

## Summer 2024

### Message from Administration

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Dear Blueberry School Community,

I am honored to introduce myself as the new principal of Blueberry School in Parkland School Division. My name is Rosanne McIntyre, and I am excited to join this vibrant and dedicated community of learners.

As an educational leader, I am committed to fostering collaboration, innovation, and meaningful learning opportunities. I am passionate about student success and well-being, and I am dedicated to building strong family relationships and school partnerships. I bring 22 years of experience as a teacher, including 18 years in Parkland School Division and 4 years as an assistant principal at Brookwood School. I have over 6 years of experience as an Inclusive Education Lead and hold a Master of Education in Literacy as well as a Graduate Certificate in School Leadership.

Joining the Blueberry School community marks an exciting new chapter, and I look forward to building upon the existing goals and aspirations of the school. As we embark on this new journey together, I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you and working collaboratively to ensure the success of our students. I am confident that, with our collective efforts, we can achieve great things at Blueberry School.

Thank you for the warm welcome, and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Warm Regards,  
Rosanne McIntyre



## General Information

### Upcoming Dates

August 20	Office Reopens
August 28	First day of School
September 2	Labour Day/No School
September 6	Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast
September 9	Parent Council meeting @ 6:30pm in the library
September 20	PD Day/ No School
September 25	Meet the Teacher @ 4:30-6:30
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day- No School
October 7	Kinder MW-Grade 4 Picture Day
October 8	Kinder TTH - Grade 5-Grade 9 Picture Day
October 11	PD Day/ No School
October 14	Thanksgiving/ No School

Please note the [2024-25 Parkland School Division Calendar](#) for your planning purposes. The calendar can be found under "Printable Calendars" on the right hand side of the webpage.

### Classroom Teachers 2024-25

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 2024. Please note that the school office reopens on August 20 if you have any questions.

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!](#)



## 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](mailto:blueberry.absence@psd.ca)

## School Fees

Student Account Statements for any students with overdue fees were emailed to parents earlier this month. 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 accountant fees, please email Mercy Rosborough at [mercy.rosborough@psd.ca](mailto:mercy.rosborough@psd.ca).

## 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)



## Lost and Found

Our lost and found items were on display for most of May and June. All items that were remaining on June 27th were sent to charity.

## Kindergarten Staggered Entry?

Kindergarten students will be divided into smaller groups for the first couple of days of the 2024-25 school year to help with transitioning.

The dates are:

Monday/Wednesday Classes: August 28th and August 30th

Tuesday/Thursday Class: August 29th and September 3rd

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 Tuesday, August 27th, from 2pm - 3pm. 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, August 28th, 2024.

We are looking forward to meeting you!  
The Grade 1 Team

## 2024-2025 Supply Lists

Please visit [our website](http://our website) for the 2024-2025 school supply Lists. You can place your order online at [www.schoolstart.ca](http://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 2024/2025 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, 2024:  
✓ **BE ENTERED TO WIN A \$500 GROCERY CARD! x2**

✓ ORDER by July 18, 2024:  
✓ **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, 2024 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](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:

