

March 2025

Message from Administration

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Hello Blueberry Families,

March is here, bringing a season of growth and fresh learning opportunities! As we celebrate the return of spring, we're excited about the learning, laughter, and community spirit that continue to bloom at Blueberry School.

This month, keep an eye out for upcoming events, including our Read-a-Thon and Choral Celebration!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement—together, we make our school a truly special place.

Rosanne McIntyre
Principal

Twyla Badry
Vice Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

March 3	Parent Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the library
March 6	Play Parkland Grade 3
March 7	JH Marmot Basin Ski Trip
March 12	Grade 3 and Grade 4 Oil Kings Hockey Hooky
March 13	Grade 3 Play Parkland
March 17	Choral Celebration
March 20	Grade 3 Play Parkland
March 21	Grade 6 Field Trip - Art Gallery
March 21	Grade 9 Fundraising Lunch - Basiles
March 27	Grade 5 Play Parkland
March 28	PD Day - No School
March 31 - April 4	Spring Break
April 7	Parent Council
April 10	Grade 5 Play Parkland
April 17	Grade 5 Play Parkland
April 18	Good Friday - No School
April 21	Easter Monday - No School
April 24	Grade 5 Play Parkland

Spring Break

Our last day of school before spring break will be March 27th, as March 28th is a Professional Development Day. Students will return to school on April 7th.

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Due to the ongoing [CUPE labour strike](#), our schools are currently experiencing staffing shortages, which have required adjustments to regular operations. As a result, the parent-teacher interviews that typically take place at this time of year will be postponed. We understand the importance of these conversations and will re-evaluate the situation in April.

In the meantime, we encourage families to use all the tools available to them to stay engaged in their student(s)' learning progress. The PowerSchool Parent Portal remains a valuable tool for monitoring grades (where applicable) and staying informed. Thank you for your understanding and support.

March 13 Ski Club - Cancelled

With reduced Blueberry staff available for the Ski Club due to the current labour situation, we will be cancelling the March 13, 2025 Ski Club trip to Rabbit Hill. We will add a credit to PowerSchool for students who were planning to attend. We are so grateful for the amazing time and energy our Blueberry staff and parent volunteers have given our Ski club.

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

Student Registration - Important

Just a reminder that Parkland School Division's annual online registration/verification process is currently open. 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:

- **Friday, March 28, 2025 at 4:30pm** - Registration deadline. Visit our [Registration](#) page.
- **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

[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](#). 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.

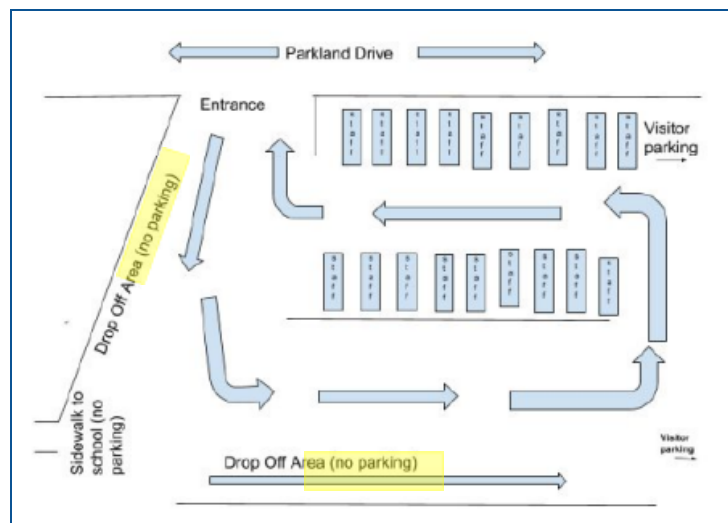
School Busses

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](#).

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

Congratulations to all of our teams on successful seasons! A special shout out to our Junior Girls who brought home the championship banner and our Senior Boys who will be playing Monday for the championships. Good luck!

A huge THANK YOU to our coaches for giving their time and assisting with key skills and learning on the court.

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to extend a big thank you to our community members and businesses who generously donated funds towards new basketball jerseys.

Singhs Fabric Mill
660821 Alberta Inc
A&W Stony Plain
Avria Mechanical
Aimee Hennig

Spring Lake Ranch
Total Impact Construction & Renovations
Acheson Industrial Services
Cat Bar
Cassandra Bogach

Badminton

Tryouts for badminton will be taking place the week of March 10. Keep an eye on announcements for dates and times.

Running Room Games

Thank you to all elementary and junior high students who took part in this year's Running Room Games. Two of the elementary teams and the junior high team qualified for the finals on March 8 at the Butterdome.

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.

March 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](#).

Fundraising Committee

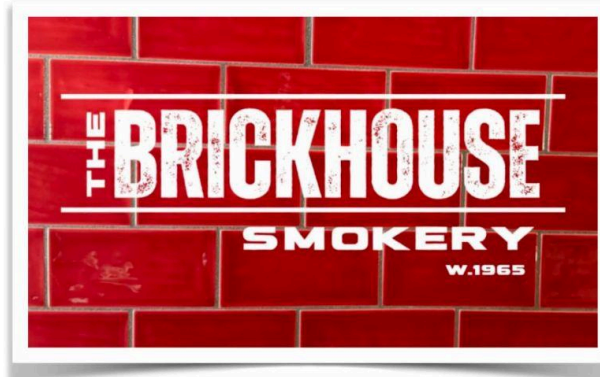
Blueberry Fundraising meeting is on **Feb 10, 2025 at 7pm** Google Meet code: [hnm-yemf-vyw](#)

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL
Fundraising
HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2024-2025



Thank you

to everyone who placed orders for
The Brickhouse Smokery fundraiser!



