

## September 2024

### Message from Administration

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Dear Blueberry School Community,

Welcome back! The start of a school year is like the opening chapter of a captivating book—a fresh page waiting to be filled with stories, discoveries, and shared experiences. Our classrooms are buzzing with activity, bulletin boards are adorned with colorful displays, and hallways are filled with plenty of smiles everywhere!

Blueberry School is more than bricks and mortar; our school community breathes life into its walls. Our dedicated teachers, staff, parents, and, of course, our incredible students are a team. Let's continue to collaborate, learn, and grow together.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for entrusting us with your children's education. We are committed to fostering an environment where curiosity flourishes, kindness prevails, and every child feels seen and valued.

As we step into this new academic year, I want to express my genuine excitement for our students. Their stories, their dreams—they are the heartbeat of our school. Together with our dedicated staff, we'll create an environment where curiosity thrives, kindness prevails, and every child feels valued.

Warm regards,

Rosanne McIntyre  
Principal

## General Information

### Upcoming Dates

September 6	Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for Students
September 9	Parent Council meeting @ 6:30pm in the library
September 19 (week of)	Terry Fox Run (in PE classes)
September 20	PD Day/ No School
September 25	Meet the Staff @ 4:30-6:30
September 27	Grade 9 Farewell Hot Lunch (Basile's Pizza)
September 27	Orange Shirt Day
September 30	Truth and Reconciliation Day - No School
October 7	Kinder MW; Grade 1-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.

### Bell Times

7:45 am	Buses Arrive
7:58-8:06 am	Classes Assemble/Attendance/Announcements/O Canada
8:06-10:05 am	Blocks 1-3
9:45-9:59 am	Kindergarten Recess
10:05-10:20 am	Grade 1-6 Outdoor Recess/Grade 7-9 Break
10:20-11:38 am	Blocks 4-5
11:07-11:37 am	Kindergarten Outdoor Play
11:38am-12:08 pm	Grade 1-6 Recess/Grade 7-9 Lunch/Kindergarten Lunch
12:08-12:38 pm	Grade 7-9 Recess/Grade 1-6 Lunch
12:38-12:39 pm	Announcements/Attendance
12:39-2:36 pm	Blocks 6-8
2:36-2:43 pm	Dismissal/First Bell for Buses
2:43-2:45 pm	Last Bell/Buses Depart

*Please note supervision begins at 7:45am. There is no supervision prior to this time.*

## Blueberry Staff

**Principal:** Mrs. McIntyre  
**Assistant Principal:** Mrs. Badry

**Office Staff:**  
Mrs. Rosborough (Head Secretary)  
Mrs. Davis (Secretary)

**Kindergarten:**  
Mrs. Campbell (MWa)  
Mrs. Weidman (MWb)  
Mrs. Grundke (TTH)

**Grade 1:**  
Mrs. Karamujic (1A)  
Ms. Morrison (1B)  
Mrs. Knopper-Singleton (1C)

**Grade 2:**  
Mrs. Dilling (2A)  
Mrs. Engel-Wood/Mrs. English (2B)  
Ms. Paton (2C)

**Grade 3:**  
Mrs. LaGrange (3A)  
Ms. Ducholke (3B)  
Mrs. Miller (3/4)

**Grade 4:**  
Ms. Proctor (4A)  
Mr. Roth (4B)  
Mrs. Miller (3/4)

**Grade 5:**  
Mrs. Higgins (5A)  
Mrs. Krasnikoff (5B)

**Grade 6:**  
Ms. Clampitt (6A)  
Mrs. Owen (6B)  
Ms. Robinson (6C)

**Grade 7:**  
Mrs. Sawchuk (7A)  
Mrs. Sharratt (7B)

**Grade 8:**  
Ms. Abbas-Nejad (8A)  
Mr. Weinhandl (8B/9C)  
Mr. Mireault (8C)

**Grade 9:**  
Ms. Lasuik (9A)  
Mrs. Maycher (9B)  
Mrs. Kleparchuk (9C/8B)

**Music:**  
Mrs. King

**School Counsellor**  
Mrs. Smith

**Educational Assistants:**  
Mrs. Braucht  
Mrs. Antal  
Mrs. Podhaniuk  
Mrs. Brown  
Mrs. Smith  
Mrs. Trimble  
Mrs. Taylor  
Mrs. Fetter  
Mrs. Wagner  
Mrs. MacKenzie

**Custodial Staff:**  
Mrs. Schwab  
Mrs. Rieland  
Ms. Lynch  
Mrs. Sokoloski

## Timetable

Blueberry is on a 4 day timetable in which Mondays are Day 1s, Tuesdays are Day 2s, Wednesdays are Day 3s and Thursdays are Day 4s. Fridays will rotate - please see the [school calendar](#).

