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Message from Administration

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Dear Blueberry Families,

We would like to extend our gratitude for the wonderful events of this past month. First, thank you to the many families who attended our virtual and in-person parent/teacher interviews. It was great to see the connections and smiles as parents, students, and teachers celebrated successes and planned for the year ahead.

Next, we are so proud and thankful for our Blueberry student Leaders. A huge thanks to our junior high students in the Leadership Option and other junior high students who gave their time to decorate, organize, and run games and the haunted house at our Monster Mash. A big shout-out to Mrs. Sharratt for organizing our leadership group!

We would also like to send a mighty thank you to our amazing adult volunteers and the Fundraising Committee who organized, ran concession and admission tables, designed, and ran the haunted house. Thank you parents who sent in all of the treats and candy donations! A special THANK YOU from our Custodian Team to all of the families and staff that helped to clean up and put items away after the festivities. Many hands made for light work indeed! The Monster Mash was a huge success because of our amazing community!

Your feedback and ideas about our events are valued. We encourage you to use our [Share-a-Thought link](#) located on our [website homepage](#) or send us an email.

Warm regards,

Rosanne McIntyre
Principal

Twyla Badry
Vice Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

November 4	School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm Library
November 7	Blueberry Remembrance Day Assembly
November 8	PD Day/ No School
November 11	Remembrance Day/ No School
Nov 12 - Nov 15	Fall Break/ No School
November 18	Picture Retakes
November 18	Blueberry Fundraising Meeting Online
November 29	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch
December 4	Winter Concert Gr 2, 4 & 6
December 5	Winter Concert Gr 1, 3 & 5
December 6	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch
December 6	T/Th Kinder Winter Concert
December 13	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch
December 13	M/W Kinder Winter Concert

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.

Remembrance Day

We will recognize Remembrance Day with an assembly on **Thursday, November 7th at 10:30 am in the Blueberry School gym**. As part of our Remembrance Day Ceremony, we would like to cordially invite all local cadets, legionnaires, military and RCMP members in attire to serve as a visual presence for our students. Your commitment is greatly respected and we would like to show our appreciation. If you know of any local cadets, legionnaires, military, and RCMP members who are able to attend please email twyla.badry@psd.ca or rosanne.mcintyre@psd.ca.

Please include:

- Name of person attending in uniform
- Type of attire (military or RCMP or Cadet).

Also, all of our Blueberry Cadets, Sparks, Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs, etc. are encouraged to wear their uniform to school on Thursday, November 7th. They are invited to be part of our student Colour Guard. All Blueberry students are encouraged to wear red on this day and to bring in a small donation for a poppy. Parents/guardians are invited to our Remembrance Day Ceremony.

PD Day & Fall Break

Nov. 7th is the last day of school before our week-long fall break, as Nov. 8th is a PD Day. School will resume on Nov. 18th.

Ski Club

Blueberry School will be having a Ski Club for students in **Grades 3 - 9**. Registration must be done online through PowerSchool - powerschool.psd.ca/public. Registration starts on **December 1st** and will remain open until **January 9th, 2025**. No late registrations will be accepted. If your child is interested in joining the Ski Club this year, log into your PowerSchool account - "Fees", and under each student's tab, you will see "New Items". Click on the "Ski Club" box and this is where you will register your child. You have the option to select on what dates you want your child to participate. All fees vary per trip. This is also where you will give permission for your child to participate. All information regarding the Ski Club is in your PowerSchool. You will need to register each child separately under their tab. Payment can be made in cash, credit card, and cheque. If you have any questions regarding Ski Club, please call the school @ 780-963-3625 or email mercy.rosborough@psd.ca. We will need **volunteers** to run this program. If you are able to help with Ski Club, please contact Faye Grundke at faye.grundke@psd.ca.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is very full! Please encourage your student to claim their items, or stop in to take a look. Items not claimed by November 7 will be donated.