ORDER PICK UP INFO:

Monday, March 3rd 2 - 6 pm

Blueberry School Office

****Small orders will be sent home with students
(unless other arrangements are made)**

****Large orders need to be picked up**

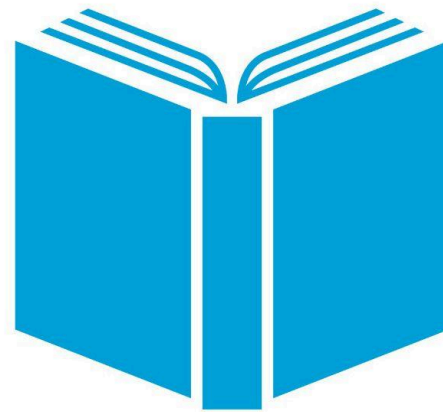


Our **K-6 Read-a-thon** kicks off March 17th!
A Read-a-thon makes it easy, fun, and rewarding
to practice reading at home and at school! Let's
read, win prizes, and raise money for our school!

Here's How It Works:

March 17th - April 17th:

- Pledge sheets go home
- Read and record minutes
- Ask family and friends for pledges



APRIL 22-25th:

- Collect pledge money
- Bring pledge sheets and money to school

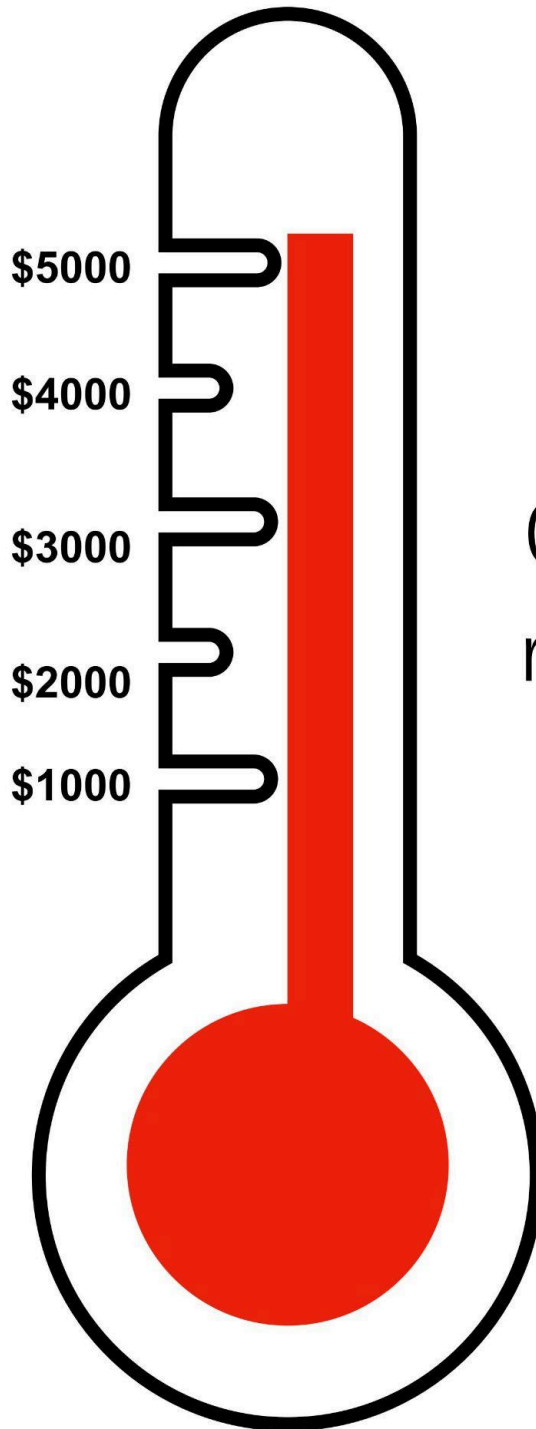
APRIL 29/30:

- Prize draw

Can you help?

- *Donate a prize?
- *Hand out prizes?

CLICK HERE



Our goal is to
raise **\$5000!**



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

HELP NEEDED

Please reach out if you are willing to help with our playground project!!



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

Elementary Fun





**BLUEBERRY
BUDDIES**



RUNNING ROOM GAMES



Junior Basketball



Senior Basketball



Community News



REGISTRATION IS
NOW OPEN FOR
2025/2026 SCHOOL
YEAR!

BLUEBERRY PLAY SCHOOL

- ★ 3-4 YEAR OLDS
- ★ 2 TEACHER
PROGRAM
- ★ MINIMAL
FUNDRAISING
- ★ LOW COST

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
FEEL FREE TO MESSAGE US WITH
ANY QUESTIONS