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Message from Administration

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Welcome Back to Blueberry School!

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back for another school year at Blueberry School. I hope your summer was filled with rest, time with family, and plenty of opportunities to recharge. As we begin a new year, there is always a sense of excitement in seeing students return, classrooms come alive, and learning take shape once again.

Our focus this year remains on providing a supportive, engaging, and inclusive learning environment for all students from Kindergarten through Grade 9. We are fortunate to have a team of dedicated staff who are committed to helping students grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We also know the strength of our school lies in the partnership between home and school, and we are grateful for the support and involvement of our families.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the many opportunities to learn, connect, and celebrate together—through classroom activities, school events, and community gatherings. We encourage families to stay involved and connected, as your support makes a meaningful difference in each child's success.

On behalf of our staff, I welcome all new and returning students and families to the Blueberry School community. We look forward to a year of learning, growth, and shared accomplishments.

Warm regards,
Rosanne McIntyre
Principal

Twyla Badry
Vice Principal

General Information

Upcoming Dates

September 5	Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for Students
September 15	School Council Meeting 6:30 pm
September 12	Terry Fox Run
September 24	Meet the Staff
September 26	Grade 9 Hotlunch Fundraising Basiles
September 26	PSD's Orange Shirt Day
September 29	PD Day - No School
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - No School
October 6	Picture Day - M/W Kinder and Gr. 1 - Gr. 5
October 7	Picture Day - TTh Kinder and Gr. 6 - Gr. 9
October 13	Thanksgiving Day - No School

Please note the [2025-26 Parkland School Division Calendar](#) for your planning purposes. The calendar can be found under "Printable Calendars" on the right hand side of the webpage.

Bell Times

7:45 am	Buses Arrive (Morning Supervision Begins)
7:58-8:06 am	Classes Assemble/Attendance/Announcements/O Canada
8:06-10:05 am	Blocks 1-3
9:45-9:59 am	Kindergarten Recess
10:05-10:20 am	Grade 1-6 Outdoor Recess/Grade 7-9 Break
10:20-11:38 am	Blocks 4-5
11:07-11:37 am	Kindergarten Outdoor Play
11:38am-12:08 pm	Grade 1-6 Recess/Grade 7-9 Lunch/Kindergarten Lunch
12:08-12:38 pm	Grade 7-9 Recess/Grade 1-6 Lunch
12:38-12:39 pm	Announcements/Attendance
12:39-2:36 pm	Blocks 6-8
2:36-2:43 pm	Dismissal/First Bell for Buses
2:43-2:45 pm	Last Bell/Buses Depart

Please note supervision begins at 7:45am. There is no supervision prior to this time.

Blueberry Staff

Principal: Mrs. McIntyre
Assistant Principal: Mrs. Badry

Office Staff:
Mrs. Rosborough (Head Secretary)
Mrs. Davis (Secretary)

Kindergarten:
Mrs. Campbell (MW-A)
Mrs. Weidman (MW-B)
Mrs. Campbell (TTH)

Grade 1:
Mrs. Karamujic (1A)
Mrs. Knopper-Singleton (1B)
Ms. Paton (1/2C)

Grade 2:
Mrs. Dilling (2A)
Mrs. Engel-Wood/Mrs. English (2B)
Ms. Paton (1/2C)

Grade 3:
Mrs. Miller (3A)
Ms. Ducholke (3B)
Ms. Morrison (3C)

Grade 4:
Ms. Proctor (4A)
Mr. Roth (4B)
Mr. Pritchard (4/5C)

Grade 5:
Mrs. Baksa (5A)
Mrs. Krasnikoff (5B)
Mr. Pritchard (4/5C)

Grade 6:
Ms. Preece (6A)
Mrs. Owen (6B)
Mrs. Sharrott (6C)

Grade 7:
Ms. L'Heureux (7A)
Mrs. Kleparchuk (7B)
Mr. Weinhandl (7C/9C)

Grade 8:
Ms. Abbas-Nejad (8A)
Mr. Mireault (8B)

