



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:

Sept 29—Terry Fox Run & Student Led Assembly—pm
Oct 2—Cross-Country Run at Woodhaven
Oct 3—Gr 8 Japanese Cultural fieldtrip
Oct 5—Cross-Country Run at Meridian Heights
Oct 6—PD Day—No school
Oct 9—Thanksgiving—NO SCHOOL
Oct 11—Gr 4 Bicycle Safety presentation
Oct 12—Cross-Country Run at Stony Plain Central
Oct 13—Outdoor Ed—Vertically Inclined fieldtrip
Oct 17—Gr. K, 2, 4—Bus Safety Presentation—am
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Oct 18—Gr 4 Internet Safety Presentation
Oct 19—Cross-Country Run at Chickakoo Lake
Oct 20—Picture Retakes—All Grades—am
Oct 20—Outdoor Ed Chickakoo Hike
Oct 23—BSC Mtg—1:30 pm at the school
Oct 25—Gr 4 Bullying/Cyber Bullying presentation
Oct 30 - Monster Mash—5:00—7:00 p.m.
Oct 31—Halloween—Student Led Assembly 12:45
Oct 31—Gr 9 Immunizations—Round 1
Nov 1—Gr. 9—Take Your Kid To Work Day
Nov 1—Gr. 5 Immunizations—Round 1

Message from Administration

It was great to connect with many of you at our welcome back BBQ in September. A big thank you to our school council and many, many volunteers who volunteered their time to help make this evening such a success!

Our first reporting period is fast approaching. Your son or daughter's report card will go live on PowerSchool Friday, November 3, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. Student/parent/teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 and Wednesday November 8, 2017. Online sign up information will be going home late October. If you have any questions about your child's progress before this time please contact our staff.

We had an amazing turn-out to our first school council meeting of the 2017/18 school year. The contributions and ideas of many community voices continue to make our school an amazing place to learn and grow. If you are interested in joining us, please watch the school Facebook page and website for upcoming meeting times and dates.

Your FEEDBACK is WANTED---Through the June 2017 report card we communicated to parents who their child's teacher would be for the 2017-2018 school year. We would appreciate your feedback as to whether this was helpful and appreciated as we look to reflect and plan for next school year. We will be collecting feedback at our first conferences in November.

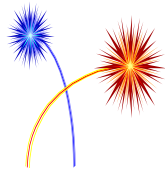
Friday September 29th, we honoured Terry Fox, and Orange Shirt Day. Gr 4-6 students led us in an assembly that helped our students understand who Terry Fox was and what he represented. Students from our "Leadership Option" led our school in announcements to raise awareness for both of these events. Leadership students, led by Ms. Owen created a journey through our hallways of Terry's journey and dream to run across Canada.

Orange Shirt Day is a grassroots event that recognizes the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well being, and focuses on the belief that every child matters. For more information on Orange Shirt Day please visit: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

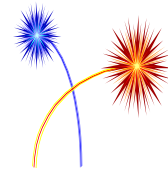
We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual Monster Mash on Monday, October 30th. Your questions, comments or feedback are welcome at anytime to help us improve Blueberry School and make it the best year yet for your child.

Mrs. Sheryl Bridgeman, Principal

Mrs. Michelle Visscher, Vice-Principal



Celebrating Blueberry



**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to our Parent Council moms who stepped up and worked the hotdog supper at our Meet The Teacher evening. We appreciated that you picked up the food and cooked and served it. We wouldn't be able to run these events without your help, so THANK YOU!

Terry Fox Run & Every Child Matters



Thank you to Mrs. Dawes for organizing another successful Terry Fox Run. Also thank you to Mrs. Owen and her SWAT/Leadership students for reminding us all about this important event everyday on announcements.

As well, thank you to all the students and parents who have donated to the Terry Fox Foundation already. If you still wish to donate to this worthy cause, the deadline to get your pledge sheets and/or money into the school is Thursday, October 5th.

