

# BOBCAT WAG

SEPTEMBER 2-6



## MONDAY, SEPT. 2



Holiday--no school

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 3

### Kindergarten

Follow gradual entry schedule sent in July--posted on the website



Report to the office

### Returning Students

Head to last year's classroom

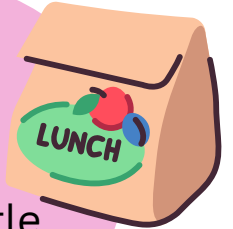
All students attend 8:45am-9:45am

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

### KINDERGARTEN

Follow gradual entry schedule

Grades 1-7 attend 8:45am-2:45pm  
Pack snack, waterbottle and lunch



## THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

Same as Wednesday  
K follow gradual entry  
Grades 1-7 8:45am to 2:45pm

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Same as Wednesday  
K follow gradual entry  
Grades 1-7 8:45am to 2:45pm



Move to new classes

## FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 10--  
Tuesday, Sept. 11--  
Wednesday, Sept. 12--  
Thursday, Sept. 13--  
Friday, Sept. 14--possible placement in new classes



# UPDATES FROM THE PAC



## SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch will be back in September. Look for an email when ordering is open!

## MUNCHALUNCH REMINDERS

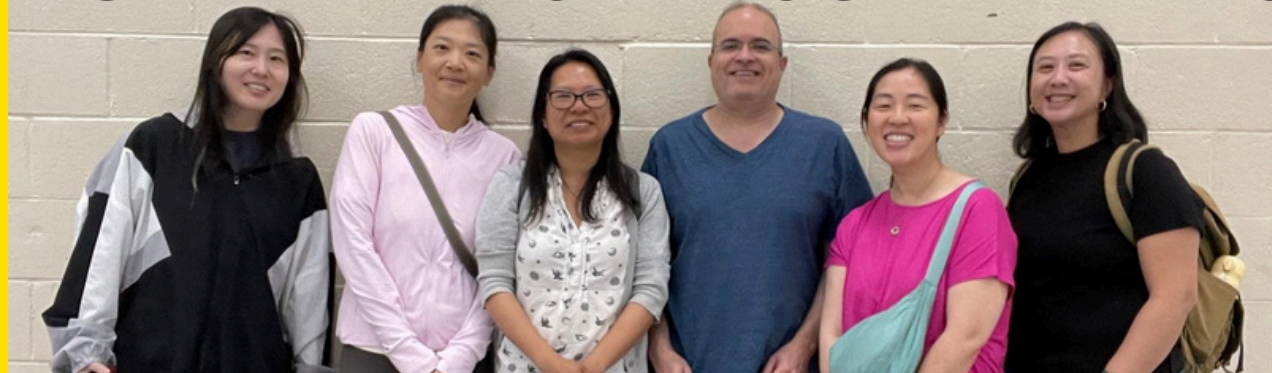


- Access to MunchaLunch will CLOSE and orders will be DELETED on Friday
- If you need any receipts/info/past orders from your MunchaLunch account, download now
- Your username/password will carry over to September, but your ordering records will not
- If you have any unused credit in your account, it will be rolled over to September unless you instruct us otherwise



Thank you to parents, teachers, families for supporting PAC activities! Ordering lunches, spending a \$1 for snacks, joining Skate Night, or buying Purdy's chocolates--all your contributions are recognized and valued. AND EXTRA THANKS to those who have given us your TIME. We cannot do this without you!

## BLUNDELL PAC EXECUTIVE 24-25



On June 7, we had our PAC Annual General Meeting and the new executive team was elected. The executives for 2024-25 are (left to right): Hitomi Tanaka, Lin Pan, Winnie Kwok, Shay Rokach-Penn, Gloria Ma, and Joyce Lee.

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### WHATSAPP PARENT GROUP

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/K4IPcetRk1Y7VaPOmgQdzV>



# STAFFING

# UPDATES

Ms. Jada Bella will now be leaving us. She was a lovely addition to the bobcat community this past fall. She is a very kind and caring teacher who loves to celebrate with her students. We wish her well as she is off to teach grade 7 at McKinney Elementary.

Ms. Jenny Lu was a bobcat, then went off on some adventures and then rejoined us this past September. She has shared her very kind and gentle ways with our staff and several lucky students. We are sad to say she will be off to Ferris Elementary for September!

