

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"

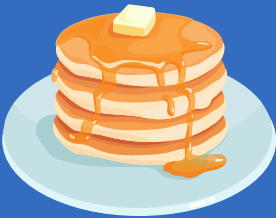


Blundell Bobcats Bulletin



Acknowledgement of Territory:

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

Monday, September 29	Tuesday, September 30	Wednesday October 1	Thursday, October 2	Friday, October 3
Orange Shirt Day Assembly at 10:30 	 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School Today	Kindergarten Hearing Screening  Volleyball Practise at Lunch 	Breakfast Club 8:00 am  Volleyball Game at Home vs. McKay	Hot Lunch Day Rice Bowls  Dance Club at Lunchtime



DON'T FORGET!

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

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!



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30th



Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day began in Williams Lake in 2013 to create awareness of the impacts of Indian Residential Schools on generations of Indigenous people. September 30th was chosen as the day to honour the students who survived going to an Indian Residential School and to remember those who did not come home. September 30th was chosen as this was the time when children as young as three years old were taken from their homes and brought to the schools. September is also a good time to reflect on the history of Indigenous peoples and how we will move forward in reconciliation, as a school community, for the year. **Wear an orange shirt** on the day to honour and remember those impacted by the Residential School System.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was established in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 80. A bill was tabled in March 2019 to establish a national holiday and tabled again in September 2020. After 215 bodies were found in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on May 28, 2021 the bill was fast tracked, passed, and received royal assent on June 3, 2021.

"The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognizes that at least 150,000 Indigenous children from across the country were forcibly separated from their families and their communities. Children were brought to residential schools where too many experienced abuse and were removed from their cultures, languages, and traditions. This federal day builds on the momentum of Orange Shirt Day, which was inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad and chosen by Indigenous peoples to remember the legacy of residential schools and promote the path of reconciliation... This year, the tragic locating of unmarked graves at former residential school sites across the country has reminded us of not only the impacts of colonialism and the harsh realities of our collective past, but also the work that is paramount to advancing reconciliation in Canada. Today, we also recognize the harms, injustices, and intergenerational trauma that Indigenous peoples have faced – and continue to face – because of the residential school system, systemic racism, and the discrimination that persists in our society. We must all learn about the history and legacy of residential schools. It's only by facing these hard truths, and righting these wrongs, that we can move forward together toward a more positive, fair, and better future."

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, June 2021

Why an orange shirt?

Orange Shirt Day commemorates First Nations residential school survivor, Phyllis Webstad's story. In 1973, on her first day at St. Joseph Mission Residential School they took her orange shirt along with her other belongings and never gave them back. This became a symbol of the loss of identity and culture of Indigenous people and a way to never forget the history of forced assimilation. The national day is one of remembrance, reconciliation and education of our shared past and a symbol of support for our shared future.

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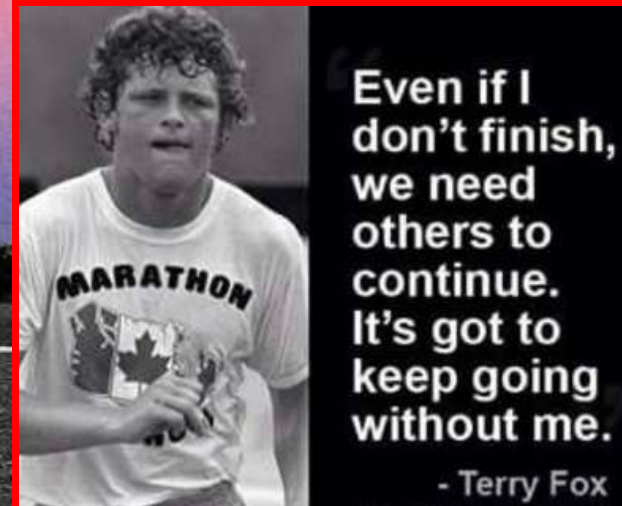


"The road we travel is equal in importance to the destination we seek. There are no shortcuts. When it comes to truth and reconciliation, we are all forced to go the distance."

The Honourable Murray Sinclair

We acknowledge and thank the First Peoples of the hənq̓emínəm language group on whose unceded territories we live and where the x̱mə8ḵəyem people continue their traditions and cultural education. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, create meaningful relationships and make positive contributions to education in this territory.





Thank You, Blundell Bobcats! Our goal was to raise \$400 for the Terry Fox Foundation. And, with your generous contributions, we surpassed our goal and have raised over \$480! Well done, Blundell!

Thank you also to our PAC for funding the purchase of oranges as a yummy post-run snack for our runners!



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.





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UPDATES FROM THE PAC

OCTOBER LUNCHES OPEN NOW!



Order for OCTOBER lunches! We now offer Wednesday AND Friday lunch. YAY!
Use the QR code or go to:
<https://munchalunch.com/schools/blundell/>
AND YES, Parents, we need YOUR HELP on Wednesdays AND Fridays! Contact us!

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU



Fri Oct 3 - Rice bowls

Wed Oct 8 - Pizza

Fri Oct 10 - Sushi



Fri Oct 17 - Rice bowls

Wed Oct 22 - Pizza

Wed Oct 29 - Pasta

Fri Oct 31 - Rice bowls

DEADLINE: MON SEP 29!

Get YOUR ORDER IN ASAP!
Next Friday's lunch closes soon!

All orders close 4 days before.
No changes or cancellations can be made after the deadline.



Bring a PLATE on PIZZA DAY!



NEXT MEETING

Thank you to all families who attended today's PAC Meeting. If you would like to see the minutes from the meeting, please email us or send us a message in our Parent Chat!

JOIN THE PARENT CHAT



https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMXFofpi1zxJiR7lOpbJy1?mode=ems_copy_c

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 for dental health services and resources.

For more copies, go online at vch.eduhealth.ca or email 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 1st 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

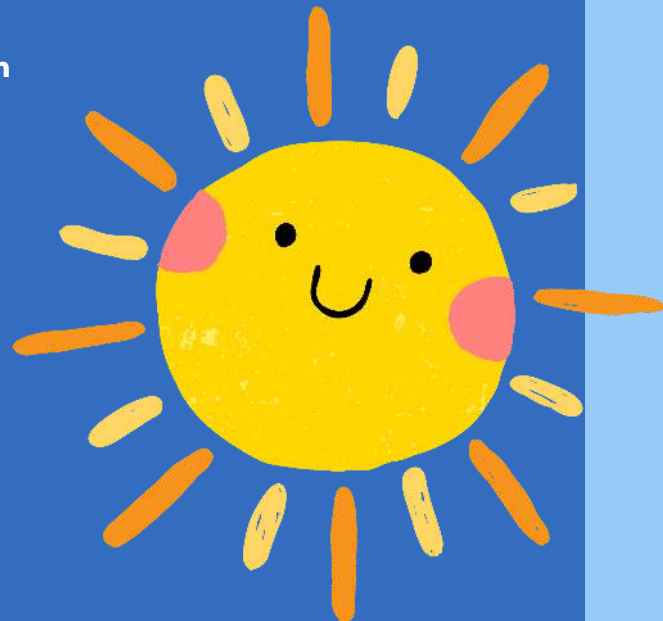




Blundell's Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Look

- September 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, 9:00am
- 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: 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



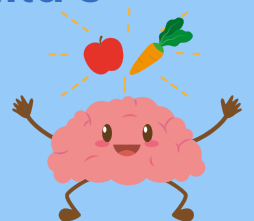
HEALTHY

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).



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