ADMAZING Ticket Paks

Admazing Ticket Paks are available in the office or from any student grades 7 through 9. The coupon booklet is loaded with savings for Edmonton and area businesses. The books sell for \$20 each and would be a great Christmas present!!



Save The Date— Christmas Concerts!

Our Christmas Concerts for this December will be held on the following days:

Kindergarten: December 18th—pm

Grade 1—6 - December 13 and 14. More information to follow later.



Student Absences

Thank you to all the parents who are either phoning in or e-mailing us with student absences. As we continue to work to ensure the safety of all of our students at Blueberry School, it is imperative that we are aware when they are absent from school. We ask that parents email their child's absence to

Blueberry.Absence@psd70.ab.ca. Please include your child's full name, homeroom and reason for the absence. If you do not have access to email please phone the school (780-963-3625) and leave a message on the answering machine or speak to one of the secretaries.

Influenza Season is Approaching!

If your child is sick, we know that you are not always able to stay home with them. However, please make sure you have alternate arrangements in place so they can stay home from school until they feel better. Or, if they get sick during the day, that someone is available to come and pick them up. We do not have the space for students to lie in the sick room for long periods of time. As well, the rest of the students and staff are at risk to also get sick when your child comes to school unwell.



Demographics Verification Sheet and the PowerSchool Parent Portal—IMPORTANT

You should be receiving a paper copy of the Demographics Verification Sheet in the near future. Please look over this sheet to see that all the information we have on file for your child is correct. If it needs updating, then you can log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal and change the information yourself by clicking on the Family Information tab on the left side, after you've selected your child on the tab at the top. The PowerSchool Parent Portal is a valuable tool for parents, giving them access to student attendance, report cards, and online fee payments. You can consent to FOIP, CASL, Locker, and the Computer Use Agreement too. Here's the link from Parkland School Division's website, with more information on the Parent Portal. http://www.psd70.ab.ca/documents/general/PowerSchool_Parent_Instructions.pdf

For security reasons, the report cards and fees are not available on the PowerSchool App. You must access through the PowerSchool website @ <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public>.

If you are new to Blueberry School, or have not yet created an account, your child will bring home a paper with their "special" username and password. You will need this when you are creating your new account on PowerSchool. If you haven't received this information, please contact the school at 780-963-3625 and ask for Tracy Davis.

Going Greener—IMPORTANT

We are trying to eliminate the need to send so much information home in paper form. We are sending newsletters home via e-mail only, to all parents who have subscribed. Please visit the Blueberry School Website <http://blueberry.psd70.ab.ca/> and add your e-mail under the "Newsletter" section on the bottom of the front page. Choose "School Updates" under the list, and then add your e-mail address and hit "Subscribe". It's as easy as that! This will be for all general correspondence coming from Blueberry School and Parkland School Division. If you change your e-mail address, please update it on this site as well!

You can also unsubscribe on the website if you no longer wish to receive these newsletters electronically.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION —We will not be sending home newsletters by paper copy anymore. If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter, you can pick one up from the school office.

CANADA'S ANTI-SPAM LAW (CASL)

CASL Canada's Anti-Spam Law (CASL) came into full force July 1st 2017 after a transition period of three years. The law generally prohibits the sending of commercial messages without the recipient's consent (permission), including messages to email addresses (e.g. Transportation notifications), social networking accounts, and text messages sent to a cell phone. Without your consent, we will be unable to send you these electronic communications. For further information, and to give your consent, please go to the CASL (Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation) tab in your Parent Portal @ <https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public/home.html>. This would also include any fundraisers for Blueberry School, such as hot lunch, Spell-a-thon, Terry Fox Run, Jump Rope for Heart, concessions. **We usually include information in our newsletter that would pertain to these types of events/fees. Transportation also uses e-mails with CASL consent to send information electronically to parents.**

To receive our school newsletter and emails pertaining to school information and events, via e-mail, please access our Blueberry School website (see above—Going Greener).

If you require assistance with your Parent PowerSchool Account please contact the school office.

