaching is such an all encompassing career! I've had to force myself not to buy sidewalk chalk and bubbles, or big boxes of freezies this Spring. I miss hugs and being part of a team. I miss reading with kids and the sound of a busy classroom.

This time away from the classroom has allowed me to enjoy reading in the morning with that second cup of coffee. I can stay up late and watch the Oilers on their way to the Stanley Cup finals.

I really miss you all. I have been privileged to work with so many fine families. Thank you for the hours of volunteer time, pumpkins, and notes of encouragement. I encourage you to continue to show such kindness to the amazing administrators, teachers, Educational Assistants, custodians, office staff, and bus drivers. Because they absolutely deserve it. I plan to sub next year. Come say hi if you see me!

In closing, I want to again thank those staff members responsible for the assembly in February. Especially Mrs. King who changed the "Monster Mash" into "Mrs. Charleson Class." Classic!

See you around, Blueberry!



Kindergarten Visit

We are excited to invite new kindergarten families (for the 2024-2025 school year) to sign up for one of our four time slots on June 14 to visit the kindergarten classrooms. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to visit the teachers, meet some of their new classmates, and participate in some kindergarten learning activities.

Each time slot is one hour long, but it is not mandatory to stay the whole time. We would ask, though, that you visit each of our two classrooms during your visit so that both teachers have a chance to meet you and your child!

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.

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule

All tests begin at 9am		
ELA, Part A	N/A	Grade 9 Written Response May 13, 2024
	Grade 6 Multiple Choice	Grade 9 Multiple Choice*
ELA, Part B	N/A	Weds, June 12, 2024
Mathematics, Part A	N/A	Thurs June 13, 2024
Mathematics, Part B	N/A	Tues, June 18, 2024
Social Studies	Weds, June 19, 2024	Weds, June 19, 2024
Science	Thurs, June 20, 2024	Thurs, June 20, 2024

Please note that finals for Grade 7 and 8 students will be written on the same days as PATs

*Grade 6 students will not write PATs for Language Arts or Mathematics as directed by the Alberta Government ([website](#)).

Save the Dates

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

- June 24th Fun in the Sun Activity Day Grades K-6 - *lunch provided for all K-9 Students*
- June 25th Jr High Waterfight
- June 26th Jr High Awards (am) and Grade 9 Farewell (pm) *Grade 9 Farewell concludes at regular dismissal time*
- June 27th Final Report Cards live in Powerschool at 3:30pm

