

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"



# Blundell Bobcats Bulletin



Acknowledgement of Territory:

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

## September 16-20

Monday, September 16	Tuesday, September 17	Wednesday, September 18	Thursday, September 19	Friday, September 20
<p>Back to School Assembly 9:15 am</p> <p>Open Gym Basketball Grade 6/7 Boys and Girls</p>		<p>Hot Lunch:</p> <p>Pizza Day</p>	<p>Meet the Staff Morning, 8:15 am</p> <p>Terry Fox Assembly and Run 1:00 pm</p>	<p>Professional Development Day</p> <p>Students do not attend on this day</p>

**DON'T FORGET**

September 20 is a 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.

# STAFFING UPDATES

**We are delighted to welcome the following additional staff to Blundell for this school year**

- **Ms. Chen as the ELL/Resource teacher for both Blundell and the Richmond School Program.**
- **We welcome Mr. Pontanosa as part of our Education Assistant Team**
  - **We welcome Mrs. Pannu as our custodian from 3:00–11:00 pm**
  - **We are still awaiting staffing information for Division 6, so this teaching position will be covered to Teachers Teaching on Call and our Resource team.**
- **We also thank all of the retired teachers, Education Assistants on Call, and Teachers Teaching on Call who have helped Blundell, as we work to complete our staffing for the year**

**WELCOME**

Please note that Blundell is a “gum and pop free” school as we encourage students to make healthy choices. We would appreciate your help with reinforcing this at home. Thank you!



THE TERRY FOX RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH

the **TERRY FOX RUN**

for cancer research



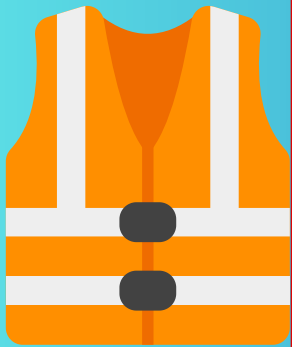
**Toonies  
for  
Terry!**

**BLUNDELL'S TERRY FOX RUN  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1:00 PM**

We are collecting Toonies for the Terry Foundation September 16-19. Please help us support this important cause by sending a Toonie (or more) to support Terry's efforts to aid cancer research. Parents are welcome to come and run with the kids or cheer them on!

**HELP WANTED**

## Helpers Need for the Our Terry Fox Run!



We require parent/guardian helpers to help line the path for the run on Thursday, September 19 to ensure that the children are safe. We also require help with cutting up oranges into slices, which the children will enjoy after the run. If you are able to help and can attend the school at the end of lunch, please contact Ms. Bahd at [bbahd@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:bbahd@sd38.bc.ca) or contact Ms. Kwok in the office at 604-668-6562



I just wish people would realize that anything's possible if you try; dreams are made possible if you try.

— Terry Fox —



# BLUNDELL PAC



## TIME UPDATES FROM THE PAC

### HOT LUNCH ORDERING OPEN



Yes, you can still order hot lunch! You can order or make changes up to 5 days before the lunch. Use QR code or go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/blundell/> Double check your child's information, including their division and teacher's name. Contact the PAC if you have any questions.



### HOT LUNCH MENU - SEPT-OCT

Sept 18 & 25 - Pizza  
Sept 27 - Taco Luis  
Oct 2 - Pizza  
Oct 4 - NEW!! KFC  
Oct 9 - Pizza

Oct 11 - Taco Luis  
Oct 16 - Pizza  
Oct 18 - Sushi & Bentos  
Oct 23 & 30 - Pizza



#### DON'T FORGET

Bring a plate or container  
EVERY WEDNESDAY to  
help us reduce our waste!  
Bring a fork or spoon for  
Friday lunches!



#### SNACKSHOP

Snacks and juice  
boxes sold for \$1 on  
Fridays. Order online  
or kids can bring  
their money to shop



# BLUNDELL PAC



## BLUNDELL SPIRIT WEAR

We have a limited supply of Blundell Spirit Wear still available! **Youth sizes:** navy or pink t-shirts, plus navy pullover hoodies  
**Adult sizes:** grey, navy, or pink t-shirts  
Email the PAC if you're interested!



