

Blundell Elementary School

BOBCAT WAG

SEPT. 4-8

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

Labour Day!

School closed

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

All students attend 8:45am-9:45am

Returning students--
head to last year's classroom


KINDERGARTEN
Follow gradual entry schedule

NEW to Blundell--
come to the main office!



KINDERGARTEN

Follow gradual entry schedule

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6



Grades 1-7
8:45am-2:45pm

Pack lunch and snacks,--
to last year's class.



THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

K's follow gradual entry schedule

Grades 1-7
8:45am-2:45pm
Pack lunch and snacks
to last year's classroom

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Grades 1-7
8:45am-2:45pm
Pack lunch and snacks to last year's classroom



Possibly move to new classrooms

K's follow gradual entry schedule

UPCOMING DATES...

Monday, September 11--Students report to new classroom for this year
Tuesday, Sept. 12--
Wednesday, Sept. 13--
Thursday, Sept. 14--Meet the Teacher Night 5:30pm-6:30pm
Friday, Sept. 15---



COMING AND GOING...



The happy and sads of staff changes....

Ms. Musil

Ms. Musil joined us 2 years ago as our prep teacher. She teaches a class while the classroom teacher has their preparation time. She wears many hats, she teaches P.E., Visual arts and ADST to name a few and then changes hats to help support students with their reading, writing and math and those learning English as an additional language. She has the most positive attitude and the biggest heart and smile. She will most definitely be missed as she moves on to Tomsett Elementary to teach a similar role. The Bobcat community will miss you greatly!

Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown joined us two years ago as an intermediate classroom teacher and has taught grades 5/6 for the past two years. He quickly settled into the Bobcat community and shared his coaching expertise in several sports—volleyball, basketball and high jump. He has a great sense of humour and has excellent relationships with all of the staff and students. He is shifting back to his secondary roots and will be joining the staff at MacNeill teaching Business Education. We are very sad to see you leave Mr. Brown.

Ms. Newton

Ms. Newton joined us last year as a teacher candidate and we were able to hire her this year as an LRT/ELL teacher. You all know that she will be leaving us so that she can keep the student population in Richmond growing. While we will miss her next year as she is off on maternity leave, we are excited to share that Ms. Newton will join the Blundell community upon return from her leave in September 2024. While we are sad to see her leave and take on the new adventure of parenting—we can look forward to welcoming her back full time and to plenty of visits next year!

Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith was a teacher on call at Blundell for us lots. We finally convinced her to stick around after several attempts. Ms. Smith joined us as an ELL teacher at Spring Break. She has supported our newest students and our newest English language learners. She has worked with a range of ages from Kindergarten through grade 6—that is a big range. Her support of our littlest learners will be missed. We do hope that we will see her next year!

Mr. Burghall

Mr. Burghall joined us in early October 2022 and had so much fun his first day in Div. 3 that we convinced him to stick around too! He has a big heart and is just as curious a learner as his students. While we thought we would be saying good-bye to him this June, we are excited to announce that he has joined the Blundell staff and will be back in September as an intermediate teacher. Welcome aboard Mr. Burghall.!

Ms. Workman

Ms. Workman joined us in January 2023 to welcome our newest and youngest students in Kindergarten and Grade 1. She has helped many of our newest individuals to Canada to settle in and created a welcoming space for all our new students in K/1. Her classroom and the artwork that decorates the walls is a sight to behold. It could easily be an art gallery. She is very creative and curious and shares that with her students. We wish her well on teaching journey and look forward to seeing where she will be teaching next year.

Mr. Cooper

What can we say about Mr. Cooper? He is the longest standing Blundell teacher currently on staff. He has been a part of the Bobcat community for over 25 years. Long enough for his former students to now be teachers in the district. We don't have enough space in the WAG to list all the many events and activities that Mr. Cooper has been a part of it. He will be missed for his organization of students vs staff games and for his skill and support of the consistent hockey played daily at recess and lunch! Who will try to fill those shoes? Mr. Cooper, the Blundell community wishes you well on a very well-deserved retirement. Who knows maybe he will be back as a teacher on call in the fall. Mr. Cooper there will be a big void in the school without you here next year!



NEW!



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Bell Schedule for 2023-2024

8:45am Bell-Classes start

10:10am--Recess (15 minutes)

11:50am--Lunch (outside time)

12:20pm-Lunch (inside eating time)

12:42pm Afternoon Instruction begins

2:45pm Dismissal

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Additional staff leaving.....

Ms. Gill, an Educational Assistant, (EA) with us will be leaving us as well. Ms. Gill has worked with a variety of students across a variety of situations over the past several years. She has loads of patience to give and is a very valued member of our bobcat team. We wish her well as she joins the team at Hamilton Elementary.

2023-2024 Calendar Dates



Blundell School Calendar 2023-2024

*Please note: some dates were corrected

First day of school for the 2023-2024 school year is: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

Pro-D – school closed for students	September 22, 2023
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	September 30, 2023
School closure for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	October 9, 2023
Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.)	October 12, 2023
Pro-D – school closed for students	October 20, 2023
Remembrance Day	November 11, 2023
School closure for Remembrance Day	November 13, 2023
Pro-D – school closed for students	November 20, 2023
Last day before Winter Vacation	December 22, 2023
Winter Break	Dec. 25/23-Jan. 5/24

School re-opens after Winter Vacation	January 8, 2024
Pro-D – school closed for students	January 29, 2024
Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.)	February 15, 2024
Pro-D – school closed for students	February 16, 2024
BC Family Day	February 19, 2024
Last day before Spring Vacation	March 14, 2024
Spring Break	March 15-28, 2024
Good Friday	March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	April 1, 2024
School re-opens after Spring Vacation	April 2, 2024
Pro-D – school closed for students	May 17, 2024
Victoria Day	May 20, 2024
Last day for students	June 27, 2024
Admin Day – school closed for students	June 28, 2024

Summer Vacation ----- June 29-Sept. 2, 2024

School year 2024-2025 First Day ----- September 3, 2024

SUMMER HAPPENINGS AT RICHMOND BAPTIST

RICHMOND BAPTIST
Kids
**summer
calendar**

JUNE 24 Summer Block Party

JULY 15 Day Camp 1 (K to 5 in Sept)
Science Camp

AUGUST 19 Day Camp 2 (K to 5 in Sept)
Baking Camp

SEPTEMBER 9 Fall Block Party

SIGN UP AND REGISTER NOW

1 DAY CAMP 15
2 DAY CAMPS 25



New faces for September 2023

Blundell will be welcoming several new faces for September 2023. Here are some of them....

Mr. Toby Wade--joins us as intermediate teacher. He has spent the past year at Walter Lee Elementary in Richmond, while previously teaching the Cayman Islands and in the United Kingdom.

Ms. Angela Xiao joins us after a year at Cook Elementary as a Learning Resource and ELL Teacher. She will be joining us as an intermediate teacher. She is now a bobcat and no longer a cougar.

Ms. Katrina Hong will be joining us as an intermediate teacher. She was a Blundell student in Mr. Cooper's class and is now back here to teach. WELCOME back to the bobcat community!

Ms. Jenny Lu will be joining us as an Educational Assistant. Ms. Lu is returning to Blundell after a 2 year stint at other schools. We are very excited to welcome her back to the bobcat community.

Ms. Lyllia Smith is rejoining us for the full year. She will be covering Ms. Newton's maternity leave for the year as a Learning Resource and ELL teacher. We are excited to welcome her back.

We will be welcoming a couple of other new faces in September.