Grade 9:
Ms. Lasuik/Mrs. Macaulay (9A)
Mrs. Maycher (9B)
Mrs. Sawchuk (9C/7C)

Music:
Mrs. King

School Counsellor
Mrs. Smith

Educational Assistants:
Mrs. Antal
Mrs. Braucht
Mrs. Brown
Mrs. Duchscher
Mrs. Fetter
Mrs. MacKenzie
Mrs. Podhaniuk
Mrs. Smith
Mrs. Taylor
Mrs. Trimble
Mrs. Wagner

Custodial Staff:
Mrs. Peden
Mrs. Rieland
Ms. Lynch
Mrs. Sokoloski

Class Placements 2025-26

Your child's classroom teacher(s) will be communicated via Powerschool on August 29, 2025. **As we look forward to an exciting new school year, we want to share with families that once class lists are finalized and released, we will not be accommodating requests for classroom placements.** Our team of teachers and administrators puts great care and consideration into creating balanced classrooms that support the academic, social, and emotional growth of all students. Decisions regarding student class placements consider the needs of individual students and the school community as a whole. Thank you for your support and trust in this process. We are excited to welcome your child to a new year of learning and growth!

Timetable

Blueberry is on a 4 day timetable in which Mondays are Day 1s, Tuesdays are Day 2s, Wednesdays are Day 3s and Thursdays are Day 4s. Fridays will rotate - please see the [school calendar](#).

Pancake Breakfast

Friday, September 5 is our Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast for students. Volunteers will be serving our students pancakes to celebrate our first full week of school. We will be providing gluten-free pancakes for those who require them. If you have a student with another food allergy, please consider sending them an extra snack to enjoy with their classmates during this time. We will begin serving grade one classes and progress through the grades. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast as normal at home, as it may be later in the morning when they receive their pancakes.

Meet the Staff Night

We hope that you'll join us for our Meet the Staff night on Wednesday, September 24th from 5:00-6:00pm. We will be providing a small treat for those in attendance. Although classrooms will not be open until 5:00, we encourage you to come check out our Book Fair which will be open from 4:30-6:00pm.

Early Student Pick-Up

If you are picking up your child early from school please **phone the office** to let us know. Students are not allowed to leave the building without confirmation from a parent or guardian. Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe!

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, as both platforms will eventually be phased out.

School Fees

[School Fees](#) for 2025-2026 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.

Yearbook

Our Yearbook for 2024-2025 will be distributed in September. For families that moved to Memorial School, we will be mailing them to your home address.

Administering Medication & Pre-Existing Medical Conditions

If your child requires medication during the school day, it is Division Policy that a [signed consent](#) form be completed. All medication brought to school must be kept at the office, and will only be accepted in the original clearly labeled bottle/box. Only prescription medication will be dispensed at the office. Please ask the pharmacist for a second labeled bottle to be kept at school if needed. All medication that was left at the school in June has been disposed of. Students who may need an Epi-Pen are required to supply an Epi-Pen for storage in the school office and the required forms must be completed. Please assist us in gathering all information regarding your child's pre-existing medical conditions.

Volunteers

We are so happy to welcome volunteers into our school. Stay tuned for messaging from your child's teacher for opportunities throughout the year. Please remember that a current Criminal Record Vulnerable Sector Check must be on file at the school for anyone who volunteers more than ten hours in a school year. All volunteers and visitors must check in at the school office upon arrival.

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.

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 [Blueberry Handbook](#) for more information.

Counselling

Mrs. Andrea Smith is our school counselor. Mrs. Smith will be at Blueberry School on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Code of Conduct

Please take a moment to review [Blueberry's Student Code of Conduct](#) with your child. Classroom teachers have also highlighted this document with students during the first week of school.

Cell Phones/Smart Devices/Headphones

Students are asked to leave their cell phones in their lockers during instructional time. Grade 7-9 students are permitted to use their cell phones prior to school (before first bell) and during the lunch hour. Elementary students are not permitted use of cellphones during recess, to encourage active play.

