

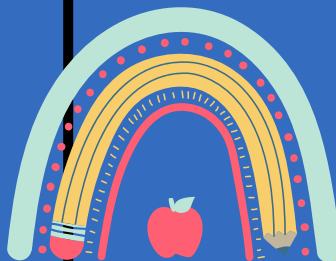
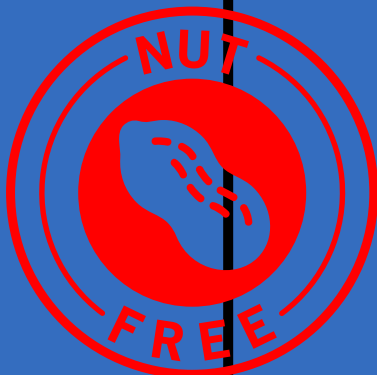
## " Home of the Blundell Bobcats!" September 15-19, 2025 Blundell Bobcats Bulletin



### Acknowledgement of Territory:

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the Hən̓q̓əmiṇəm (Hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn, and live.

| Monday,<br>September 15                                                                                                                                                                  | Tuesday,<br>September 16                                                                                                                                                             | Wednesday<br>September 17                                                                                             | Thursday,<br>September 18                                                                                                  | Friday,<br>September 19                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>Please bring a healthy snack and lunch each day</p> <p>Plus a refillable water bottle!</p> <p>A reminder that we are a nut free, pop free, and gum free healthy school community!</p> | <p>Please bring a healthy snack and lunch day.</p> <p>Plus a refillable water bottle!</p> <p>A reminder that we are a nut free, pop free, and gum free healthy school community!</p> | <p>Meet the Staff Event</p> <p>3:00-4:00 pm</p> <p>Please meet in the gym!</p> <p>Visits to classrooms afterwards</p> | <p>Breakfast Club</p> <p>8:00 am</p>  | <p>Hot Lunch Day</p> <p>Pizza!</p>  <p>Individual Photo Day!</p> |



**DON'T FORGET**



### Reminder:

Kindly please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our

Early Warning Line at (604) 668-6519

Please include your child's name, Division, why they will be away and for how long. Thank you.

**September 22: Professional Development Day--students do not attend on this day**

# Let's All Stay Healthy AT BLUNDELL

## Daily Health Check

SHOULD I GO TO SCHOOL  
TODAY?

We appreciate your support in keeping your child home when they are not feeling well.

**Students should not come to school when they are sick.**

If your child is not feeling well please continue to keep them home until their symptoms have resolved. If you know your child will be absent for a range of days, please leave that information as well.

Staying home when sick helps keep our entire school community healthy including teachers, admin staff and students. **Please do your part and stay home when sick.**



As we head towards summer break, we remind students to be “Sun Smart” which includes applying sunscreen, wearing a hat outside, bringing a water bottle each day, and dressing for the weather:



# BLUNDELL'S SHARING FRIDGE



Am I making  
the correct  
choice?



## **CORRECT REASONS TO USE THE SHARING FRIDGE**

- I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO EAT  
BREAKFAST
- I FORGOT MY RECESS SNACK
- I'M STILL HUNGRY AND A  
SNACK WILL HELP ME LEARN  
AND FEEL BETTER

THESE ARE **CORRECT** REASONS TO  
HELP YOURSELF TO SOMETHING  
FROM THE SHARING FRIDGE

## **INCORRECT REASONS TO USE THE SHARING FRIDGE**

- I'D RATHER HAVE THIS SNACK  
THAN WHAT I BROUGHT FROM HOME
- I AM TAKING MORE THAN I NEED
- I DON'T NEED THE SNACK, I ONLY  
WANT IT
- I DON'T NEED TO BRING ANY FOOD  
OR SNACKS TO SCHOOL BECAUSE  
THERE IS FOOD AT SCHOOL

THESE ARE **INCORRECT** REASONS  
TO USE THE SHARING FRIDGE

# STAFF AT BLUNDELL 2025-2026

- Division 1, Grade 6/7, Ms. Hong, room 13
- Division 2, Grade 6/7, Mr. Burghall, room 1
- Division 3, Grade 5/6, Ms. Hobbs, room 7
- Division 4, Grade 4/5, Ms. Xiao, room 3
- Division 5, Grade 3/4, Ms. McLeod, room 2
- Division 6, Ms. Yang (until February 2026), room 4
- Division 7, Ms. Casado, room 12
- Division 8, Ms. Woo, room 6
- Division 9, Ms. Zhen, room 5
- Division 10, Intermediate, Mr. Sihota, room
- Division 11, Primary, Ms. Cantwell, room