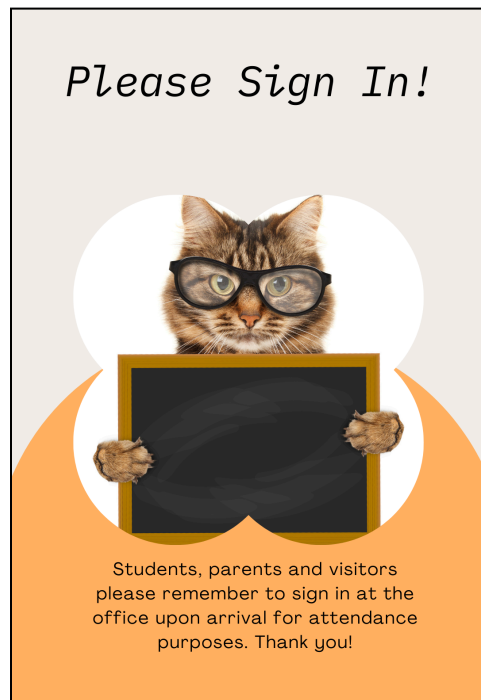
Student Absences

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.**

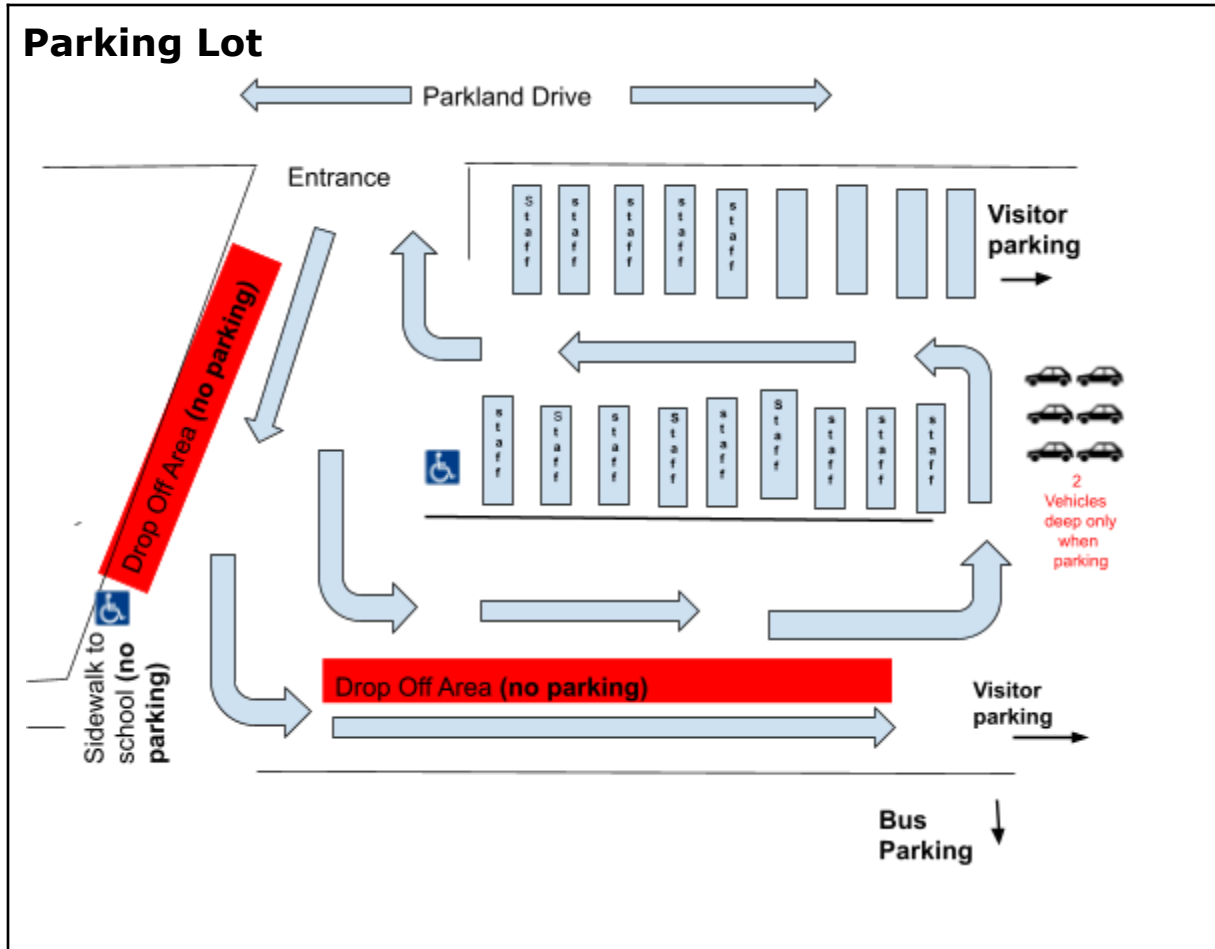
Phone: 780-963-3625 (Option 1) Email: blueberry.absence@psd.ca

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



PARKING LOT



Please note the “no parking” areas on the map above. Vehicles parked in these areas cause traffic congestion. **Designated parking stalls are marked close to the school gate area.** Our parking lot is single lane traffic and one way only.

We recognize that everyone’s time is valuable and by following these guidelines we can ensure smooth drop off/pick up, while we prioritize student safety.
Thank you for your support in making our parking lot a safe environment!

Athletics

Our grade 4-6 track and field athletes will be competing at the Division Track and Field Meet on Thursday, June 6th. Athletes have practiced and worked so hard to prepare for this event. Come and cheer them on at Westview School on Thursday, June 6th from 8:30am-3:00pm!

Junior High Track and Field

This year Blueberry had an excellent showing at the Divisional Track Meet which took place at Westview School. We had 6 students qualify for the Zone 5 Track Meet in Sherwood Park. Students who finished in the top 3 at the Parkland Divisional Track Meet moved on.

Here are the students who qualified:

Scott R. placed 1st in the 3000m.

Jake G. placed 2nd in the 200m.

Dax C. placed 3rd in the 3000m.

Brooklin M. placed 1st in the 100m and 2nd in the 200m.

Taryn C. placed 3rd in the 100m.