## Pancake Breakfast

Friday, September 6 is our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for students. Volunteers will be serving our students pancakes to celebrate our first full week of school. We will be providing gluten-free pancakes for those who require, but if you have a student with another food allergy, please consider sending them an extra snack to enjoy with their classmates during this time. We will begin serving grade one classes and progress through the grades. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast as normal at home, as it may be later in the morning when they receive their pancakes.

## Meet the Staff Night

We hope that you'll join us for our Meet the Staff night on Wednesday, September 25th from 4:30-6:30pm. Teachers will be explaining how to access Google Classroom, as well as some of the routines in the classrooms. Families with last names beginning A-M will visit classrooms from 5pm-5:30pm and families with last names N-Z will visit classrooms 5:30pm-6pm. Hot dogs will be available to families (one per person please) from 4:30pm-6pm. Feel free to check out the book fair in the library while you're here!

## Early Student Pick-Up

If you are picking up your child early from school please **phone the office** to let us know. Students are not allowed to leave the building without confirmation from a parent or guardian. Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe!

## Student Absences

To ensure the safety of all of our students at Blueberry School, it is imperative that we are aware of 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)

## Administering Medication & Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

If your child requires medication during the school day, it is Division Policy that a signed consent form be completed. Contact the office. All medication brought to school must be kept at the office, and will only be accepted in the original clearly labeled bottle/box. Only prescription medication will be dispensed at the office. Please ask the pharmacist for a second labeled bottle to be kept at school if needed. All medication that was left at the school in June has been disposed of. Students who may need an Epi-Pen are required to supply an Epi-Pen for storage in the school office and the required forms must be completed. Please assist us in gathering all information regarding your child's pre-existing medical conditions.

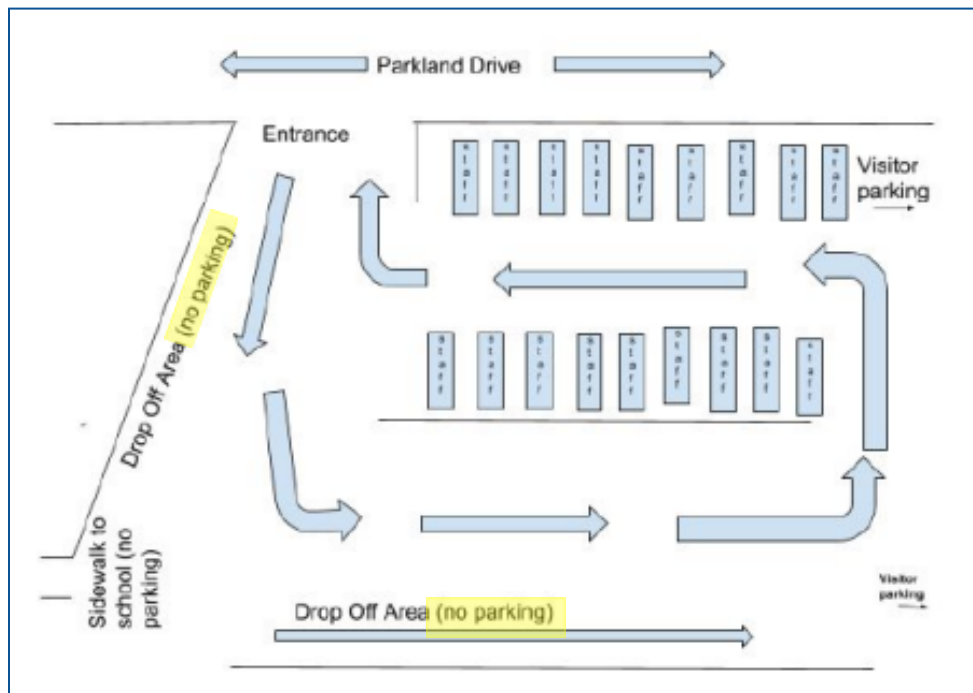
## Volunteers

We are so happy to be able to welcome volunteers back into our school. Stay tuned for messaging from your child's teacher for opportunities throughout the year. Please remember that a current Criminal Record Vulnerable Sector Check must be on file at the school for anyone who volunteers more than ten hours in a school year. All volunteers and visitors must check in at the school office upon arrival.

## Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Please note the following important information regarding **child safety** and parking at Blueberry School:

1. Reminder that there is NO PARKING in the drop-off areas in the morning from 7:40 - 8:00 am and from 2:20 - 2:50 pm daily.
2. Please be mindful of students and staff who are trying to cross the parking lot to get to and from the school.
3. Our front parking lot goes in a “one-way” direction. If you are dropping off your children, please go around to the drop-off area, and then continue around the parking lot to exit. Please do not make u-turns at the entrance after you drop your children off.
4. If you are parking to come in with your children, please use the far west side of the front (south) parking lot to park (there is no parking in the drop-off area).
5. The back parking lot (where the buses come in), is closed to vehicles while the buses are there (arrival and dismissal times).
6. Note that the parking stall by the gate is designated as accessible for those people who require it. It is not for general public use.
7. There is **no parking permitted in the North parking lot** during bus pick-up times (7:45 am - 8:00 am and 2:45 pm - 4:30 pm). Please do not park in the North parking lot to pick up students at the end of the school day as you will have to wait for buses to depart.



We appreciate your support in making our parking lot a safe environment for all!

## Entering and Exiting Blueberry

Students enter and exit the school through their designated doors. Exterior doors are locked during instructional hours. Students who arrive after 8:01 am are asked to enter through the main entrance.

## Allergies

At our school, there are individuals with severe nut allergies. Consequently, we have processes in place to minimize the risk to these students. Whenever possible, please avoid sending nut products to school. We also have some severe allergies to scented products and ask that students and parents coming into the school refrain from using these products (perfumes, scented lotions, body sprays). Aerosol products are also not permitted in the school. Students are encouraged to bring underarm deodorant in a non-scented stick form. If your child has serious allergies, please ensure that the school is aware by contacting the office.

## Counselling

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Andrea Smith to Blueberry School as our counselor. Mrs. Smith will be at Blueberry School on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

## Code of Conduct

Please take a moment to review [Blueberry's Student Code of Conduct](#) with your child. Classroom teachers have also highlighted this document with students during the first week of school.

## Cell Phones/Smart Watches/Headphones

Students are asked to leave their cell phones in their lockers during instructional time. Grade 7-9 students are permitted to use their cell phones prior to school (before first bell) and during the lunch hour. Elementary students are not permitted use of cellphones during recess, to encourage active play. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office to ensure all staff are aware of any student needs/concerns. Students are asked to come to the office to call home.

If devices such as smartwatches become a disruption to a student's learning, teachers will work with that individual. Headphones (such as airpods) should be left in lockers and not brought to class during instructional time. Students are encouraged to leave valuable items at home.

## Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. Please join us in wearing an orange shirt on Friday, September 30th as schools and communities come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

## Book Fair

We will be hosting our book fair September 23-27. More information to come closer to the dates.

## Terry Fox Run

Again this year, our school is proudly taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Classes will be running during gym classes the week of September 19th. If you would like to contribute to the Terry Fox Foundation, please use this [link](#).

## School Busses

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. For bus status updates, please see the [PSD website](#) and/or download the [Bus Status app](#).

## Athletics

Cross Country Run Coach: Ms. Paton and Ms. Ducholke

### Upcoming Cross Country run dates

- Race #1: - September 12 - Forest Green
- Race #2: - September - Woodhaven Middle School
- Race #3: - September 26 - Duffield School
- Race #4: - October 3 - High Park
- Race #5: - October 10 - Meridian Heights
- Race #6 - October 17 - Prescott Learning Centre @Jubilee Park

Stay tuned for more information regarding the volleyball season starting soon!

## Calendar

Check out our [school website](#) to see our school's [monthly calendar](#).

## 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.

There are some new offerings this year and gluten-free and vegetarian items will be available with certain meals. Please note that if your child has a severe allergy, please contact the coordinator for more information on the menu options available.

You can create an account or log in to the website platform Munch a Lunch to order and pay for school lunches. All previous [Munch a Lunch](#) accounts are carried forward each year with the same login information.

Ordering will be open to parents starting September 6th. Please follow the instructions below to register and log in.

### Ordering Lunch Online

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

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

## 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:** This month's 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 this link](#).



## FUNDRAISING MEETING



September 16, 2024

7pm

GOOGLE MEET CODE: HNM-YEMF-VYW



BLUEBERRY SCHOOL  
Fundraising   
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2023-2024

Blueberry School Fundraising Committee is excited to start a new year of fundraising! Our goal is to raise funds to keep our students **healthy and connected**. Money raised goes back to our school to purchase items that help our students flourish in all aspects.

As we plan fundraisers for this year, we want your ideas and feedback! Please take a few moments to complete our survey.

[\*\*CLICK HERE\*\*](#)

Stay tuned for info about the first fundraiser of the year!

## Passionate about our Playground?

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



Make labeling easy 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:

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