## COMING TO BLUNDELL

We welcome some new staff members this week:

Ms. Lyllia Smith has landed back at Blundell so we are not saying good-bye to her! She will be in a Learning Resource Teacher role as she was this year. We are super happy to say welcome back!

Mr. Brian Au-Yeung will be joining Blundell as a Learning Resource Teacher and will work with the main school and Richmond Schools Program. He has been a pretty common site around Blundell for much of this year and we welcome aboard in a full time role.

Ms. Keira Woo will be joining us a K/1 teacher. She has been teaching K this year at Cook Elementary. We look forward to having her aboard!

Ms. Emily Edwards will be joining us in the fall (sort of) as a grade 3/4 teacher. She joins us from Tait and Wowk, and some TOC'ing. She will be a bobcat, but will be off on maternity leave next school year.

Ms. Brittany Lee will be joining us in September as an LRT/ELL teacher, she joins us from Ferris Elementary.

Ms. Carmen Zhou will be joining us as one of our new K/1 teachers. She is also joining us from Ferris Elementary.

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**GOOD-BYE**

It is with sadness that I put together my final Bobcat WAG for Blundell Elementary. Four and half years has flown by in a flash and this says a lot when you toss in a global pandemic.

I am grateful for my time at Blundell, for the number of staff that I was lucky enough to cross paths with, for each and everyone of the students whose smile, questions and sharing of their lives with me always put a smile on my face. And thank you to the parents and families with whom I have shared many conversations, laughs and smiles.

Being a bobcat will hold a very special place in my heart!



During the months of April, May and June, students in Divisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 participated in the Kilometre Club during PE. Once a week, students had 10 minutes to see how many laps around the school they could run. Four laps around the school are equal to one kilometre. All students should have brought home a certificate this week highlighting how many kilometres they each ran. They also each received a freezie treat courtesy of the PAC.

**In total, the students ran just over 1358 kilometres!! Congratulations to all the students!!**

**Division Totals:**

Division 11 (6 students) – 47.25 kilometres!

Division 10 (20 students) – 119.75 kilometres!

Division 9 (21 students) – 161 kilometres!

Division 8 (22 students) – 196.5 kilometres!

Division 7 (22 students) – 173.5 kilometres!

Kilometre Club

Division 6 (23 students) – 205 kilometres!

Division 5 (28 students) – 207.5 kilometres!

Division 4 (28 students) – 248 kilometres!

**Top Runners** \_\_\_\_\_

Kindergarten: **Colin C.** (8 km), **Jojo S.** (8 km), **Barrytt P.** (7.75 km), **Wessel K.** (7.5 km)

Grade 1: **Darwin L.** (13.75 km), **Daniel A.** (13 km), **Cristiano S.** (12.5 km), **Roanna S.** (11 km)

Grade 2: **Zakir M.** (12.25 km), **Jayden Z.** (12 km), **Benjamin L.** (11.5 km), **Milo L.** (11 km)

Grade 3: **Eason Y.** (11.75 km), **Victoria N.** (11.75 km), **Manami U.** (11.75 km), **Angie H.** (11.5 km)

Grade 4: **Joy T.** (14.25 km), **Anson Z.** (12.5 km), **Mathea C.** (12.25 km), **Katie L.** (11.75 km)

Grade 5: **Hanthar T.** (17.75 km), **Baily S.** (15.25 km), **Aiden S.** (14.75 km), **George Z.** (13.25 km)



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**UPDATE**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Four students in grade 5--Isaac, Andrew, Quentin and Roger have been selling frozen treats after school on Wednesdays!

Congratulations to the Hundo Fundo crew on achieving their goal--they raised (drum roll please) \$1042 for the Richmond Food Bank!

# 2024-2025 BLUNDELL CALENDAR



## Blundell School Calendar 2024-2025

School re-opens after Summer Vacation-----	September 3, 2024
Pro-D – school closed for students-----	September 20, 2024
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.....	September 30, 2024
Thanksgiving Day -----	October 14, 2024
Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.) -----	October 17, 2024
Pro-D – school closed for students-----	October 25, 2024
Remembrance Day -----	November 11, 2024
Pro-D – school closed for students-----	December 2, 2024
Last day before Winter Vacation -----	December 20, 2024
Winter Break-----	Dec. 23/24-Jan. 3/25
School re-opens after Winter Vacation-----	January 6, 2025
Pro-D – school closed for students.....	January 27, 2025
Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.)-----	February 13, 2025
Pro-D – school closed for students -----	February 14, 2025
BC Family Day -----	February 17, 2025
Last day before Spring Vacation -----	March 14, 2025
Spring Break -----	March 17-28, 2025
School re-opens after Spring Vacation -----	March 31, 2025
Good Friday-----	April 18, 2025
Easter Monday -----	April 21, 2025
Pro-D – school closed for students-----	May 16, 2025
Victoria Day-----	May 19, 2025
Last day for students-----	June 26, 2025
Admin Day – school closed for students -----	June 27, 2025
Summer Vacation period -----	June 30-August 29, 2025



