

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"



Blundell Bobcats Bulletin

Acknowledgement of Territory:

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



September 8-12, 2025

Monday, September 8	Tuesday, September 9	Wednesday September 10	Thursday, September 11	Friday, September 12
Back to School Assembly Kindergarten students continue Gradual Entry	Grades 1-7 students attend from 8:45 am -2:45 pm Kindergarten students follow Gradual Entry	Grades 1-7 attend school from 8:45-2:45 A reminder to bring a healthy snack, healthy lunch, and water bottle. Kindergarten students follow Gradual Entry Schedule 	Grades 1-7 attend school from 8:45-2:45 A reminder to bring a healthy snack, healthy lunch, and water bottle Kindergarten Students first full day!	All students attend from 8:45 am-2:45 pm PAC Snack Shop Open at Lunch Eating 12:20 pm time, Snacks are \$1.00 each---please do not send large bills to school with your child



DON'T FORGET

September 12: First PAC Snack Shop Sales! Items are \$1.00 each...please no big bills please!

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.

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:





Staffing Updates.

We said farewell to:

- Ms. De Los Santos and Mr. Rambaldini, as their temporary teaching jobshare contracts came to an end last early
- Ms. Su, whose temporary teaching contract came to an end. Ms. Su will be working at Cook Elementary next year.
- Ms. David, who has accepted a primary classroom position at Kingswood
- Mr. Au-Yeung, who will be teaching at Steveston London Secondary next year
- Ms. Dean, one of our Noon Hour Supervisors, who will be returning to school to become an Education Assistant. She hopes to be back at Blundell in November!
- Ms. Kwok, our Administrative Assistant, who will be working towards retirement by working part time at Diefenbaker School.
- Ms. Tami, who has accepted a position at Quilchena Elementary school as an Education Assistant

We wish these Blundell Bobcats staff all the best as they start this new school year!

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF *At* *Blundell!*

We welcome back all returning Blundell staff to the 2025/2026 school year. We also welcome the following new staff to the Blundell community:

- Ms. Hobbs, grade 5/6, Division 3
- 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

WELCOME

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.





UPDATES FROM THE PAC

HOT LUNCH OPENS SOON

Hot lunch ordering starts soon. First lunch will be pizza on **Friday, Sept 19**. MunchaLunch will open soon.



REMINDER to all new and returning users: When you log in to your account, UPDATE your child's division and teacher's name.



Order online: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/blundell/>



NEXT MEETING

All families are invited to our next PAC meeting:
Fri, Sept 26 at 1:15pm (after hot lunch) in the library.

JOIN THE PARENT CHAT



https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMXFofpi1zxJiR7IOpbJy1?mode=ems_copy_c



SNACK SHOP

The PAC Snack Shop is OPEN Friday, Sep 12!

Juice boxes & snacks \$1

Cash only. Students will be called to the gym. K-1 will have a mini shop delivered to their classrooms



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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. .





Blundell's Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

- September 8: Back to School Assembly, 1:00 pm
- September 12: First PAC Snack Shop sales at 12:20 pm
- 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 25: 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 13: Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- October 15: Parent Teacher Conferences, 11:50 am Dismissal





DIGITAL SAFETY 4 KIDS

5 tips for parents & guardians to help students stay safe on their device

KNOW THE APPS

Parents often do not know what apps or platforms their children are using to communicate and share. Be aware of age restrictions, inappropriate content, and who they are chatting / connecting with online. Talk with your kids about the pros/cons of these apps.

Did you know?

- Discord's age rating is 17+ for the iOS app while the online age rating is 13+
- 50% of teens admit to hiding their online behaviour from parents.
- 40% of kids in grades 4-8 have connected or chatted online with a stranger.

DIGITAL HARASSMENT



Talk with your child about possible things to do if they are harassed or feel unsafe:

- let an adult know
- block / mute / unfriend that person
- take screenshots of the offensive or inappropriate content
- prevent an escalation of the situation (don't share with friends)
- in serious situations, contact the RCMP

SCREEN TIME

Most social media apps are designed to keep users engaged with their content for as long as possible. The more screen time our kids have, the more influence this messaging and built in ads will have on them. Limit the amount of screen time by:



- NOT storing it overnight in their bedroom
- setting daily usage limits on the device
- encouraging them to be active outside
- having device free times
- modelling your own screen time limits



LOCATION SERVICES

Our phones have a built-in GPS that records the location of where we are. Ensure that location services are turned off for the camera and for apps like Snapchat and Instagram. This prevents location stamping of photos and in some cases, where the kids are in real time.

POSTS ARE PERMANENT

Remind students that text messages and photos posted on social media last forever. Talk with your children about this and the pitfalls of content that is deemed inappropriate. A good rule of thumb is to ask "Would I share this with a grandparent?"



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