TINKERLAB SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Donations gravely needed for the Tinkerlab!

- toilet paper rolls
- paper towel rolls
- cereal boxes (broken down)
- plastic yogurt containers and lids (washed)
- any kind of lids (milk jug, plastic containers, etc).



School Volunteers—We love to have Volunteers!

If you are planning to volunteer at the school for more than ten hours throughout the school year (this includes field trips) we ask that you fill out a Volunteer Form that includes a Criminal Record Check. These forms must be completed each year and an updated Criminal Record Check must be included. This check can be completed free of charge at the Stony Plain RCMP Detachment. Forms can be picked up at the school office. We appreciate your help at the school and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

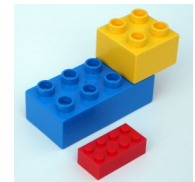
Administering Medication

If your child requires medication (prescription only) during the school day, it is Division Policy that a signed consent form be completed in advance. This form requires a physician's signature. Contact the office for a form or further information. 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.

All medication that was left at the school in June has been disposed of. Note – Medication will not be dispensed from the office for fieldtrips. Parents are responsible for providing extra medication on fieldtrip days if necessary. Students that 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. If necessary an additional epi-pen can be kept by the student.

LEGO!

Our library is now an "unplugged" area during recesses, so students are using our lego wall quite a bit. We are in need of extra lego though. If you have lego that you can donate to the library, please bring it to the school office or library. We appreciate all donations!



Allergies/Scent Free

As you are aware there are children in our school with severe life threatening nut allergies. Consequently, we have processes in place to minimize the risk to these students. Please take notice of signs that have been posted in the school. We also have severe allergies to scented products and ask that students and parents coming into the school refrain from using these products (perfumes, deodorants, lotions, Axe products). Aerosol products are also not permitted in the school. Students are encouraged to bring underarm deodorant, but in a non scented stick form. If your child has serious allergies (especially nut allergies) that we have not previously been informed of, please contact the office.

School Fees

School Fees are now due. Fees can be paid with a credit card online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at:

<https://powerschool.psd70.ab.ca/public/> You can also see any fees that are added, such as option fees, as well as your account balance. They can't be paid through the app though—only through the actual website. If you prefer, you can print the fee sheet (on our website) <http://blueberry.psd70.ab.ca/Supplies%20Fees.php> and return it to the school with your cheque (made out to PSD70) or cash. If you need financial assistance with Play Parkland, please contact the office, as Jumpstart Funding is available.

Blueberry School Council News (BSC)

The Blueberry School Council would like to welcome everyone back! Our council this year is:

Chair: Patricia Whalen
Vice Chair: Jen Richens
Secretary: Shawna Kuhl
Treasurer: Jacklynn Cadeau
Member at Large: Suzanne Fellows
Past Chair: Teri MacNutt-Audet



Thank you to all the parents who came to our first council meeting of the year. We had a great turnout! Our next Council meeting will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 1:30 p.m. The November meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Hopefully this can get some parents out to the meetings who might not otherwise be able to make it because of the time. ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

-Get involved in your child's school - Your opinion matters - Let your voice be heard -

Patricia Whalen, Blueberry School Council Chairperson

Blueberry School Fundraising Committee News(BSFC)

DSF Canada Fundraiser

We hope you received your DSF Canada (Lamontagne) fundraiser packages. This is one of our big fundraisers for the year and is a great opportunity to get some early Christmas gifts. If you didn't receive a package, there are extras in the school office. Deadline to order is October 6th, with an expected delivery of the week of November 13th. If you want to order online, make sure you register online at www.shopdfscanada.com, our group ID is 6336. Then you will have a link to share with friends and family. Have fun shopping !!