Piper T. placed 2nd in discus.

Stronger Together Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Supports [Newsletter](#).
There are a number of great upcoming sessions to take a look at.



Hot Lunch

Hot lunch has concluded for the 2023-24 school year. Please watch for information in the fall regarding sign up for 2024-25.

Blueberry School Council & Fundraising Committee

Blueberry School Council 2024-25:

- Chair - Erin Craig
- Vice Chair - Jen Richens
- Secretary - Karlyn Prince
- Members at Large - Sarah Corker and Cayla Nelson

Save the Date: Our next meeting will be held in person and online **September 9th at 6:30pm** in the library. Please consider joining us either in person or by clicking the link provided closer to the time of the meeting.



Sign up [here!](#)

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL 
Fundraising
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2023-2024

Our fundraising efforts for this year are coming to an end. As we look forward to next year, we want your ideas and feedback! Please take a few moments to complete our

SURVEY.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Funds raised this year will purchase Raz-kids, Mathletics and Criterion subscriptions, outdoor physical education equipment and help us get closer to purchasing the standalone structures for our new playground!

Passionate about our Playground?

The playground committee is seeking a new playground lead! Please reach out if you are willing to help!



Have you picked up your
Kiwi Nurseries Order?

Kiwi will email you when your order is ready for pick up.

****All orders must be picked up by June 6th unless previous arrangements have been made. ****



**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!
www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool



Want to join us? Please reach out!

Connect with us on Facebook
or via e-mail:
blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Thank you for your support! We couldn't do this without you!



Photo Album

LET'S GO OILERS!







School Council

Blueberry School / May Edition

Blueberry School Council Notes

blueberry.schair@partner.psd.ca | <http://blueberry.psd.ca/parents/get-involved/school-council>

That time of year when there are a WHOLE LOT OF ENDINGS, and a

whole lot of beginnings taking place.

Blueberry Community Thank You

Blueberry has the greatest staff and we appreciate all that they do to educate and care for our children.

Thank you so very much to the Blueberry Community for the thoughtfulness, time and gifts you donated to make our Staff Appreciation Day successful.

2024 ~ 2025 School Council Meeting:

September 9th 6:30pm



UPCOMING MEETING

FIRST School Council Meeting:
Monday, September 9th, 6:30 pm
Join In Person or Virtually

Virtual Link Here:
[School Council Virtual Link](#)

Blueberry school has had an extra amazing year because, the community has shared its remarkable *talents, skills and efforts* **to fuel the success of every student and staff member.**



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

June 11th
7pm ~ 9pm

School Council will be engaging in an online course taught by the Alberta Council of School Councils. The course is entitled "School Council Purpose."

If you would like to join, please email School Council Chair, Erin Craig to register. There is no fee.

blueberry.scchair@partner.psd.ca

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

We are excited to announce the members of Blueberry School Council for 2024~2025!

We extend a warm welcome to our new members!

Chair ~ Erin Craig
Vice Chair ~ Jen Richens
Secretary ~ Karlyn Prince
Members at Large ~ Sarah Corker, Cayla Nelson

School Council Chair Email Address:
blueberry.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Link to the School Council Minutes:
<https://blueberry.psd.ca/about/documents#category/18139>



WAYS TO HELP

Please consider volunteering your time for the upcoming fall activities: Pancake Breakfast, Meet the Teacher Night & Monster Mash.

Blueberry PlaySchool Information



53109 Range Road 15

**Blueberry
Playschool**

OPEN HOUSE

June 4
6-8pm

Come meet our teachers and
check out our classroom!

POSTER
MAKER

The poster features a dark blue background with various school supplies like pencils, a ruler, a compass, and a starburst. The text is arranged vertically, starting with the address, followed by the school name in a large, stylized font, then the event title and date. The bottom section includes an invitation and a small logo for 'POSTER MAKER'.

Community News



Junior SHOTS Pickleball

Ages 6-18
Yellowhead West Pickleball Club

TRY IT EVENT

Tuesday July 9
6pm-8pm
<https://pickleballcanada.org/event/TryItEvent>

SUMMER CLINIC

July 16,23,30 Aug 6,
6pm-8pm
<https://pickleballcanada.org/event/HOTSHOTS>

The poster features a blue and orange background with a white pickleball in the center. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with arrows pointing from the event details to the corresponding QR codes on the right.

Try It event here



Clinic event here