If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office to ensure all staff are aware of any student needs/concerns. Students are asked to come to the office to call home.

If devices such as smartwatches become a disruption to a student's learning, teachers will work with that individual. Headphones (such as airpods) should be left in lockers and not brought to class during instructional time. Smart glasses are not permitted at school due to privacy issues. Students are encouraged to leave valuable items at home.

Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day is a legacy of the St. Joseph Mission residential school commemoration event held in Williams Lake, BC, Canada. It grew out of Phyllis' story of having her new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the Mission, and it has become an opportunity to keep the discussion on all aspects of residential schools happening annually. Please join us in wearing an orange shirt on Friday, September 26th as schools and communities come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.

Book Fair

We will be hosting our book fair September 22-25. More information to come closer to the dates.

Terry Fox Run

Again this year, our school is proudly taking part in the annual Terry Fox School Run to continue Terry's dream of a world without cancer. Classes will be attending an assembly on September 12th, and running during PE in the days following. Information for donating to the Terry Fox foundation will be available shortly.

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](#).

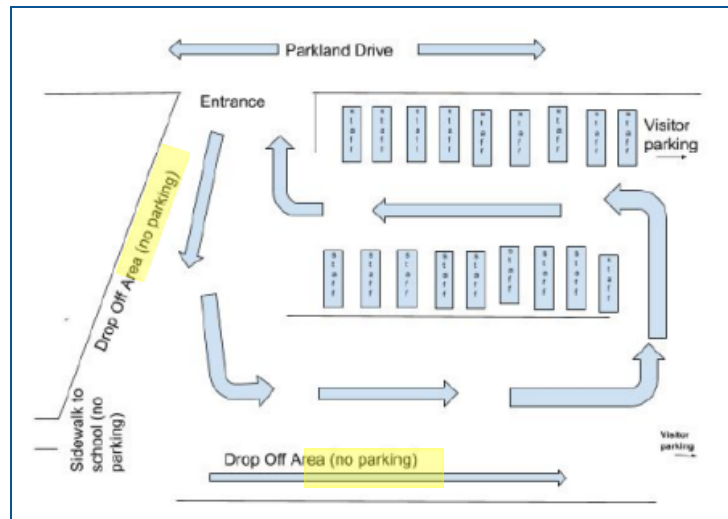
Accessible Parking

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.

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!

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



Welcome back!

We are excited to kick off the
2025-2026 year of fundraising!

Our goal is to raise funds
to keep our students
healthy and connected.
Money raised goes back
to our school to purchase
items that help our
students flourish in all
aspects.

We are a small group of
parent volunteers and are
always looking for new
ideas and more helpers!



Our first fundraiser is...
SPIRIT WEAR!



- ONLINE ORDERS ONLY
- ORDER NOW —> OCTOBER 15th
- PICK UP @ BLUEBERRY SCHOOL
- ORDERS WILL ARRIVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

ORDER HERE

Our largest fundraiser of the year
will be our **CASINO!**

This is an **amazing** fundraising opportunity
and requires **A LOT** of volunteers!

SAVE THE DATE

CASINO

November 21/22

Century Casino, St. Albert

CAN YOU HELP?

CLICK HERE

Please fill out our volunteer form!



We're starting to plan for this year's Monster Mash and would love your help in making it a fang-tastic success.

Thinking about downsizing your spooky stash?
We'd be thrilled to give your gently used Halloween decorations a new haunted home!

If you have any decorations in good condition to donate, please contact Karlyn @ 780-668-4151.

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emails!

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blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

Did you see our NEW Gaga Ball pit?

More fun to come!

HELP NEEDED

We need grant writers and
volunteers to help with our
playground project!
Can you help?



Don't forget your labels!

Make labeling easy with Oliver's labels and
help support our school!

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Thank you for your support!

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 will be open to parents starting September 7th. Please follow the instructions below to register and log in.

Ordering Lunch Online

1. Go to munchalunch.com/schools/blueberry.
2. Click the "Register Here" or "Log In" 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.