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Ms. Smith, ELL/LRT                          | • Ms. Newton, ELL/LRT |
| • Ms. Chan, Teacher Librarian/<br>Prep Relief | • Ms. Rae, ELL/LRT    |
|                                               | • Ms. McKay, ELL/LRT  |

- Ms Chen, ELL/LRT
- Ms. Yang, grades 2/3, Division 6
- Ms. Mika as an Education Assistant
- Ms. Li as as an Education Assistant
- Ms. Niu as our Senior Administrative Assistant
- Ms. Geary, ELL/LRT/Prep Teacher
- Ms. Robinson as an Education Assistant with the Richmond School program, Division 11
- Mr. Zhao as a Noon Hour Supervisor

## EA Team:

- Ms. Romhani, Ms. Gosal, Ms. Woo, Ms. Fan, Mr. Pontanonsa, Ms. Payumo, Ms. Dhillon, Ms. Li, Ms. Mika, Ms. Kirby, Ms. Jessica
- Ms. Pannu, Mr. DeGuzman, Mr. Howell, Custodial Team
- Mr. Lau, Ms. Ong, Mr. Zhao--Noon Our Supervisor Tea m



# PARKING LOT REMINDERS

## AT BLUNDELL

Our parking lot is a very busy place, and so we encourage families to walk their children to school if they are able. If you must drive we also encourage you to use the parking lot at the Baptist Church on the east side of the school. This is especially helpful for students who are dismissed from Divisions 5, 8, 7 and 1.

If you must park in the school parking lot, please be mindful of children who may be travelling through the parking lot with their children. We have taught our students NOT to go through the parking lot, but to go around the chain fence to travel safely to the other side. It would be greatly appreciated if parents would do the same when going to their vehicles after school. In future, we are hoping to have a designated crosswalk painted in the parking lot. As well, please see the photos below. This parking space is reserved 24 hours for custodial and maintenance staff. We also remind parents that there is a NO LEFT TURN sign from 8:30-9:00 am and 2:30-3:00 pm as this backs up traffic in our busy parking lot. Thank you for your consideration and efforts.





SEPT 12

# UPDATES FROM THE PAC

**HOT LUNCH NOW OPEN - ORDER BY SEP 14**



Order NOW for September hot lunches!  
Use the QR code or go to:  
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/blundell/>  
Double check your child's information,  
including their division and teacher's name  
before ordering.

## SEPTEMBER MENU

**Fri Sept 19 - Pizza**

**Fri Sept 26 - Pasta**

**ORDERS CLOSE SEP 14!**

More lunches will be added soon!

Parents, we need volunteers on  
Fridays! If you are available to help  
at lunchtime, please contact us!



## SNACKSHOP

Snacks and juice  
boxes are sold for \$1  
on Fridays in the gym!

Order online or  
students can bring  
money to shop during  
lunch



## NEXT MEETING

Families are invited to our next  
PAC meeting:

**Fri, Sept 26 at 10:30am**

(after recess; before hot lunch)

**in the Multipurpose room**

*NOTE: updated time & place*

## JOIN THE PARENT CHAT



[https://chat.whatsapp.  
com/EMXFofpi1zxJiR  
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mode=ems\\_copy\\_c](https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMXFofpi1zxJiR7iOpbJy1?mode=ems_copy_c)

**[blundell.elementary.pac@gmail.com](mailto:blundell.elementary.pac@gmail.com)**

# SCOOTERS AND WHEELS AT SCHOOL

While we appreciate that several students are choosing to get some exercise and, rather than having parents drive them to school, they are using bikes instead. However, we have noticed that several students are coming to school on their bikes without a helmet. Some report that they don't have one, and some report that they have one at home but choose not to wear it. This is extremely unsafe and also against the City of Richmond Bylaws. The City of Richmond requires all cyclists to wear an approved helmet under the provincial Motor Vehicle Act and the Bicycle Safety Helmet Standards Regulation. If your child has a helmet, we ask that you reinforce that they wear it if riding a bike, manual scooter, or skateboard to school.

Please note that e-scooters are not permitted on our school grounds---they should be treated as a vehicle and cannot be driven inside the fence of the school grounds. .





# Need dental insurance?

If your children don't have dental insurance, they may be eligible for dental benefits.



NEW

## Canadian Dental Care Plan

Eligibility:

- ✓ Do not have access to dental insurance
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of less than **\$90,000**
- ✓ Be a Canadian resident for tax purposes
- ✓ Have filed your tax return in the previous year
- ✓ Children must be **under 18 years old**

*If your child has dental insurance through a provincial, territorial or federal government social program, **they can still qualify** for the Canadian Dental Care Plan*



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

## BC Healthy Kids Program

Eligibility:

- ✓ Must be eligible for Medical Services Plan (MSP) Supplementary Benefits
- ✓ Have an adjusted family net income of **\$42,000 or less**
- ✓ Children must be **under 19 years old**



Scan here for more info and how to apply!

