



**September 29, 2017**

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year at Blundell! Classes are well underway and we are gearing up for a great year! A warm welcome is extended to our new families, both those in kindergarten and those with older children. We hope that your children will soon make friendships that will assist them with settling into a new school year. We have several new staff members so please say hello to these new faces as you see them around the school.

As we head into the second month of school (can you believe it!), a few reminders for parents and guardians. If you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child, please write a note to inform the classroom teacher. This helps to ensure our students' safety. Another helpful reminder is to send a note to your child's teacher if you are picking up your child for an appointment sometime during the school day.

Also, families who are planning on being away for an extended period of time, please complete an extended absence form. Forms are available at the office. Please note that if a student is absent for more than 20 school days, district policy states that the student could be removed from the class register, and will no longer be enrolled at the school. Please contact the office if you are planning on being absent for an extended period of time. Thank you for your cooperation.

I look forward to connecting with all of you in the months to come.

Ms. Huey Wong, Principal

**BLUNDELL SCHOOL STAFF 2016-2017**

Ms. Huey Wong – Principal

**Division Teachers:**

- Div. 1 Gr. 6/7 Mr. Dennis
- Div. 2 Gr. 6/7 Ms. Baulke
- Div. 3 Gr. 4/5 Ms. Ng/Mrs. Hass
- Div. 4 Gr. 4/5 Mr. Cooper
- Div. 5 Gr. 2/3 Ms. Gebbie
- Div. 6 K/Gr. 1 Mrs. O'Connell
- Div. 7 K/Gr. 1 Miss Kaczynski
- Div. 8 RSP Mrs. Cantwell
- Div. 9 RSP Mr. Sihota



**Learning Resource/ESL Team:**

Ms. Quine, Mrs. Gill, Ms. Wong

**RSP Outreach Teacher:** Mr. Griffing

**Teacher Librarian:** Ms. Cramer

**Technology Relief Teacher:** Mrs. Gill

**Band:** Mr. Choinski

**Counsellor:** Mr. Sellitti

**Speech Therapist:** Ms. Hewamudalige  
**Hearing Resource:** Ms. Berton  
**Elementary Counselling Support Worker:** Ms. Kumar  
**Nurse:** Mrs. Henry  
**SWIS Worker:** Ms. Avendano  
**Educational Assistants:** Ms. Bessex, Mrs. Dash, Mrs. Gill, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Lindenthaler, Mrs. Phillips, Ms. Romhanyi, Ms. Zame

**Secretary:** Mrs. Underwood  
**Custodians:** Mrs. Winkleman, Mr. Kumar  
**Noon Hour Supervisors:** Mrs. Yamaguchi-Choy

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

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



Safe  
 Helpful  
 Accountable  
 Respectful  
 Positive



S.H.A.R.P. is our social responsibility acronym. All students are encouraged every day to be Safe, Helpful, Accountable, Respectful and Positive.

As part of being S.H.A.R.P, students and staff will be working with the Mindfulness approach to promote self-awareness, self-regulation and empathy.

**Past Events**

**MEET THE STAFF BBQ AND CLASSROOM VISITS**

On Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, there was a wonderful opportunity for the staff and families to connect and share some good food and conversation. A big thank you to all the families who made an effort to attend.

**TERRY FOX SCHOOL RUN**

As usual, Blundell Bobcats showed their hearts by supporting this great cause with their runs around the track and their donations. A total of \$139 was raised for the Terry Fox Foundation!

Terry Fox said that "Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me." So thank you to our Blundell students, staff, and families for keeping Terry's race going and for your tremendous generosity.



# Upcoming Events

## STUDENT PHOTOS – OCT. 12

Individual student photos will be taken on Oct. 12th by Lifetouch Studios, and packages will be available for order in time for Christmas. Photo retakes are currently scheduled for Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Classroom teachers will be inviting parents in for individual conferences on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to share information about students and to work together as a school/home team to support the children.

Students will be dismissed on 11:38 am on Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> for Conferences.



## PRO-D DAY- OCT. 20

A reminder there is no school for students on Fri. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The staff will be engaged in various learning sessions in order to better support the students at Blundell.

# Ongoing Events

## PAC NEWS

The PAC group is up and running again this year. The first hot lunch on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by students and we are looking forward to more hot lunches.

The next PAC meeting will be on Friday, Oct. 27 at 1:15 pm.

We look forward to discussing many interesting topics to help continue to make Blundell a wonderful learning community.

## ATTENDANCE/ABSENCE REMINDERS:

**If your child is late for school please ask them to check in at the office.** When a child is late, they are marked absent on the morning attendance and the school office phones our Blundell families to make sure they are safe. Checking in at the school office when late will save time for the school office and save some worry for our families.

**EARLY WARNING** can be called at anytime, day or night. Please call **604 668 6519** and leave a message with your child's name, grade level, and division number or teacher's name and the reason for absence. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe.

## EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME

Here are some things you can do at home to help your child in school:

### **HOMEWORK:**

Children need a place to do school work.



Set some limits:

- be flexible (some nights more time will be needed than others)
- put aside a block of time for home study
- discourage phone calls/texts from friends during this time
- minimize time on the computer unless it is for researching or doing assignments
- provide breaks for a snack

Take an interest in the work your child is doing:

- ask about his or her school work
- provide the necessary tools for completing work (dictionary, pencils, paper...)
- help your child proofread his/her work
- help your child prepare for tests by quizzing them on what has been learned
- encourage neat and accurate work
- encourage your child to take pride in the quality of work submitted for marking

- Review work to see if it is completed and ready for school the next day.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for completing homework.
- Encourage your child to seek out help at school as needed.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct. 2 – Grade 6 Immunization
- Oct. 6 – PAC Hot Lunch
- Oct. 9 – Thanksgiving Day. No School
- Oct. 12 – Student Photos
- Oct. 19 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 20 – Early Dismissal at 11:38 am for Conferences
- Oct. 20 – Pro-D (No school for students)
- Oct. 27 – PAC Movie Night @ 6 pm (No Hot Lunch)
- Nov. 3 – PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov. 10 – Remembrance Day Assembly  
PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov. 13 – School Closed in lieu of Remembrance Day
- Nov. 16 – Photo Retakes
- Nov. 17 – PAC Hot Lunch
- Nov. 24 – Pro-D (No school for students)
- Nov. 25 – PAC Hot Lunch

## RUNNING IN SUPPORT OF TERRY