Ongoing Fundraisers:

Oliver Labels - great waterproof, washable labels for all your kids clothes, shoes and supplies. School receives 20% back from your purchase.

www.oliverslabels.com/blueberryschool

Get your online shopping done and support your school at the same time. Check out all the companies that you can shop with, like Amazon, Indigo, Old Navy, Sport Check....the list goes on. Check out the website at <https://www.flipgive.com/f/429820>

Check out the website page at: [Blueberry School Fundraising Committee Page](#)

Check out our Facebook page at: [BSFC Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date on events.

If any parent is interested in becoming more involved and have fun contributing to the BSFC, then please "Like" our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BlueberrySchoolFundraisingCommittee/>), as all our meetings and current fundraisers will be posted there! All parents are welcome!

CONTACT US AT: blueberryfundraisingcommittee@gmail.com

2017-18 HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

All Blueberry School Hot lunch programs are now available to order online.

This includes the Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday program, as well as the Grade 9 Farewell Lunch, and Healthy Initiative lunches which will be served on some Mondays and Fridays. If you missed ordering for October please contact www.blueberryhotlunch@gmail.com as soon as possible. If you would rather have a paper copy sent home there are some extra copies available in the office. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Carmen at www.blueberryhotlunch@gmail.com. We look forward to the upcoming school year providing lunches for your children.

See instructions below for ordering:

1. Order Online - If you ordered through the online system last year, you'll need to register again this year. The online system provides several benefits:

- Email reminders of order deadlines
- No lost forms
- Ability to track your purchases
- No lost cheques (You can pay with PayPal or a credit card.)
- You also have the option to send payment (cash or cheque, made payable to **1603637 Alberta Inc.**) directly to the school.

2. Pick up Hot Lunch Form at School - You can pick up a form at the school, complete it and send payment to the school along with the form by the deadline date.

Ordering Lunch Online

1. Visit <http://www.blueberry.hotlunches.net/>.
2. Select [Click here to register](#).
3. Enter school access code: **BBHL** (all caps)
4. Complete the registration form. Include your email address to receive reminder emails about hot lunch order deadlines, and your child's hot lunch order for the upcoming week.
5. Select Register Now.
6. Add each child in your family who attends Blueberry.
7. Select Orders to place an order. You can either pay with a credit card as a PayPal guest, or set up your own PayPal account. (Contact Paypal directly to resolve any issues with your PayPal account.) You may also order online and send payment to the school instead of paying online. Please make cheques out to **1603637 Alberta Inc** and indicate in the memo that the check is for hot lunch and which student(s) the payment is for.

Contact Carmen Weber at blueberryhotlunch@gmail.com or [780-699-0550](tel:780-699-0550) if you require assistance or have any questions about the hot lunch program.

Unable to Order Online?

Paper forms will be made available for families that are not able to order lunch online. Complete the form and bring to the office with payment before the deadline date.

Grade 9 Farewell & Blueberry School Healthy Initiatives Hot Lunch Fundraisers

Hot lunch offered on some Mondays and Fridays is outsourced and costs associated will reflect according to vendor. Minimal proceeds will go to either our Grade 9 Farewell or to Blueberry School Healthy Initiatives Programs.



Feedback on hot lunch programs is welcome! Please contact **Carmen Weber** at blueberryhotlunch@gmail.com



October 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 <i>* X-Country Run @ Woodhaven</i>	3 <i>* Gr 8 Japanese Cultural fieldtrip</i>	4	5 <i>* X-Country Run @ Meridian Heights</i>	6 <i>PD Day—NO School</i>	7
8	9 <i>Thanksgiving Day—NO School</i>	10	11 <i>* Gr 4 Bicycle Safety</i>	12 <i>* X-Country Run @ Stony Plain Central</i>	13 Day 1 <i>* Outdoor Ed—Vertically Inclined</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>* Gr K, 2, 4—Bus Safety</i>	18 <i>* Gr K, 2, 4—Bus Safety * Gr 4 Internet Safety</i>	19 <i>* X-Country Run @ Chickakoo (hosted by Blueberry)</i>	20 Day 2 <i>* Picture Retakes—all grades * Outdoor Ed—Chickakoo Hike</i>	21
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