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Message from Administration

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Welcome Back to Blueberry School!

Happy New Year, Blueberry School families! We hope you had a joyful and restful holiday season. As we step into January 2025, we are delighted to embark on another incredible year of academics, athletics, the arts, and building lasting connections together.

A special shoutout goes to Mrs. King for her incredible work in organizing and leading our December concerts—her dedication truly made the performances shine! We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Kleparchuk for their guidance as acting coaches, as well as to all the teachers and students who put in countless hours learning songs and actions to deliver such memorable shows. Thank you to our amazing volunteers who created our set and props. Behind the scenes, our office and custodial teams played a vital role in ensuring these afternoon and evening concerts ran smoothly.

We are looking forward to all the wonderful events, activities, and opportunities that lie ahead in 2025. Let's make this a year filled with growth, connection, and enriching experiences at Blueberry School! Warm regards,

Rosanne McIntyre
Principal

Twyla Badry
Vice Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

Jan 6	First Day Back
Jan 9	Play Parkland Grade 3 & Grade 4
Jan 13	Parent Council meeting @ 6:30 library
Jan 16	Play Parkland Grade 3 & Grade 4
Jan 17	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch - Basiles
Jan. 22	Educational Assistant Appreciation Day
Jan 23	Play Parkland Grade 3 & Grade 4
Jan 23	Ski Club
Jan 30	Play Parkland Grade 4
Jan 30	Report Cards live on PowerSchool
Jan. 31	PD Day
Feb 3	Counsellor Appreciation Week
Feb 6-7	Teachers' Convention
Feb 10	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch - Hotdogs
Feb 13	Play Parkland Grade 4 & Grade 5
Feb 14	PD Day
Feb 17	Family Day - No School
Feb 20	Play Parkland Grade 5
Feb 20	Ski Club
Feb 27	Play Parkland Grade 4
Feb 28	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch - Basiles

2025-2026 School Calendar

The Parkland School Division [calendar](#) for next year has now been approved and can be found on the [PSD website](#).

Grade 6 and Grade 9 Provincial Achievement Tests

Our grade 6 and 9 classes will be participating in the Provincial Achievement Tests this spring. All exams begin at 9:00am. Please note the dates for these assessments:

	Grade 6	Grade 9
English Language Arts - Part A	Wednesday, May 28, 2025	Thursday, May 29, 2025
English Language Arts - Part B	Thursday, June 12, 2025	Thursday, June 12, 2025
Math - Part A	Friday, June 13, 2025	Friday, June 13, 2025
Math - Part B	Tuesday, June 17, 2025	Tuesday, June 17, 2025
Social Studies	Wednesday, June 18, 2025	Wednesday, June 18, 2025
Science	n/a	Thursday, June 19, 2025

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

Please see the Alberta Education website for more information on the 2025 Gr. 6 and 9 PATs:

Grade 6

https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/custom_downloaded_images/edc-grade-6-parent-guide.pdf

Grade 9

https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/custom_downloaded_images/edc-grade-9-parent-guide.pdf

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.

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

[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.

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](#).

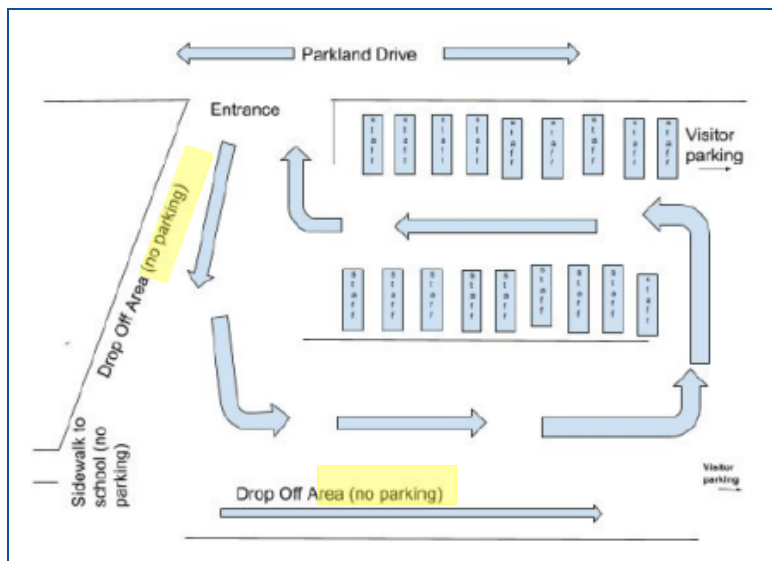
Drop-Off & Pick-Up

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

Basketball

Our Basketball team is up and running. Players should watch daily announcements to keep up to date on game schedule and practice times.

Senior Boys Coach - Ms. Lasuik

Senior Girls Coach - Coach Lonica

JR Boys Coach - Coach Trisha and Ms. Taylor

JR Girls Coach - Coach Sara

A huge thank you to our community coaches. We appreciate our volunteers who help provide unique skills teaching our students.



Attendance Matters

Every minute counts

Good time keeping benefits your child's healthy morning routine and prevents loss in their learning.



Your child has arrived in good time.



Morning routine begins.



Your child has missed their time to settle and get ready to learn. Anxiety may be setting in.



Your child will enter the classroom and students will have already gone over today's schedule and discussions will have begun.



The day's lessons are in full swing. Your child is now starting the day in a deficit. Anxiety can develop, leading to low participation or heightened emotions.

Better late than never, but never late is better!

Stronger Together Newsletter

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




PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION

Stronger Together

A monthly newsletter with information to help you and your family navigate your child's educational journey.

January 2025

January Edition of [Stronger Together](#)

Calendar

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



**TO ALL OF OUR
EDUCATIONAL
ASSISTANTS,
THANK
YOU!**

Educational Assistants Appreciation Day | January 22

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 **January 13, 2025 at 6:30pm** in the library. Please consider joining us either in person or by [clicking this link](#).

Blueberry Fundraising meeting is on **January 20, 2025** at 7pm Google Meet code: [hnm-yemf-vyw](https://meet.google.com/hnm-yemf-vyw)

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL
Fundraising 
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2024-2025

Thank you

to all who participated in our
RAFFLEBOX 50/50 CASH DRAW!

Congratulations
TO OUR WINNER
Larry Fedorek
WHO WON \$5485

Our next fundraiser will be tasty treats for
winter days ahead! Stay tuned for more info!



Operation Education

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

It's as simple as:

- *Dine out at Boston Pizza
- *Save your original receipt
- *Submit the original receipt to the school office by **January 5th** for this cash-back round!
- *Bring receipts in for the rest of the year!

Subscribe to receive our

Emails!

CLICK HERE

**We have a
playground lead!**

We now need other parents
to help our playground
dreams come true!
Please reach out if you are
willing to help!



Make labeling easy with Oliver's labels and
help support our school!
www.oliverslabels.com/



Want to join us? Please reach out!

Connect with us on Facebook
or via e-mail:

Photo Album







Grade 3
SNOWSHOEING





Blueberry Concert December 2024





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Blueberry Playschool



**Blueberry
Playschool**

**Starting January 6th we will be
accepting early registration
for previous or current
families!!!**

**Registration for the public
will open up January 31st**

The decorative border features various educational icons: an alarm clock, a chalkboard with 'Abc' and '1+3', a telescope, a medal, a globe, a laptop, a backpack, a pencil, a stack of books with 'ABC' on the cover, a schoolhouse, a lightbulb, and a school bus.