

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"

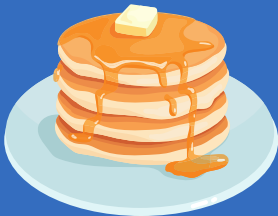
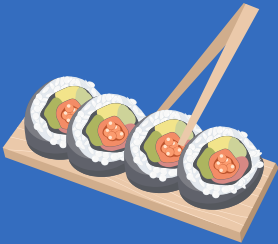


Blundell Bobcats Bulletin



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, October 6	Tuesday, October 7	Wednesday October 8	Thursday, October 9	Friday, October 10
Orange Shirt Day Assembly at 10:30 	Volleyball Practise after School 	Volleyball Practise at Lunch 	Breakfast Club 8:00 am 	Hot Lunch Day Sushi Rolls 
				
				
October 15: Early Dismissal at 11:50 am for Parent-Teacher Conferences				

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.

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!



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 3

UPDATES FROM THE PAC

OCTOBER LUNCHES OPEN NOW!



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



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

Bring a PLATE on PIZZA DAY!



CLASS PARENT

We are looking for **volunteers** to be **Class Parents** to help lead / monitor the Class WhatsApp groups.

If you are interested in being a Class Parent, contact us!

And if you just want to join the Class WhatsApp group, add yourself to the General Chat first!

GRAD CLASS OF 2026

If your child is in Grade 7, please join our special 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



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. .





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 24: Provincial Professional Development Day--students do not attend school on this day

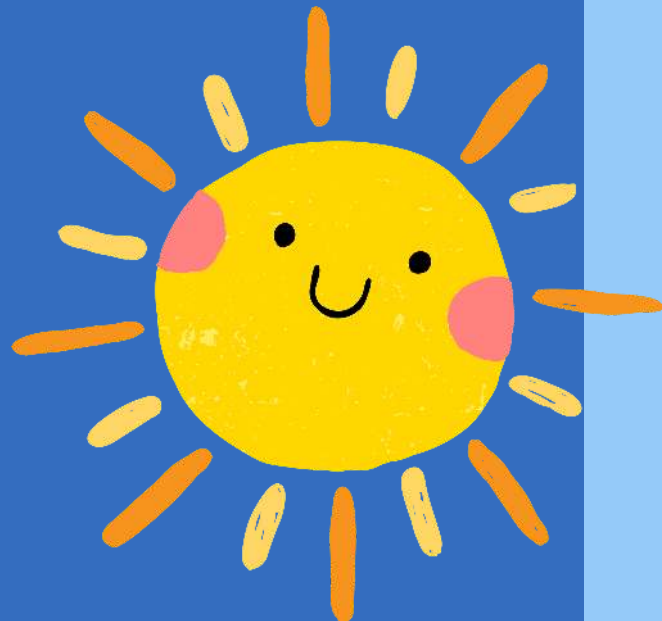
- October 29: Cross Country Fun Run at Garry Point Park

- October 30: Recognition Assembly, 10:30 am

- October 31: Halloween

- November 10: Remembrance Day Assembly, 10:30 am

- November 11: Remembrance Day

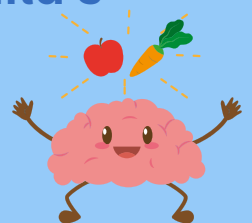


HEALTHY HABITS



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