School reopens after summer vacation:  
September 2, 2025

**T H A N K**  
**Y O U**

To our amazing and wonderful PAC that coordinated today's sports day lunch. Do you know that they cooked over 500 hot dogs--you may have been able to smell it a wee bit, delivered the food to our youngest bobcats and then served the rest of the school and staff? Thank you seems too small a word! We appreciate all that you do for our students, staff and families and today it was a real treat to not have to pack a lunch or snacks!

# UPDATES

# Staff

Here is an update about staff changes for September 2024.

Mr. Dennis has been at Blundell for 7 years and has almost become a right of passage for our grade 6 and 7 students. He is a very kind and patient teacher who has outstanding relationships with his students, and staff of course. His extra curricular involvement and organization of student vs staff volleyball games will be a key memory for us! We wish Mr. Dennis well as he moves to Anderson Elementary to teach grade 6/7.

Ms. Lam has also been at Blundell for seven years. She has taught grades 1, 2 and 3. Ms. Lam's class, if you were to speak with her previous students would share their fond memories of field trips and robots! Students could be seen programming little rolling bots that made their way through tricky roads. Ms. Lam is a very patient and caring teacher who will be dearly missed. We wish Ms. Lam good luck at McNeely Elementary where she will join another Blundell teacher to teach grade 2/3.

Ms. O'Connell has been teaching Kindergarten at Blundell for 7 years (noticing a pattern). Many of our grade 7 students will remember her as their K teacher. She is a very kind, patient and compassionate teacher who shares her singing with us and the students. She shows the patience of about 10 people as she works with our youngest learners. We will miss her as she is off to teach grade 2/3 at McNeely Elementary.

Ms. Leung joined Blundell in the fall as an EA and has worked with a variety of students this year. She is a very flexible individual with her skillset and works as a member of a team. We wish her well at her new school Mitchell.

Ms. Rekhi has been with Blundell for the past 3 years. She first joined us a teacher candidate with Mr. Dennis. We then were able to keep her for 6 months and then for 2 years. She has played an exemplary role with our oldest students in grade 6/7 sharing her passion for math and science with them and us. We appreciate her organization and detail with school wide events. We wish her well on her next role as an LRT teacher at Walter Lee.

Mr. Forrest has been with us for two years as an LRT teacher working mainly with our grade 4s and 5s. He is one of our tech gurus and kept our iPads and laptops in tip top shape, not to mention being our tech support line too! Mr. Forrest we wish you well as you head off to McKinney as an LRT teacher.

Ms. Van Deventer has been a part of the Blundell community in a variety of roles, from covering maternity leaves (several years ago) to joining as an LRT teacher with the RSP program. She shares her expertise with us all and keeps us organized. Her attention to detail and her consummate professionalism is a real treat for the bobcat community. Ms. Van Deventer is off to join the Langley School District as an LRT teacher.

Mr. Rashid joined us in the fall as a Learning Enhancement Teacher and spent much of his time in Division 8. He is a very kind and patient teacher that helps to keep us calm. He joined us in a temporary role and we look forward to seeing where he will be in September.

Ms. Dineen is an experienced teacher that joined us in March as our prep teacher. We have appreciated her detailed organization and coloured flow charts as she organized Track Attack and the track meet for us. We appreciate all of your hard work! We look forward to seeing where she will be teaching in September.

Ms. Smith joined us in a temporary role as an LRT teacher. She has brought with her smiles, hard work and dedication. She settled into the role very quickly and has worked with some of our youngest learners. She will be greatly missed as a key part of our resource team. We look forward to seeing where she lands teaching in September.

Mr. Justin Roll works in RSP as a Youth and Family Worker for Vancouver Coastal Health. Mr. Roll has been with us for 2 years and he also has a tremendous amount of patience and shows his kind and gentle ways. He has played a roll with Division 3 this year as well. He is leaving us to start his journey to becoming a teacher with the education program at UBC.