Visit [www.vch.ca/dentalhealth](http://www.vch.ca/dentalhealth) for dental health services and resources.

For more copies, go online at [vch.eduhealth.ca](http://vch.eduhealth.ca) or email [phef@vch.ca](mailto:phef@vch.ca) and quote Catalogue No. **FJ.100.N55**  
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## Children's Dental Program

*Book your child's first dental check around their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.*

### Free Oral Screening & Fluoride Treatment

- For children up to 5 years old who do not have a dentist

#### 免費牙科普查計劃 & 氟化物處理

- 為 5 歲以下 不能去看牙醫的兒童設立

### Referral for free dental treatment

- For children 3-12 years old who do not have dental insurance

#### 轉介免費牙科治療

- 對於沒有牙科保險的 3-12 歲兒童



Scan or call 604.233.3104 for more info

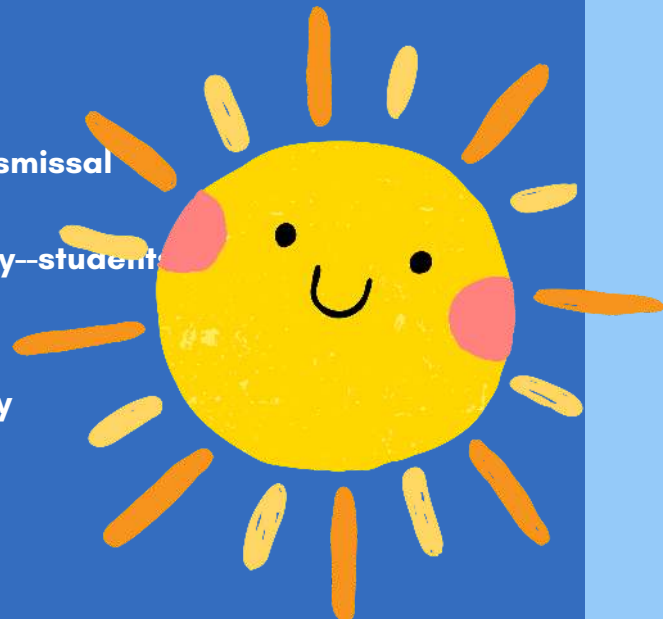




# Blundell's Reminders/Dates

## Upcoming Dates to Note/Look

- September 17: Open House/Meet the Staff, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm
- September 19: Individual Photo Day
- September 19: First Hot Lunch of the year! Pizza! Please order through Munch a Lunch (see PAC Update)
- September 22: Professional Development Day--students do not attend
- September 24: Terry Fox Run, 10:30 am
- September 26: Recognition Assembly, 10:30 am
- September 26: PAC Meeting, 1:15 pm in the library
- September 29: Assembly for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, 10:30 am
- September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, No School
- October 1: Kindergarten Hearing Screening, 9:00 am
- October 13: Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- October 15: Parent Teacher Conferences, 11:50 am Dismissal
- October 24: Provincial Professional Development Day--students do not attend school on this day
- October 29: Possible Date for Fun Run/Cross Country Event
- October 31: Halloween



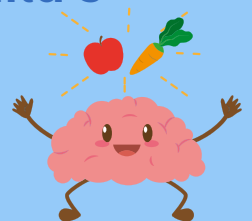
# HEALTHY

# HABIT



Last year, we implemented some schoolwide expectations around several initiatives, including being more eco-friendly, as well as reinforcing more healthy habits amongst our Blundell Bobcats. We truly appreciate the support that families have helped to implement. This included a schoolwide “Nut Free” policy due to Health and Safety concerns around serious, life threatening allergies for our students and some staff as well.

We are also thankful for your support in making Blundell a pop free and gum free school. We also recognize that there are moments when it’s appropriate and healthy to make treats a part of our students’ lives, i.e. birthdays, after school fundraisers, other holiday celebrations, etc. However, day to day, we are very grateful that families are choosing to send water and other healthy food items to school on a regular basis. Way to go, Blundell! (If you have any questions around birthday celebrations, we encourage you to reach out to your child’s teacher).





# Personal Digital Devices

Personal digital devices should not be used unless permission has been granted. Students are expected to adhere to the Acceptable Use Guidelines and District Code of Conduct.

Read the full policy here: [sd38.bc.ca/devices](https://sd38.bc.ca/devices)

