

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"



Blundell Bobcats Bulletin

Acknowledgement of Territory:



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

Monday, October 13	Tuesday, October 14	Wednesday October 15	Thursday, October 16	Friday, October 17
Thanksgiving Day Holiday	Volleyball Game after School vs. Ferris (Home Game) 	Early Dismissal at 11:50 am for Parent Teacher Conferences 	Breakfast Club 8:00 am  HUB Bike Program for Divisions 1, 2, 3 Please bring your bike, helmet and lock if you have these items. 	Hot Lunch Day Rice Bowl  Dance Club at Lunchtime



DON'T FORGET

October 15: Early Dismissal at 11:50 am for Parent-Teacher Conferences

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.**



Be a Helmet Head!
Remember to protect
your head!



BLUNDELL'S HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS



OCTOBER 29: BLUNDELL POP UP PUMPKIN
PATCH

OCTOBER 30/31: PUMPKIN CARVING



OCTOBER 31: SCHOOL WIDE
TRICK OR TREATING, PM

OCTOBER 31: PUMPKIN PARADE, PM





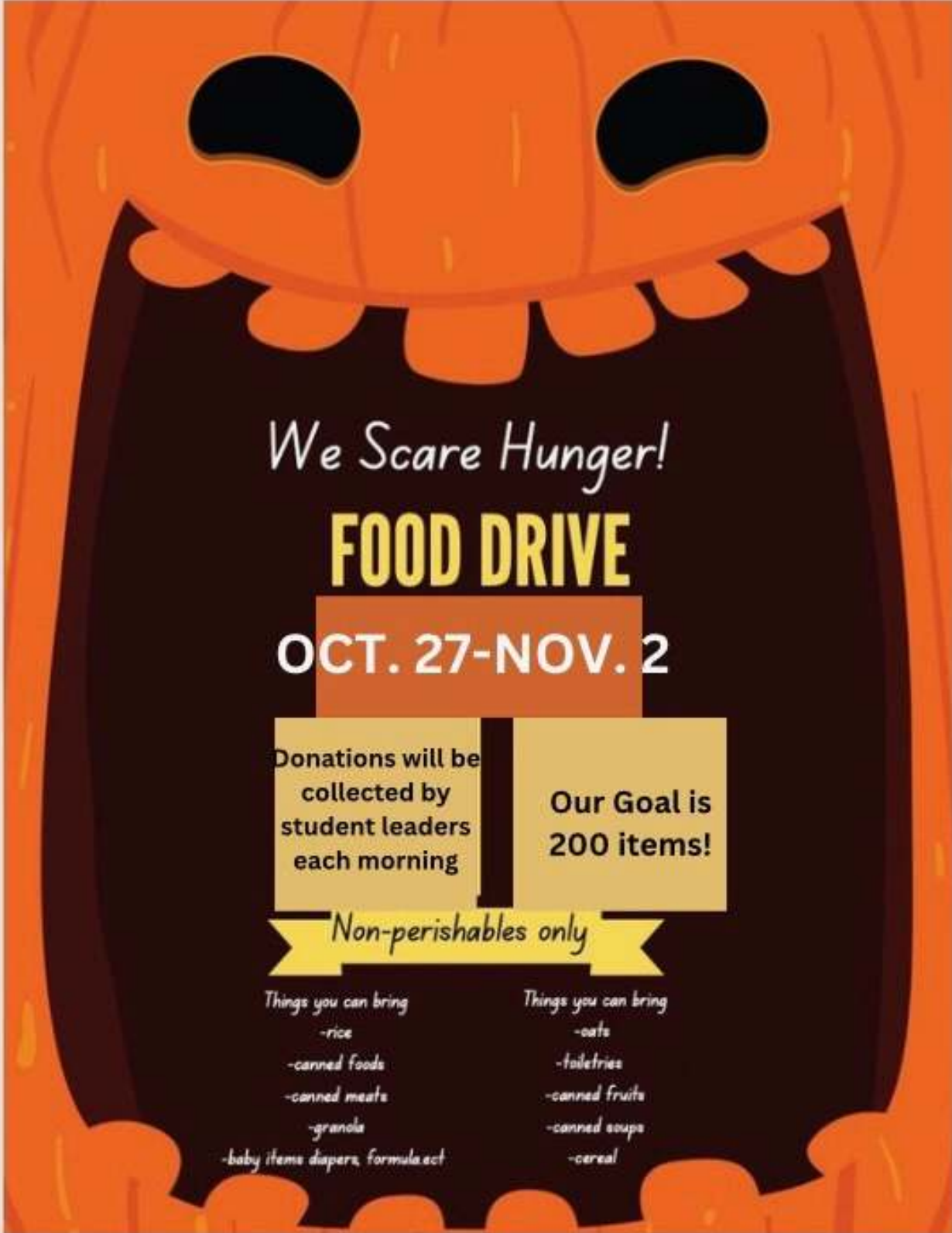
BLUNDELL'S POP UP PUMPKIN PATCH!



We are once again planning a pop up pumpkin patch at Blundell on October 29. However, in order to make this successful, we require some help!

We have secured pumpkins from a local farm on Steveston Highway....however, we require help picking up and delivery of the pumpkins to the school. This would mean asking for parent/family volunteers who may have access to/own a truck to help pick them up.

We have also asked families to contribute \$3 to help with payment of a pumpkin per child. The link is on Cash OnLine. If you are able to help with the pick up/delivery of the pumpkins would you please let Ms. Bahd know by October 24? Thank you.

A large, stylized orange pumpkin face with two black oval eyes and a wide, dark brown mouth. Inside the mouth, the text for the food drive is displayed. The pumpkin has vertical ridges and some small yellow seeds are scattered around it.

