







May 2025

Message from Administration

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Welcome to May!

Mental Health Week will run May 5-9, and Hats On! for Mental Health Day will take place on **May 7**. Blueberry students, staff, and community are invited to wear a hat to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health.



Rosanne McIntyre Principal Twyla Badry Vice Principal







General Information

Upcoming Dates

May 5	School Bus Driver Appreciation Day	
May 7	Hats on for Mental Health	
May 12	School Council meeting in the Library @ 6:30pm	
May 16	PD Day/No School	
May 19	Victoria Day/No School	
May 22	JH Zone Track Meet	
May 27	Class Photo Kinder T/Th-Grade 6	
May 28	Class Photo Kinder M/W , Grade 7- Grade 9	
May 29	Blueberry School Council Hoedown	
May 30	JH Division Track Meet	
June 2	Grade 9 Hot Lunch Fundraising - Hotdog	
June 2	Grade 5 In-School Field Trip	
June 5	Grade 4-6 Track Meet @ Westview	
June 3-5	JH Musical Theatre Production - Annie	
June 6	Grade 7 Field Trip	
June 6	Parkland School Division Try-Me Try-Athlon	
June 11-12	Kinder Bird houses	
June 13	Volunteer Appreciation Celebration (pm)	
June 13	Passion Projects (pm)	











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Volunteer Appreciation Celebration Blueberry will be celebrating our school volunteers, coaches, and special guests who have supported student learning throughout the year by holding a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on the afternoon of June 13th. The celebration will take place in the library and snacks will be provided. We will showcase some student talent and take time to celebrate as a community. Please consider attending so we can

thank-you for all of our support this year.

We will be sending an RSVP form out to our families on May 12. Please complete the form prior to May 30, so that we have accurate numbers.

May Theme Days

- Friday, May 2nd Twin Day Pick a friend (or two or three) and match your outfits
- Friday, May 9th Wacky Outfit Day Wear your wildest combos (mix-match clothes, silly socks, wacky hair)... just make sure you can still sit and play in gym!
- Thursday, May 15 Neon Day Time to GLOW! Wear your brightest, boldest neon gear
- Friday, May 23rd Throwback Day Pick a decade (60s, 70s, 80s, 90s) and rock those retro vibes
- Friday, May 30th- Guess the Career Day Dress like a certain career and see if anyone can guess









Please stay informed using our <u>school calendar</u>, but also note some important year end dates:

- June 25th Grade 1-6 Fun in the Sun Activity Day (am)
- June 25th Jr High Waterfight (pm)
- 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







Summer School at Connections for Learning

Parkland School Division is pleased to offer summer school for both high school students (including Grade 9 students entering into Grade 10 the following year) and students entering into Grades 1-7. Learn more by visiting the <u>Connections For Learning website</u>. Registration is now open.

Accessible Parking

Please remember that the Accessible Parking stalls in the front parking lot are reserved for vehicles displaying an appropriate placard. These are not loading zones and must be left available for those who need them.

2025-2026 School Calendar

The Parkland School Division <u>calendar</u> for next year has now been approved and can be found on the <u>PSD website</u>.

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 <u>https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/custom_downloaded_images/edc-grade-6-parent-guide.pdf</u> Grade 9 <u>https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/custom_downloaded_images/edc-grade-9-parent-guide.pdf</u>

Student Registration - Important

Important Registration Dates:

- Friday, June 20, 2025 Bus pass deadline to make payment arrangements or pay-in-full.
- Early July 2025 Bus passes/route numbers will be mailed to parents in 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. To report your child's absence please use our website:

https://blueberry.psd.ca/parents/absence

If at all possible, please do not phone or email the school regarding student absences.

School Fees

<u>School Fees</u> for 2024-2025 are added to your child's PowerSchool account. Fees can be paid with a credit card online through the <u>PowerSchool Parent Portal</u>. Feel free to contact the office if you need further assistance.



Yearbook

Our Yearbook for 2024-2025 is available for preorder on Powerschool. It will be distributed by June.

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 <u>PSD website</u> and/or download the <u>Bus Status app</u>.







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!



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Stronger Together Newsletter

Check out this month's Family Support Stronger Together Newsletter.

Stronger Together

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

May 2025

Calendar

Check out our school website to see our school's monthly calendar.

Blueberry School Council & Fundraising Committee

School Council

Save the Date! The Blueberry School Council presents:









Blueberry School Council 2024-25:

- Chair -Sarah Corker
- 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 **May 12, 2025 at** 6:30pm in the library. Please consider joining us either in person or by <u>clicking this link</u>.

Fundraising Committee

Blueberry Fundraising meeting is on May 26th, 2025 at 7pm Google Meet code: hnm-yemf-vyw

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL Fundraising HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2024-2025



WHAT A READ-A-THON!

Our K-6 Read-a-thon is complete! What an amazing event! Students read as much as possible, had fun and won amazing prizes!

Our goal was to raise \$5000. We soared past our goal and raised approximately \$18,000! This money will go towards purchasing educational subscriptions, physical education equipment, A/V equipment, and help us get closer to purchasing the stand-alone structures for our new playground!

Thank you so much to all of our amazing students and their families, teachers, and parent volunteers for making this possible!







A huge THANK YOU to all of the parents and local businesses that provided Read-a-thon prizes! Your generosity means the world to us!









Our last fundraiser for the year will be FUNDSCRIP!

Gift cards make a convenient and thoughtful gift for anyone!



It's easy! All you have to do is:

***Purchase gift cards...** for all your favourite stores using the paper order form (coming soon)

***Pick up your gift cards...** at the school (date/time TBA).

***Shop as normal...**using your gift cards to pay!

*Each purchase of a gift card automatically includes a donation to our school AND there is NO extra cost to you!









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 until June 26th!















HELP NEEDED

Please reach out if you are willing to help with our playground project. We need grant writers! Can you 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:

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

CHORAL CELEBRATION



































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Community News

