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Message from Administration

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As October begins, we're thankful for the wonderful start to our school year. From a smooth return to classes to memorable events like the Pancake Breakfast and Meet the Staff night, our students, staff, and families have made it truly special. We're proud of our student leaders—from organizing the Terry Fox Assembly to helping with recycling, restocking the Nutrition Nook, and supporting younger students. These efforts strengthen our school community.

Last week, students also reflected on Truth and Reconciliation and the meaning of Orange Shirt Day as we continue our learning journey together on Treaty 6 lands. We're truly grateful for our Blueberry School family and look forward to all the learning and celebrations this season will bring.

Warm regards,

Rosanne McIntyre Principal

Twyla Badry Vice Principal







General Information

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 6	Picture Day Kinder M/W, Gr1 - Gr5
Oct 7	Picture Day Kinder T/Th, Gr 6 - Gr9
Oct. 7	Grade 8 Field Trip
Oct 9	Cross Country Race #5 @ Meridian Heights School
Oct. 10	Grade 9 Hot Lunch (Basile's)
Oct. 13	No School/ Thanksgiving
Oct 16	Cross Country Race #6 Prescott @ Jubilee Park
Oct. 24	Grade 9 Hot lunch (Basile's)
Oct. 24	Grade 4 Field Trip
Oct 30	Monster Mash
Nov. 3	PD Day
Nov. 4	Parent Teacher Interviews In Person 4:00-7:00 PM
Nov. 6	Parent Teacher Interviews Virtual 3:30 - 6:30 PM
Nov. 6	Kinder In-School Field Trip
Nov. 7	Kinder In-School Field Trip
Nov. 7	Remembrance Day Ceremony
Nov. 10-14	Fall Break

Please note the <u>2025-26 Parkland School Division Calendar</u> for your planning purposes. The calendar can be found under "Printable Calendars" on the right hand side of the webpage.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will be holding our first parent-teacher interviews of the year, on November 4 and 6. As in years past, we will offer a hybrid of online and in-person. More information about interviews and how to book will be sent through School Messenger later this month. If you have questions about your child's progress at any time, please reach out to their homeroom teacher.







Monster Mash

We're excited to host our annual **Monster Mash** for Grades K–6 on **October 30, 5–7 p.m.**! This fun evening includes a small entry fee to support our school. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult supervisor. Food will be available for pre-purchase through our fundraising committee—details coming soon. More information is coming soon!

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

<u>School Fees</u> for 2025-2026 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.

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 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.

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 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:

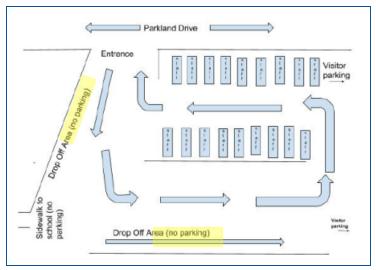
- 1. A reminder that there is **NO PARKING in the drop-off areas** in the morning from 7:40 8:00 am and from 2:20 2:50 pm daily.
- 2. Please be mindful of students and staff who are trying to cross the parking lot to get to and from the school.
- 3. Our front parking lot goes in a "one-way" direction. 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!

Athletics

Cross Country Running Upcoming Cross Country run dates

Race #4: – October 2 - High Park

Race #5: - October 9- Meridian Heights

Race #6 - October 17 - Prescott Learning Centre

@Jubilee Park

Coaches:

Ms. Ducholke

Volleyball

Our volleyball season is in full swing with games and practices underway. If you have any questions please connect with the designated coaches.

Coaches:

Sr. Boys - Mr. Mireault

Sr. Girls - Coach Tricia and Coach Lonica

Jr. Girls - Mrs. Kleparchuk

Jr. Boys - Coach Tricia

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

Cayla Nelson

Michelle Heale

Katie Bradley

Theresa Nelson

Rachel Shuck

Kathy MacKinnon

Kasey Quinn





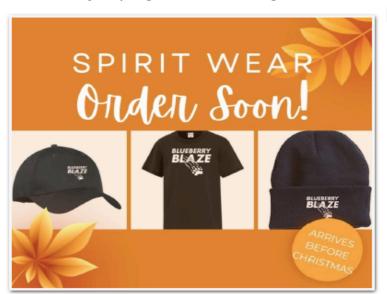


Fundraising Committee



Hello Fall!

We are jumping into fundraising headfirst like a kid diving into a



leaf pile! It is going to be a busy few months ahead, filled with Spirit Wear orders, Monster Mash, and our Casino event! Thank you for helping us support the students at Blueberry School!

- ONLINE ORDERS ONLY
- •ORDER UNTIL OCTOBER 10th
- PICK UP @ BLUEBERRY SCHOOL

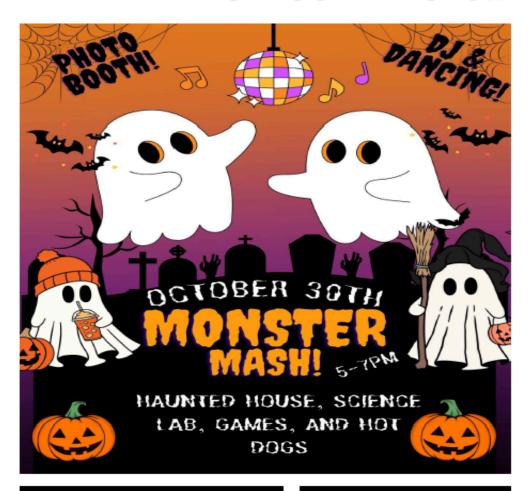
ORDER HERE







THE TRADITION CONTINUES...



DONATE

peanut/gum-free candy (please bring to office) CLICK HERE to VOLUNTEER







GET READY FOR MONSTER MASH

with prepaid admission and food combos

ADMISSION:

BEAT THE LINE when you prepay!

Come in through the prepaid admission door and save yourself time!

\$5 per person to a max of \$20/family

Admission prices are the same on evening of event

CONCESSION

\$5 DEAL for a COMBO when you prepay!
Order form closes Oct. 27th!

Combo includes:

-1 hot dog, 1 chips/popcorn, and 1 bottled water/pop
Tickets are also available for purchase at the event

(\$7 for a COMBO)

ONE STOP!

* PREPAID ADMISSION entry and PREPAID Concession Combo tickets @ the Gr.3/4/5/6 doors!

CLICK HERE TO PREPAY







Calling All Night Owls!

We need a lot of fun-loving volunteers to join our Count room Crew!
Job: Money sorting, counting, stacking, double-checking...
Shifts: Friday & Saturday night - Midnight to 3:15am
@ Century Casino, St. Albert.



















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!







HELP NEEDED

We need grant writers and volunteers to help with our playground project! 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:

blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

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 <u>Munch a Lunch</u> 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.







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