

Blueberry Bulletin



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****ALL VISITORS PLEASE REPORT TO OFFICE****

*****Please remember to always sign your child out when they leave the school. Students cannot sign themselves out.*****

Dates to Remember:	
Dec 23 - Jan 8 - Christmas Break	Jan 25 - Gr 8 - Medieval Presentation - pm
Jan 8 - Caring Kids Hotdog Lunch	Jan 26 - Electronics Recycling Dropoff Deadline
Jan 22 - Gr. 4 - 6 - Mistatim at Horizon Stage - Cultural Performance - am	Jan 26 - K - 9 - Birth of the C.P.R. - Cultural Performance - am
Jan 22 - BSC Mtg - 1:30 p.m.	Jan 30 - Gr. 1 - Teacher's Pet in-school fieldt rip - pm
Jan 23 - Gr 5 & 6 - Play Parkland - 11:45 am	Jan 30 - Gr 3 & 4 - Play Parkland - 11:45 am

Message from Administration



We had an event filled December! We would like to thank Mrs. King for her amazing vision and hard work to put together incredible Christmas concerts. We are very fortunate to have a music specialist at Blueberry School. Mrs. King loves music and her talent and passion for the arts is evident in her daily work with our students. Our concerts would not have been possible without the work of our whole school community. Thank you to everyone for your efforts in making each of our concerts so successful.

A big thank you to our school community for their generosity in donating non perishable items for Kinsmen Hampers. Our leadership class facilitated by Mrs. Owen led our school community in this event which generated a large truck full of items for families in need at this time of year. As well, thank you to the families who donated to the Food Bank at our Christmas concerts.

Happy Holidays! Have a wonderful break with your families. Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2018!

Michelle Visscher
Vice Principal of Blueberry School

Sheryl Bridgeman
Principal of Blueberry School

Electronics Recycling Roundup

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Electronics Recycling Roundup

Bring in these old, unwanted electronics for recycling and not only will you help keep the environment safer and healthier, you'll raise funds for your school.

TVs and Monitors
 screens smaller than 30"

\$4/UNIT



TVs and Monitors
 screens 30" or bigger

\$10/UNIT



Laptop, Notebook and Tablet Computers

\$1/UNIT



Printers, Copiers, Scanners, Faxes

\$4/UNIT

(standalone and combination units up to 1,000 Kg.)



Computers (CPUs), All-in-one Computers, Servers

\$4/UNIT



NOTE: keyboards, mice, computer speakers and cables can be recycled through this project but no funding will be provided for these items.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:



2018-19 School Recycling Project

Student Absences

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Also note: Students cannot sign themselves out to leave the school. Parents need to sign their children out at the school office.

Blueberry School Council News (BSC)

Our next meeting will be in the new year, on January 22nd, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

By attending the school council meetings, you have the chance to become involved in your child's education and have your voice heard by your Principal, Parkland School Division and your Government.



Happy holidays to all the students, parents, staff and community of Blueberry School!

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Patricia Whalen, School Council Chairperson

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM—including Gr. 9 Farewell and Health Initiatives Fundraisers

Blueberry Hot lunch would like to thank you for your continued support of the program. We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

January's Hot lunch is available for ordering now, cut off is Friday January 5th, 2018.

Remember Grade nine Farewell Lunches and Healthy and Connected Lunches are online as well.



www.blueberry.hotlunches.net School code BBHL

Thank you and look forward to the 2018 New Year
Carmen

Blueberry School Fundraising Committee News(BSFC)

BSFC

Our website is LIVE. Come on over and check us out!!

www.blueberryschoolfundraisingcommittee.com

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Oliver Labels

Flip Give

Booster Juice Gift Vouchers

all links and info available on our website

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Dolls Needed

We are looking for dolls that are in good shape that can be donated to the school for our blanket exercise. The dolls will be stored at school and used as part of the Grade 7 and 9 curriculum. If you have gently used dolls that you are discarding, please contact Mrs. Maycher in Grade 9.

From the Literacy Corner:



Ever 'wonder' what hooks a child to a book? You know what I'm talking about. When your child won't go to bed until the next chapter. When your child wakes up in the middle of the night with a flashlight and hides under the covers to finish the book. Or, when your child misses their bus stop or doesn't finish breakfast in time because their nose is stuck in a book! These books encourage imagination, creativity and a sense of wonder.

R.J. Palacio's book entitled, *Wonder*, is this type of book. Many people read it in one sitting. It hooks readers of all ages; from the very young to adulthood. It contains life lessons and questions about how we see the world. If you get the chance to read this book as a family, please do. I can promise

you will have engaging conversation and learn how each member of your family views the world.

The popularity of this book has inspired Hollywood to make a movie out of it. If the movie inspires you, maybe you will be inspired to then read the book. The second book associated with *Wonder* is called, *Auggie and Me...* another amazing read.

I challenge you in this New Year to find out which books will spark 'wonders' in your child (and perhaps yourself). Librarians are always thrilled when asked to help fit a book to a child. If we foster and encourage the 'wonder' of learning through books, our kids will be putting devices down and picking books up. Oh, what a 'wonder' that would be!

Ali Verhey
Collaborative Teaching Partner (CTP) for Blueberry School



Some articles that may be of interest to your families from Common Sense Media



9 Ways to Have a Device-Free(ish) Holiday (PDF)

Prep your students' families with some strategies for finding balance with tech over the break. [Read more](#)

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Everything You Need to Know About Parental Controls

Give parents peace of mind with these tips on using device-based controls. [Learn more](#)

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Spruce Grove Middle Schools

SGMS band program



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So you are thinking about playing an instrument in the SGMS Beginning Band! Great! Learning how to play a wind instrument in a group setting is an excellent way to explore and discover the joys of making music. Here are some details you should know.

The Beginning Band is a 13-week introductory ensemble for students to learn the fundamentals and proper playing techniques of band instruments. All Parkland School Division students who are in grades 5 to 9 are welcome to join. **Rehearsals are Wednesdays** in the music room at École Broxton Park School from 3:30-4:30. Our first practice is January 17 and our last practice will be April 25. One clinic will be scheduled for early March which will extend this rehearsal 30 minutes longer to 5:00.

Instruments of the beginning band include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone and percussion (snare drum, bass drum, bells). Instruments can be rented through the school; it is expected that students will play their selected instrument for the duration of the session. It is recommended that students pick up their instrument before the first rehearsal.

The fee for beginning band is \$60 - This covers instrument rental, clinician fees, and other supplies. If an instrument is privately owned the fee is adjusted accordingly. Cheques are payable to PSD70. Fees can be paid either in the school office, or online once your child is registered.

Being part of a band is more than just playing music! It provides students with an environment to imagine and invent, it fosters commitment and self-discipline, and it requires determination. These characteristics contribute to success in life.

More detailed information about the SGMS Band Program is available. An information meeting is planned for Tuesday January 9; 7:00 pm in the music room or contact Mr. Loge at École Broxton Park School • 780.962.0212 • mloge@psd70.ab.ca.