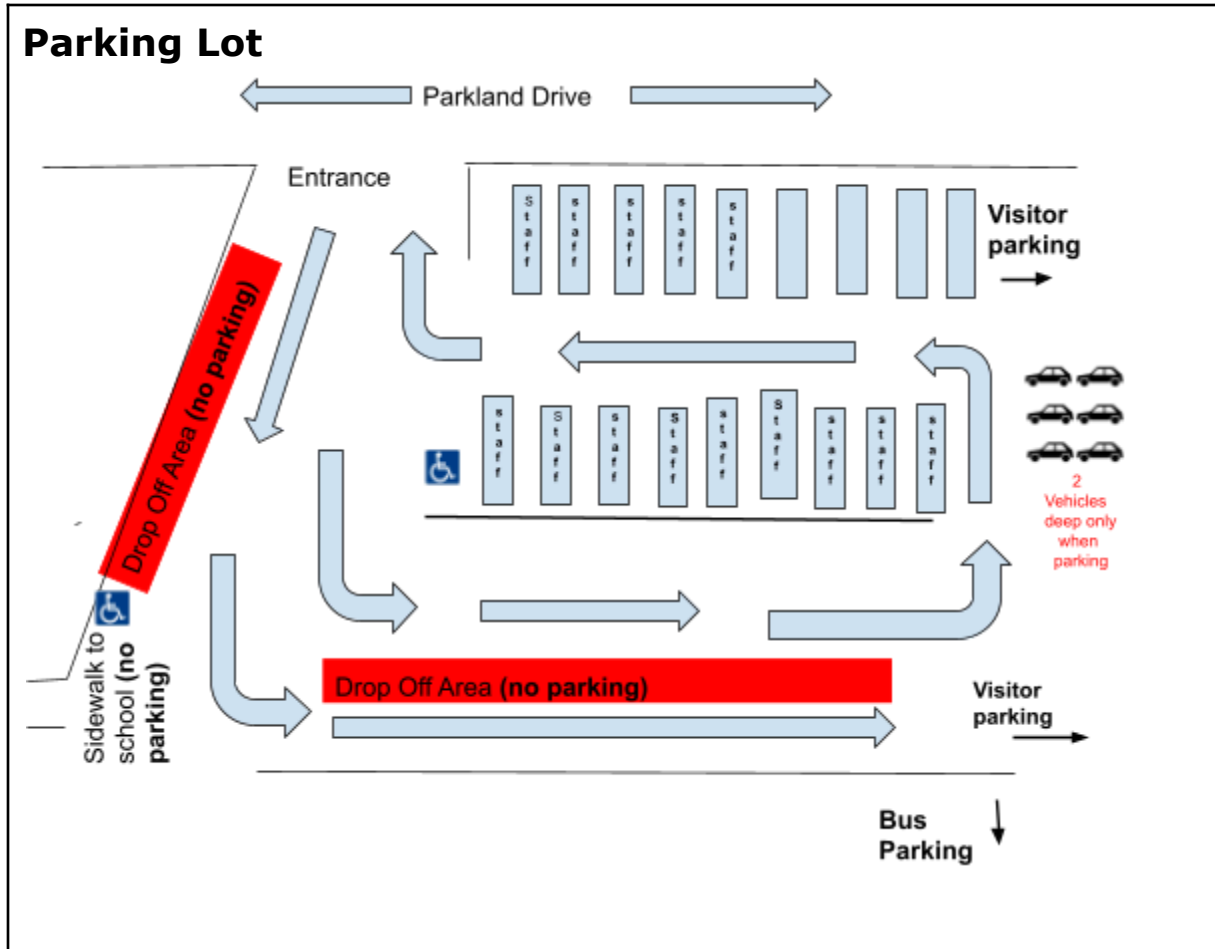
The supplies will be packaged and delivered directly to your house. If you have a P.O. Box, please use your 911 address. Because the kit (s) are delivered to your home, you will have the ability to:

- ✓ 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

## 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!



## Stronger Together Newsletter

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



## Hot Lunch

Thank you for your Support on our Blueberry Hot Lunch program. Hot lunch order will reopen September 4, 2024.

## 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.

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL  
Fundraising  
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2023-2024



## Hello Summer!

And... that's a wrap!  
Our 2023-2024 year of fundraising is over!

### **Thank you for all of your support!**

With your help, we have had another successful year of raising funds to keep our students healthy and connected and enhance their school experience!

We want your ideas and feedback!  
Please take a few moments to complete  
our **SURVEY**.

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Passionate about our Playground?

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



**oliver's**  
labels

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



## Want to join us? Please reach out!

Connect with us on Facebook  
or via e-mail:  
[blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com)

Have a wonderful summer!

## Photo Album



Thank You  
Volunteers







## PASSION PROJECT SHOWCASE



**Fun  
in  
the  
Sun**





## JH Awards





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