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

School Fees

Any outstanding fees from the school year 2023-2024 will be sent to collection. Please pay your fees through your PowerSchool. Some of the [School Fees](#) for 2024-2025 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>. 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.

Grade 9 Farewell Fundraising Lunches

Our Grade 9 students are offering hot lunches to support fundraising efforts for our Grade 9 Farewell and year-end celebration. Please order through your PowerSchool account under new items. No cash will be accepted. Make sure to check out and pay for your order as it does not stay in your cart.

Grade 9 Farewell Christmas Fundraiser

Get ready for an awesome Christmas fundraiser to support our Grade 9 Farewell celebration. We're partnering with our local floral shop, "Hometown Bloom", to offer a variety of beautiful Christmas arrangements for sale. All the money we raise will go towards making our Grade 9 Farewell event extra special. All orders can be made on Powerschool, and must be in by November 30th! You will be able to pick up your festive arrangements at Blueberry School between December 10-13th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kleparchuk. (mariel.kleparchuk@psd.ca)

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.

School Busses

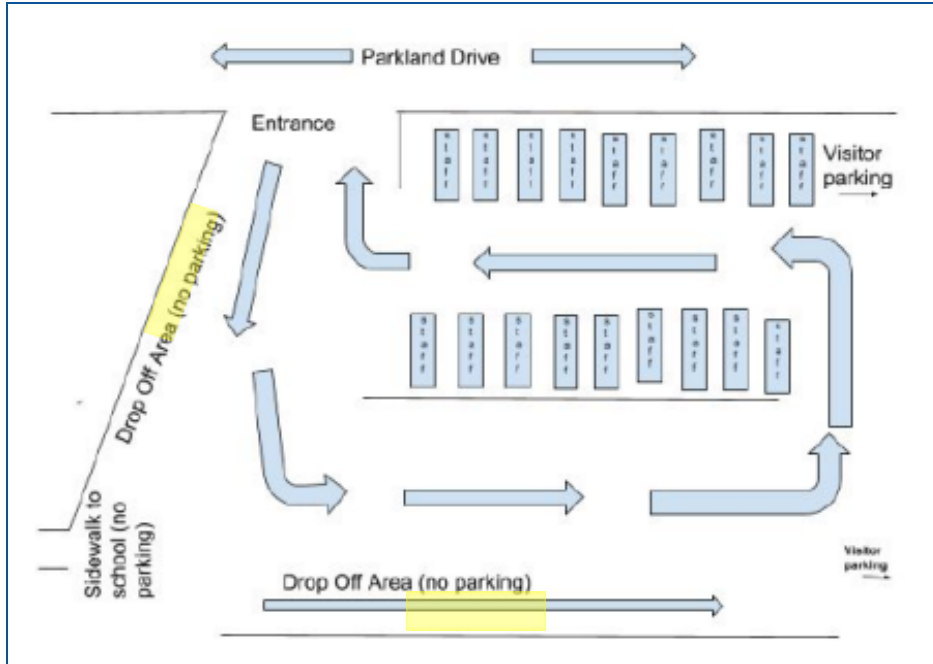
Students are only allowed to ride their registered bus and are not able to take a friend's bus at any time. PSD does not allow "guest riders" on buses. Thank you for making alternate arrangements if your child is going to a friend's after school. For bus status updates, please see the [PSD website](#) and/or download the [Bus Status app](#).

Drop-Off & Pick-Up

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

1. A 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!

Athletics

Cross Country Run

BLUEBERRY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB



This season we watched so many of our runners work tremendously hard and strive each week to do their best! A special shout out to the following runners:

2014 BOYS

Nico P. - 2nd Overall 2014 Boys
Madden T. - 11th Overall 2014 Boys

2014 GIRLS

Avery L. - 9th Overall 2014 Girls
Ryan Z. - 16th Overall 2014 Girls

2013 BOYS

Luke P. - 13th Overall 2013 Boys
Oliver R. - 21st Overall 2013 Boys

2013 GIRLS

Brooklyn G. - 2nd Overall for 2013 Girls
Harlynn D. - 4th Overall 2013 Girls
Emma O. - 9th Overall 2013 Girls
Rosewyn C. - 12th Overall 2013 Girls

2012 BOYS

Roman T. - 6th Overall 2012 Boys
Cole C. - 10th Overall 2012 Boys

2010 BOYS

Scott R. - 9th Overall 2010 Boys
Jake G. - 13th Overall 2010 Boys



BLUEBERRY SCHOOL 4TH PLACE OVERALL!