We Scare Hunger!

FOOD DRIVE

OCT. 27-NOV. 2

Donations will be
collected by
student leaders
each morning

**Our Goal is
200 items!**

Non-perishables only

Things you can bring

- rice
- canned foods
- canned meats
- granola
- baby items diapers, formula ect

Things you can bring

- oats
- toiletries
- canned fruits
- canned soups
- cereal



**MCMATH SECONDARY SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

HALLOWEEN CANDY DRIVE

**OCT 27TH TO NOV 7TH
BRING IN YOUR PRE-PACKAGED
CANDY**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH *THE GOOD SHEPHERD*
MINISTRY

DATES OF SIGNIFICANCE

OCTOBER 2025

As part of our ongoing commitment to recognizing the diverse faiths, cultures, and histories that shape our school district, we offer these greetings to acknowledge important observances during the month of October.

- **October 1, 2025 – Kol Nidrei (Jewish)** At sundown on October 1, the Jewish community will begin observance of Kol Nidrei, the solemn opening service of Yom Kippur. We extend our thoughts to those preparing for this sacred time of prayer, reflection, and personal renewal.

- **October 2, 2025 – Yom Kippur (Jewish)** To our Jewish students, staff, and families, we wish you a meaningful Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. May this Day of Atonement bring peace, reflection, and renewal as you fast, pray, and gather with your communities.



- **October 3, 2025 – Dussehra (Hindu)** We extend our warmest greetings to members of the Hindu community observing Dussehra. This festival marks the victory of good over evil and is often celebrated with prayer, cultural events, and family gatherings. May this day bring joy, prosperity, and light.

October 20, 2025 – Diwali (Hindu, Sikh, Jain) Happy Diwali to all who are celebrating the Festival of Lights! To our Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and interfaith families, may this joyous occasion bring brightness, peace, and renewal into your homes and hearts.



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.





OCT 10

UPDATES FROM THE PAC

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH



Order online at www.munchalunch.com

Fri Oct 17 - Rice bowls

Wed Oct 22 - Pizza

Wed Oct 29 - Pasta

Fri Oct 31 - Rice bowls

ORDERS CLOSE 4 DAYS before lunch. No changes or cancellations can be made after the deadline.



Ordered lunch and the class is on a field trip? Lunch will be kept at school and can be picked up afterwards. Check deadlines if you wish to cancel.

GRAD CLASS OF 2026

If your child is in Grade 7, please join our parent chat to discuss ideas for grad celebrations



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/B5F3oLW9AEf0lk58Gt8T5Z>



NEXT MEETING

The next PAC meeting will be on **MONDAY OCT 20** at **1:15PM** in the **LIBRARY**.

Note new day is MONDAY!

GENERAL PARENT CHAT

You can stay connected using our WhatsApp Group!



To join:

1. Download WhatsApp
2. Scan the QR code below or type in the URL
3. Join the chat and say hello!

TIP: Look for your class! We set up subgroup chats for each division! Plus a separate chat for volunteers!



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMXFofpi1zxJiR7IOpbJy1>

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. .





It's time to register for a school year of free, active fun!

All Richmond kids in grade 5, including those home-schooled or attending private schools, can pick up a pass today.

Each Pass includes **FREE** admission until June 30, 2026 to:

- Drop-in public swimming at Minoru Centre for Active Living and Watermania
- Drop-in public skating at Richmond Ice Centre and Minoru Arenas (skate rentals are an extra fee)
- West Richmond Pitch & Putt with a paying adult (rentals are an extra fee)
- Various drop-in programs at local community centres (check back for details)

It's also simple to register!

Grade 5 students just need to bring the following to a local recreation centre:

- birth certificate or passport showing they are 10 years old as of December 31, 2025; and
- proof of residency or City of Richmond Grade 5 confirmation letter received in school in October.

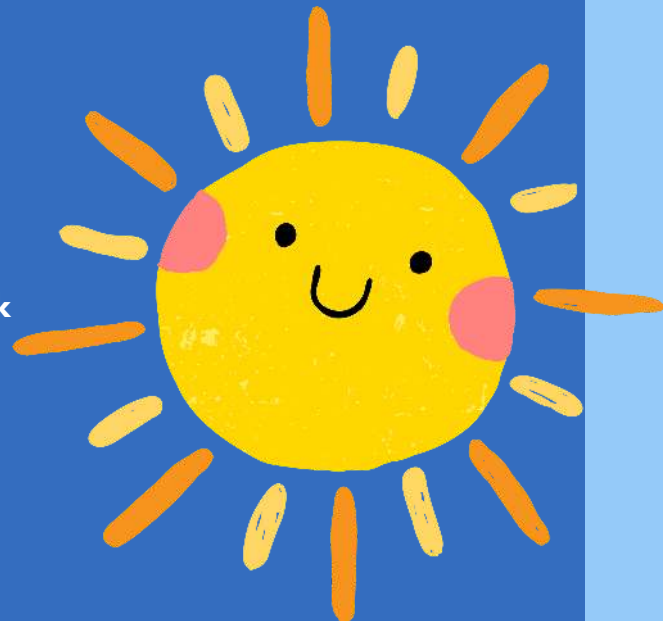




Blundell's Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

- October 13: Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- October 15: Parent Teacher Conferences, 11:50 am Dismissal
- October 20: PAC Meeting at 1:15 pm in the library
- October 24: Provincial Professional Development Day--students do not attend school on this day
- October 29: Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point Park
- October 30: Recognition Assembly, 10:30 am
- October 31: Halloween
- November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:30 am
- November 11: Remembrance Day
- November 28: Recognition Assembly at 10:30 am
- December 18: Learning Updates Published
- December 19: Last Day of School Before Winter Break



HEALTHY HABITS



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).

