



BLUNDELL ELEMENTARY

Together: Caring and Learning



Newsletter #2

October 27, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's been a busy few weeks at Blundell. Classes are almost settled into a routine, and we have finally hired our new Learning/Resource Teacher, Mrs. Littlewood and new EA in Div. 1, Mrs. McCarthy. Please welcome them into our school community!

Thank you to all the parents who attended Term 1 Conferences with the teachers. A positive home-school connection is important in supporting your child's success.

Fall activities that are under way include Grade 6/7 volleyball and the School's Out program. We thank the school staff, community and parent volunteers who support these fun and valuable experiences.

As we head into the fall season and having just celebrated Thanksgiving a few weeks ago, we feel very lucky to be a part of such a wonderful school community and are looking forward to more weeks of learning and growth.

Ms. H. Wong

The S.H.A.R.P. Report

Blundell Bobcats
Are S.H.A.R.P.



Safe
Helpful
Accountable
Respectful
Positive



Congratulations to the following SHARP students who were recognized in September:

- Div. 1: Colin and Taye
- Div. 2: Vick and Dani
- Div. 3: Ericka and Geoffrey
- Div. 4: Allan and Fiona
- Div. 5: Jenny, Constatina and Raymond
- Div. 6: Simon and Dominik
- Div. 7: Luca, Bosco and April



Past Events

Socktober

A big thank you to Div. 9 who demonstrated SHARP behaviors by collecting items for people in need in Vancouver. The Blundell community was wonderful in providing things like combs, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and warm socks.



Upcoming Events

Halloween – October 31st

Halloween is a very exciting time for our students. We want our students to enjoy this special time of year, but most importantly, we want them to be safe.

Here are a few safety tips from the Richmond Fire Department:

- *wear light coloured costumes or reflective tape that can be seen by motorists
- *be sure you can see through your mask or only wear make-up
- *costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping
- *travel in groups (with an adult) and carry a flashlight
- *stay on sidewalks or along the curb
- *don't carry sharp or pointed objects
- *don't eat treats until your parents have checked them
- *be aware of your surroundings
- *report any suspicious activity to the police; do not approach or make contact with vandals

The City of Richmond also wants to remind us that there are Fireworks Bylaws in Richmond and "it is illegal to possess, sell or ignite fireworks in Richmond." This also includes firecrackers.

At school on Oct. 31st, there will be a school-wide Spooky Breakfast at 8 am, followed by a special assembly!



Remembrance Day Assembly – Nov. 10th @ 9 am

Parents and members of the community are invited to join us for this annual assembly on Friday, Nov. 10th at 9 am. We will come together to honour the men and women (past and present) who protect our great country.



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Volleyball at Blundell

We are excited to many students in grades 6 and 7 have signed up to play volleyball this year. Having fun and demonstrating some skill improvement are our goals for our volleyball program this year. Special thanks to Mr. Dennis and Ms. Baulke for coaching the team. See the game schedule below and come and cheer on the Blundell Bobcats!



- Oct. 26th Home game vs Ferris
- Nov. 2nd Away game at Ferris
- Nov. 6th Away game at Brighthouse
- Nov. 15th City Center Classic Tournament at RSS

Ongoing Events



News from the PAC

The PAC group continues to work hard to support the students and staff at Blundell. This month's community event is Family Movie Night on Friday, Oct. 27th. At today's PAC meeting, a budget was approved and plans were made to support student field trips, class supplies, and a drumming program in the Spring.

PAC meetings are held each month and all parents and guardians of students at Blundell are encouraged to attend and participate in PAC activities.

The next meeting will be on Friday, Nov. 17th at 1:00 pm.

Breathing for the Brain

One of the primary school goals is to help our students develop their self-regulation skills in order to improve their ability to learn.



This year, we have started "Core Breathing" on a school wide basis. Each day after lunch, students go through a routine of deep breathing and focused awareness. These few minutes of quiet and calm help our students' minds to relax and focus so that they are ready to learn. While we do this together school wide once a day, some classes do this several times a day. Ask your child about how this is working for them.



Dates for Your Calendar

- Oct. 31 – Halloween Breakfast and Assembly
- Nov. 2 – Volleyball (Blundell @ Ferris)
- Nov. 3 – PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov. 6 – Volleyball (Blundell @ Brighthouse)
- Nov. 7 – Breakfast Club
- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly @ 9 am
PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov. 13 – School Closed in lieu of Nov. 11
- Nov. 14 – Breakfast Club
- Nov. 15 – Volleyball Tournament at RSS
- Nov. 16 – Photo Retakes
- Nov. 17 – PAC Hot Lunch and PAC Meeting @ 1:15
- Nov. 21 – Breakfast Club
- Nov. 24 – Pro-D Day (No School for Students)

Good Ole' Hockey Game



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