We want to send out a massive congratulations to all of our cross country runners this season!

Volleyball

The volleyball season is nearing the end. The Blueberry Athletics Program would like to thank the parents, guardians, grandparents and all those who supported our athletes this season.

The Junior Boys finished their season with a loss in the quarter-finals. The team was made up of grade 7s who were playing on a volleyball team for the first time. They quickly learned the game and experienced tremendous growth throughout the season. Thank you to Tricia Tomm for volunteering to coach this season. A special thanks to Mrs. Robinson for filling in as coach when needed.

The Junior Girls lost in the quarter- finals in a very close game. They played well all season. Thank you to Mrs. Lagrange for coaching this year.

The Senior Boys team lost in the semi-final. The game went to 5 sets and the boys lost 16-14. Thank you to Mr. Mireault for coaching this year.

The Senior Girls lost in the semi-final after a big win in the quarter-finals. Thanks to Colleen Hardy for volunteering to

coach this year.

Stronger Together Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Support [Stronger Together Newsletter](#).

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 Lunch Online

1. Go to munchalunch.com/schools/blueberry.
2. Click the "Register Here" or "LogIn" 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 or 780-886-7344 if you require assistance or have any questions about the hot lunch program.

Blueberry School Council & Fundraising Committee

School Council

Blueberry School Council 2024-25:

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

Save the Date: This month's meeting will be held in person and online on **Nov. 4th at 6:30pm** in the library. Please consider joining us either in person or by [clicking this link](#).

Blueberry Fundraising meeting is on November 18, at 7pm Google Meet code: [hnm-yemf-vyw](#)

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL 
Fundraising
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2024-2025

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.

Thank you to all who participated in our **Spirit Wear fundraiser!**
Pick up date TBA - Orders will arrive before Christmas.



Our next fundraiser will be a



50/50 DRAW!

Let's countdown to Christmas and win some Christmas cash! More info to come!



The MONSTER MASH

Sending out a huge

Thank You

to our

...incredible haunted house crew
...dedicated parent volunteers and candy donors
...awesome staff and amazing leadership teacher
...energetic and helpful junior high students
...hard-working and patient custodians

and

... to everyone that came out to support and
enjoy the Monster Mash Event!

-We couldn't do this without you!-



We appreciate your generous
donations for MONSTER MASH!



Operation Education is a fundraising initiative where we partner with **Boston Pizza** to earn **5% cash back!**

Staff, students, and families can dine at any participating Northern Alberta Boston Pizza location and help our school earn 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts!

It's as simple as:

- *Dine out at Boston Pizza
- *Save your original receipt
- *Submit the original receipt to the school office
- *You have until June 30, 2025!

Subscribe to receive our

Emails!

CLICK HERE

Passionate about our Playground?

The playground committee is still 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

