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Message from Administration

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Facebook: facebook.com/BlueberrySchool/ As we approach the final stretch of the school year, we would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to the incredible Blueberry School community. This year has been filled with meaningful experiences, and none of them would have been possible without the dedication and support of our volunteers, parents, School Council, Fundraising Committee, Blueberry staff, and students. Your efforts have enriched our school in so many ways, creating opportunities for learning, growth, and connection.

From organizing successful fundraisers to volunteering in classrooms and on field trips, your contributions have made a lasting impact. Events like our very first Blueberry Hoedown brought joy to our students and families, while music concerts, athletics, and daily acts of kindness have strengthened the bonds within our community. A special thank you to our Breakfast Club parents, whose commitment ensured that students could start their day with a tasty breakfast, fueling both their learning and well-being.

As we look back on this exceptional year, we celebrate the spirit of collaboration that defines Blueberry. Whether in classrooms, on the field, or behind the scenes, your support has been invaluable. Thank you for your hard work and dedication—your contributions do not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for all that you do.

Wishing everyone a wonderful June and a fantastic summer ahead!

Rosanne McIntyre Principal Twyla Badry Vice Principal







General Information

Upcoming Dates

June 4-5	JH Annie Play - Matinee 12:45 pm /Evening 6pm
June 5	Gr. 4-6 Track Meet at Westview
June 6	Gr. 7 Field Trip
June 6	Gr. 9 Hot Lunch - Basile's Pizza
June 10	JH Golf Option Field Trip
June 11	Gr. 1 In-School Field Trip
June 12	Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 ELA Part B PAT
June 13	Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 Math Part A PAT
June 13	Volunteer Appreciation Celebration (pm)
June 13	Passion Projects (pm)
June 17	Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 Math Part B PAT
June 18	Gr. 6 and Gr. 9 Social PAT
June 18	Kinder M/W Field Trip
June 19	Gr. 2 Field Trip
June 19	Gr. 1 Field Trip
June 19	Gr. 6 Field Trip
June 19	Gr. 9 Science PAT
June 20	Gr. 1 Field Trip
June 20	Kinder T/TH Field Trip
June 23	Gr. 8 Field Trip
June 23	Gr. 3 Field Trip
June 23	Gr. 9 Field Trip
June 25	Gr. 1-6 Fun in the Sun (am)
June 25	JH Water Fight (pm)
June 26	JH Awards (am)
June 26	Gr. 9 Farewell (pm)
June 26	Gr. 4, 5, 6 Field Trip to Landmark Theatre







June 26	Last Day of School for Students
June 27	PD Day

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 contact Melanie Sharratt (melanie.sharratt@psd.ca) if you missed the deadline for the RSVP Google form.

Annie Jr. Performances - June 4 & 5

Tickets for Annie play are available at the door for \$5 each. If parents order tickets online through PowerSchool, they are available for pick up at the Blueberry School office on Monday and Tuesday. Each cast and crew member received two free complimentary tickets which will be sent home on Monday after our final dress rehearsal.

- Matinee performances: Doors to the gym will open at 12:15 PM for parents and guests.
- **Evening** performances: doors will open at 5:30 PM. Tickets \$5 available for purchase at the doors.

Thank you for supporting the grade 7, 8, 9 Blueberry Players and the Arts at Blueberry School!

Save the Dates

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 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 September. For Grade 9 Families, we will be mailing them to your home address.







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 Lunch

June 6th will be the final day of our Grade 9 Hot Lunch Fundraiser. Thank you for all your support of our Grade 9 students!

Allergies Awareness and Safety

Blueberry School is a NUT-sensitive and SCENT-sensitive school. Allergies to different substances cause some students and staff to be medically at-risk. Peanut and other nut products are not to be eaten in general areas. Products, such as 'pea butter', should be clearly identified or they will be treated as peanut butter. Please see our <u>Blueberry Handbook</u> for more information.

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!

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.







Blueberry School Council & Fundraising Committee

School Council

Blueberry School Council 2024-25:

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

Fundraising Committee

BLUEBERRY SCHOOL Fundraising HEALTHY AND CONNECTED 2024-2025



Our 2024-2025 year of fundraising is over!

Thank you to everyone who placed Fundscrip orders!

Thank you for all of your support!

With your help, we have had another successful year of raising funds to keep our students healthy and connected! Money raised this year goes back to our school to purchase educational subscriptions, physical education equipment, A/V equipment, and help us get closer to purchasing the stand-alone structures for our new playground!







"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers."

-Terri Guillemets-

As we wrap up another year, we would like to send out a huge thank you to the incredible past fundraising committee volunteers who served our school community for many, many years!

Thank you Carmen Weber, Shawna Kuhl and Amanda Adams!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your unwavering dedication and countless years of service have made a lasting impact on the students at Blueberry School. Through every moment of time donated, you've shown what true generosity and commitment look like. We are so grateful for all that you have done!







SAVE THE DATE

CASINO

November 21/22

Century Casino, St. Albert

CAN YOU HELP?

CLICK HERE

Please fill out our volunteer form!

*We need at least 5 volunteers signed up in key positions in order to complete our licence application!









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!







Subscribe to receive our

Emails!

CLICK HERE







HELP NEEDED

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





Ordering school supplies for next year? Don't forget your labels!

Make labeling easy for the upcoming school year 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! Have a wonderful summer!







Hot Lunch

Hot lunch has concluded for the 2024-25 school year. Please watch for information in the fall regarding sign up for 2025-26.











A huge thank-you to our parent community from the Blueberry Staff for the beautiful lunch and thoughtful treats on our May PD Day!







Thank you to Karo Dental for their Annual presentation on oral Hygiene







Photo Album

















Grade 1A Fun









3B Fun Activities















Community News

