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Brrrr! Welcome to February with its chilly temperatures. Good news from Balzac Billy, our local Alberta groundhog—he's predicted an early spring!

We extend a friendly reminder that Term 1 report cards were made available on January 30th, so please check PowerSchool to review your child's progress report. Also, be sure to check in with the classroom updates and newsletters to learn more about upcoming classroom learning activities.

February brings Family Day, Valentine's Day, and Pink Shirt Day, reminding us of the importance of kindness, empathy, respect, and citizenship toward each other. Throughout February, Blueberry staff and students will engage in activities to celebrate and promote kindness and caring.



Rosanne McIntyre
Principal

Twyla Badry
Vice Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

Feb 6-7	Teachers' Convention
Feb 10	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch - Hotdogs
Feb 10	Fundraising Committee Meeting 7pm (virtual)
Feb 12	Kinder Open House @ 5-6pm
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. 26	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 27	Play Parkland Grade 4
Feb 28	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch - Basiles
March 3	Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the library
March 6	Play Parkland Grade 3
March 7	JH Marmot Basin
March 12	Grade 4 Oil Kings Hockey Hooky
March 13	Ski Club
March 13	Grade 3 Play Parkland

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

We are thrilled to share that our Ski Club has been a great success so far this season! The students had a fantastic time, improved their skills and enjoyed the winter weather on the slopes last week. Our next ski day is Thursday, February 20, and we're excited for another fun-filled adventure. As always, we rely on the support of parent volunteers to make these trips possible. Right now, **we are in need of two more parents to help transport equipment.** If you're available and able to assist, please reach out to us as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support in making this experience memorable for our students!

Kindergarten Open House

Kindergarten open house for next year will be held on **Wednesday, February 12, from 5-6pm.** Note that this is a different time from most PSD schools.

Open houses are designed as information nights, where parents/guardians can visit the school, see the kindergarten classroom, meet the staff and learn more about the kindergarten program and what their child will be doing and learning while they are part of it. Students may attend with a parent/guardian. Please see the PSD [website](#) for more information.

A child entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old by the last day of December of the school year in which he or she begins Kindergarten. For example, a child registering for Kindergarten in September 2025 needs to be 5 years old by December 31, 2025.

Student Registration

Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process will open **Monday, February 10, 2025**.

Returning PSD students will receive an email reminder to log into their [PowerSchool](#) Account and look for the RSVP button in the side navigation to launch the registration process.

If your student is not currently enrolled in a PSD school, register online using the [New Online Registration Form](#). Ensure you select the *2025-2026 School Year* to register for NEXT year. The option to register for 2024-2025 will remain for incoming students who wish to register for the balance of this current school year.

All parents are required to complete the registration process by **4:30pm on Friday, March 28, 2025**. This deadline allows us to determine the eligibility of bus pass applicants, the routing of buses, bus pass production and data verification before the summer break while schools are still operating.

Important Registration Dates:

- **Monday, February 10, 2025** - Registration opens. The New Student Registration Form for Evergreen Catholic, area private school students and new to PSD students will be added as a Quick Link on the homepage of [psd.ca](#). Families of returning PSD students (i.e. students currently enrolled in a PSD school) complete the registration process starting in [PowerSchool](#).
- **Friday, March 28, 2025 at 4:30pm** - Registration deadline. For further information, visit our [Registration](#) page.
- **Friday, June 20, 2025** - Bus pass deadline to make payment arrangements or pay-in-full.
- **Early July 2025** - Bus passes and route numbers will be mailed to parents starting at the beginning of July.

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.

Save the Dates

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

- June 26th Jr High Awards (am) and Grade 9 Farewell (pm) *Grade 9 Farewell concludes at regular dismissal time*
- June 26th Final Report Cards live in Powerschool at 3:30pm

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](#).