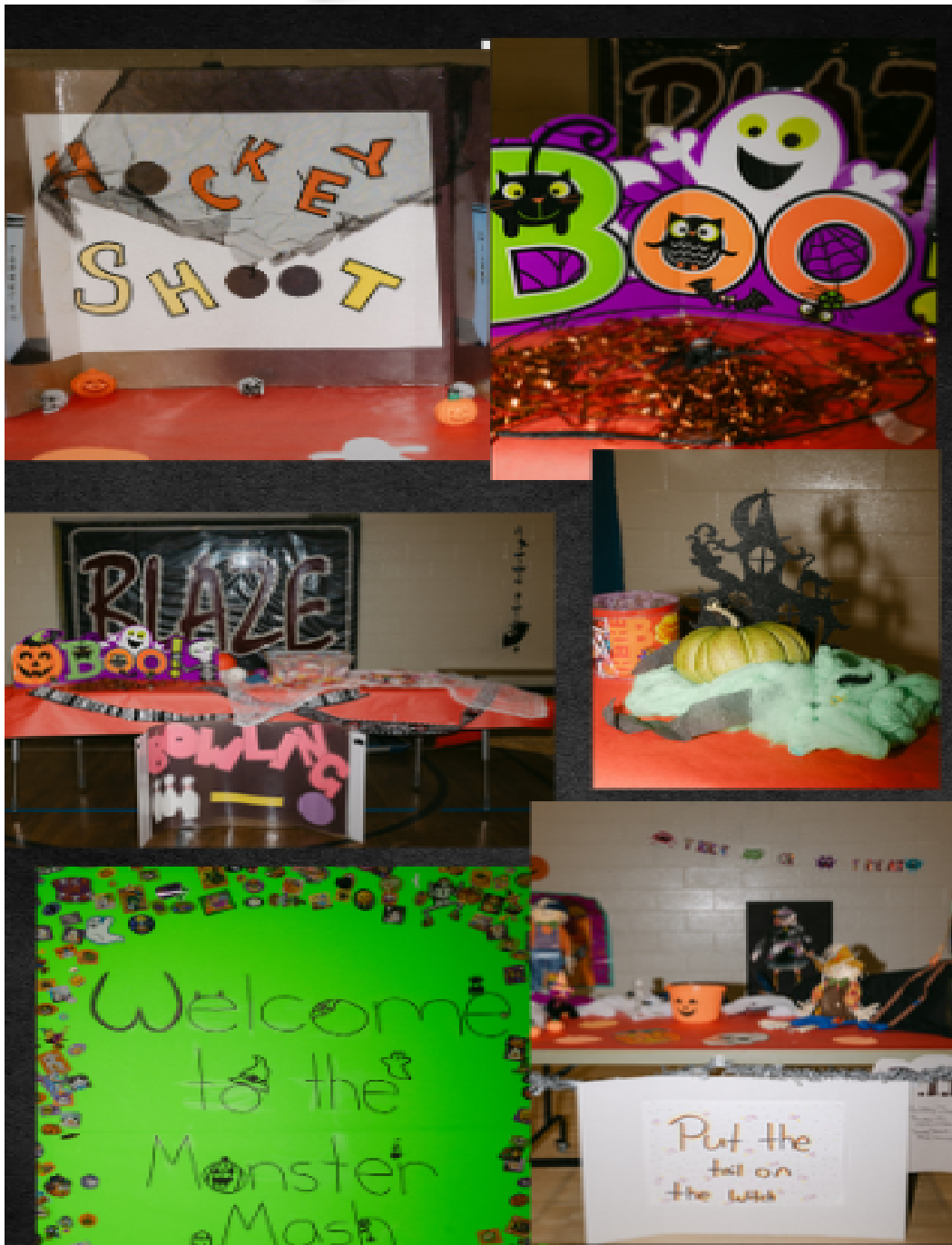


Want to join us? Please reach out!
Connect with us on Facebook
or via e-mail:
blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

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

Photo Album











Blueberry Play School



BREAKFAST
with **SANTA**

AT BLUEBERRY PLAYSCHOOL

November 30th
Open from 9am - 1pm

\$5 per person
\$20 for families of 4 or more
FREE for kids under 3 years

TICKETS INCLUDE - BREAKFAST, FUN & GAMES, A PHOTO WITH SANTA, AND MORE!

All in support of the Blueberry Playschool program

The poster features a central white banner with a red Santa hat at the top. The banner is surrounded by a decorative border of green holly leaves and red berries. Below the banner, the event details are listed in a clean, sans-serif font. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a gingerbread house, a Christmas tree with yellow and red ornaments, and several wrapped gifts in red, white, and blue.