## NEXT PAC MEETING

**NEXT PAC MEETING IS:** Friday, Sept 27 at 1PM in the library (following hot lunch)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please let us know if you can support hot lunch on the days above. 12pm - 1pm as listed. We love to see you!



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# BLUNDELL CALENDAR FOR 2024-2025



## 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

## Blundell's Bell Schedule

8:45 Instructional Time Begins

10:10 Morning/Recess Break

10:25 Instructional Time Resumes

11:50 Outdoor Lunch Break (Play First)

12:20 Lunch Break (students return to classes to eat lunch)

12:42 Instructional Time Resumes

2:45 Dismissal



## Parking Lot Reminders



We continue to have some issues with cars parking in our drop off lane and also with double parking. Please be reminded of the parking guidelines listed below. Thanks in advance for being part of our solution!

We have a VERY busy parking lot - both in the morning and after school.

Tips to help keep students SAFE!

- 1) Please walk to school with your child if you live close by
- 2) The drop off lane is not for parking - please drop off your child and go, making room for others. We have several school buses arriving each day and this blocks their access to leave the parking lot.
- 4) If you are a kindergarten parent or need to drop your child off at their classroom door, please park in our visitor lot or near the school and walk
5. ALWAYS keep your vehicle speed at a very LOW speed in our entire parking loop.
6. DOUBLE PARKING IS DANGEROUS. Please do not stop beside a car that is already parked in the drop off lane or a car parked in the parking lot--this impacts other drivers being able to leave, including some staff who may have to leave right after dismissal.



# Student Cell Phones and Electronic Devices



We acknowledge that many of our older students have personal cell phones. Please note, the district has a new policy in place for personal digital devices. Please see below.

## Elementary Schools (K-7):

- Students should not have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day unless permission is granted by the supervising staff for educational purposes. This includes during recess and lunch or while outside on the playground or on school property.
- It is recommended that students do not bring personal digital devices to school.
- If students do have personal digital devices in their possession during the school day, it is expected that they will respect the learning environment within the school and classrooms and ensure that all phones are turned off from 8:40 am to 2:45 pm and they are placed securely in backpacks or in a secured cabinet in their classroom. If there is an emergency, or a student needs to call parents during the school day, the office staff will gladly assist them.
- With regards to all personal electronic devices, please note that if they are reported lost or stolen, the school cannot be held responsible. We thank you for your support in this area.

## Family Affordability Fund

This fund was designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school-related costs such as school and course fees, workbooks, specialty supplies, field trips and other school-related charges and costs. The additional funding will also be used to support nutritional supports for students.

We are requesting that families reach out to Ms. Bahd if you need financial assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.





# Blundell's Reminders/Dates

## Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

- September 19: Meet the Staff MORNING, 8:15-8:45 am

- September 19: 1:00 PM: Terry Fox Run



- September 20: Professional Development Day

- September 27: Orange Shirt Day



- September 27: PAC Meeting, 1:15 pm

- September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



- October 14: Thanksgiving Day Holiday

- October 17: Early Dismissal at 11:50 am for Learning Updates/Conferences



- October 18: Individual Photo Day

- October 25: Province Wide Professional Day

- October 31: Halloween

- November 11: Remembrance Day

- Photo Re-take Day, PM

Save  
THE  
Date

BE KIND  
TO ALL  
KIND

## DISTRICT CODE OF CONDUCT

# HOW WE LEARN AND WORK TOGETHER

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to provide all members of our school district community with a positive climate and a safe, healthy environment.

As we learn and work together, we will...

- 1 Show respect for the diversity of the members of our school and district community.
- 2 Behave in a safe, considerate and courteous manner.
- 3 Not threaten, harass, intimidate or assault, in any way, any person within our school district community, through physical violence, print or electronic media.
- 4 Not be in possession of weapons, dangerous articles, alcohol or illegal drugs while in school or work.
- 5 Show respect and pride in our school district buildings and equipment through care and appropriate use of school district property. Respect the non smoking environment of our schools and school district facilities.
- 6

Our expectations for how we learn and work together shall apply to everyone in our schools and at school functions.

The complete code of conduct  
is available online at:  
[sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct](http://sd38.bc.ca/codeofconduct)



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