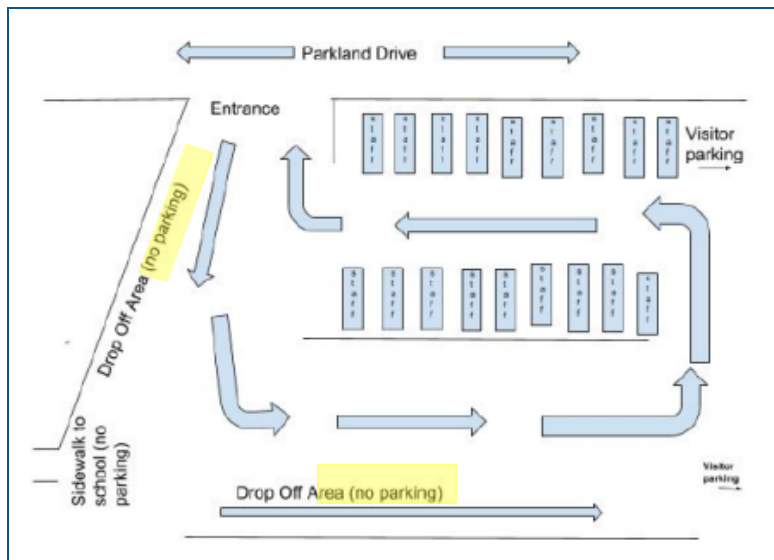
Join the Show Choir!

We're excited to announce that the Show Choir is starting up for students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6! This is an amazing opportunity for students to be part of something big while developing their confidence in singing and performing in a large group. Show Choir runs during lunchtime on Mondays and Wednesdays, starting Wednesday Feb. 5th and continues until Spring Break. The Show Choir will perform at the Choral *Celebration* festival on **Monday, March 17th**. Parents, you are invited to attend to see our performance! A newsletter and permission form will go home with students this Wednesday. Please return forms to Mrs. King by Wednesday, February 12th.

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!



PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

In PSD, we help support families who need help getting their child(ren) to school. We know there are many factors that affect attendance:

- Parents' work schedule
- Transportation
- Family events
- Appointments

Often families don't realize how much school their child is missing and the impact that has on everyone. They are more behind than you think.

1 DAY MISSED = 2 DAYS BEHIND



19 or more days

Missing just **TWO** days every month can add up to **19** days in a school year. This is the equivalent of missing an ENTIRE MONTH of instructional days.



10 to 18 days

Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss **1 YEAR'S WORTH** of school by their graduating year.



9 or fewer absences

Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.



Jump Rope for Heart

To Register click the picture for the [link](#).



Jump Rope for Heart is back!

Blueberry School excited to be participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Please help us raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation! We have prizes for the kids that help raise money.

Jump gives back to schools!

As a thank you for putting kids' heart and brain health first, schools that raise at least \$500 can receive 8% of the funds raised back to:

- help get new equipment or supplies
- donate back to Heart & Stroke to support lifesaving research



Kids helping kids!

The funds kids collect supports research that helps other kids and families across the country.



Julian

Suffered a pediatric stroke following his heart surgery.



Alyssa

Was born with a congenital heart defect.

Join your school online!
jumpropeforheart.ca



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Stronger Together Newsletter

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.

February 2025

Calendar

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

Blueberry School Council & Fundraising Committee

School Council

Blueberry School Council 2024-25:

- Chair -Sarah Corder
- Vice Chair - Jen Richens
- Secretary - Mercy Rosborough
- Members at Large - Karlyn Prince and Cayla Nelson

Save the Date: The next School Council Meeting will be held in person and online on **March 3, 2025 at 6:30pm** in the library. Please consider joining us either in person or by [clicking this link](#).

Blueberry Fundraising meeting is on **Feb 10, 2025 at 7pm** Google Meet code: [hnm-yemf-vyw](#)

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL 
Fundraising
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2024-2025

Our next fundraiser is...



Orders and payments due Feb 24th
Pick up @ Blueberry School March 3rd

- ***Order form** will be **sent home** with your child
- ***PAPER** order forms and **CASH** payment only
- *Send in a sealed envelope clearly marked with student name(s)
- *Submit one order form per family if possible



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
- *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/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!

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.

Photo Album





JH Options



Grade 5 Field Trip - Muttart Conservatory

