

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"








Blundell Bobcats Bulletin



Acknowledgement of Territory:

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

February 10-14, 2025

Monday, February 10	Tuesday, February 11	Wednesday, February 12	Thursday, February 13	Friday, February 14
<p>Basketball with Coach Dhillon at lunch</p> 	<p>Boys Basketball Game at HOME vs. Wowk</p> 	 <p>Hot Lunch: Pizza Day</p> <p>Remember to bring your own container/plate from home!</p> <p>Basketball Practise 7:45 am</p> <p>Girls Basketball Game AWAY at Errington</p>	<p>Breakfast Club 8:00 am</p>   <p>Early Dismissal at 11:50 am for Parent Teacher Conferences</p>	<p>Valentines Day</p> <p>Pro D Day: No School for Students</p> 



DON'T FORGET

February 13: Early Dismissal at 11:50 am for Parent-Teacher Conferences.



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.

FAMILY DAY, FEBRUARY 17, ACTIVITIES OFFERED IN RICHMOND

The Family Day holiday is approaching, and the City of Richmond has some great activities being offered to families. You can check out the activities offered by going to this link:

<https://richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/familyday.htm>

Fri, Feb 14 – Mon, Feb 17

Indoors or outdoors, the City of Richmond and community partners have planned over 60 family-friendly activities to do together over the upcoming Family Day weekend.

Register for any of the free and low-cost activities listed below and get ready to be active and enjoy time together!



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GRADE 7 INFORMATION EVENINGS



Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2025/26

School Name	Date
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm
JN Burnett Secondary	February 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Cambie Secondary	January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:00 pm
McMath Secondary	February 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm
McNair Secondary	February 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Palmer Secondary	January 23, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Richmond Secondary	February 5, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at Palmer Secondary School, Room 131



BASKETBALL AT BLUNDELL

Basketball season at Blundell is well under way. We thank Mr. Griffing, Ms. Greig, Mr. Burghall, and Coach Dhillon, who are coaching the boys and girls basketball teams this year. Practise times are on Mondays at lunch with Coach Dhillon, and Wednesdays and Fridays with our Blundell coaches at 7:45 am. Students have some away games that they will need drivers for. If you are able to drive to any of the AWAY games, we ask that you kindly connect with the coaches. (Please note, Coach Dhillon is a staff member and coach at McNair, and he comes each week to work with our Blundell teams!)

Basketball Games Schedule

Girls:

Feb. 6 home game vs. Errington
Feb. 12 AWAY game vs. Errington
Feb. 18 home game vs. McKinney
Feb. 25 home game vs. Maple Lane
March 4 AWAY game vs. Maple Lane

Boys:

Jan. 30 AWAY game vs. Maple Lane
Feb. 11 home game vs. Wowk
Feb. 19. AWAY game vs. Wowk
Feb. 24: AWAY game vs. Errington
March 4 home game vs. Errington

Tournament at Steveston London: March 11, 12, and 13 (more details to come closer to the date)

Thank You to our Blundell PAC!



UPDATES FROM THE PAC

HOT LUNCH - NEWS & UPCOMING SCHEDULE

- PAC is partnering with Blundell's grade 7 students to help them raise funds for their grad celebrations
- The grade 7s will be selling Pasta for two special hot lunches.
- **Monday, Feb 10 & Monday, Mar 10**
- Order and pay using your regular MunchaLunch account
- NOTE: These are separate from the PAC hot lunches. Order under "fundraising"
- **DEADLINE: FEB 6**
- **ALL PROFITS WILL GO TO THE GRADE 7s!**

- Feb 2 (Wed) - Pizza
- Feb 7 (Fri) - Sushi & Rice bowls
- * FEB 10 (MON) - PASTA ***
- Feb 12 (Wed) - Pizza
- Feb 19 (Wed) - Pizza
- Feb 21 (Fri) - Taco Luis
- Feb 26 (Wed) - Pizza
- Feb 28 (Fri) - Subway
- Mar 3 (Wed) - Pizza
- Mar 7 (Fri) - Sushi & Rice bowls
- * MAR 10 (MON) - PASTA ***
- Mar 12 (Wed) - Pizza
- Mar 14 (Fri) - A&W

We just added 2 special lunches to the calendar. Order by Feb 6!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

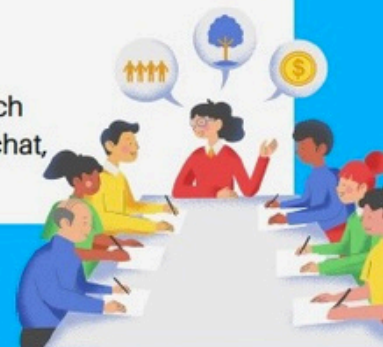
HI PARENTS! Here's an update. Our small but might PAC Executive has 6 members. But by June, there will only be 3 of us. These are the members who do a lot of the planning—organizing hot lunches, planning Skate Night, dealing with money—among lots of other jobs that happen behind the scenes.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can help, please come to a PAC meeting, or send us an email, or talk to any of the friendly executives. Any help is welcome and we would love to have you!

NEXT PAC MEETING

- Friday Feb 21, 2025 at 1:15pm in the library after hot lunch
- All parents are welcome to the meeting! Come to listen, chat, and learn more about your child's school.

blundell.elementary.pac@gmail.com

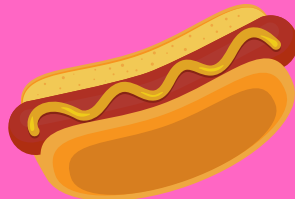


Thank You to our Blundell PAC!

A reminder from our PAC that, each Wednesday during pizza hot lunches, they will eventually not be providing paper plates any longer. We remind students to bring their own containers or plates from home. It might be helpful to pack these in your child's backpack on Tuesday night! If you would like to hear more about the PAC, or hear about how you can participate in these events, please come and join us at our next PAC meeting on Friday, February 21 at 1:15 pm in the library! All are welcome to attend!



HOT LUNCH MENUS FOR TERM TWO:



Menus Available: (Scroll down and click Next)

01/08 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/10 (Fri) - Pasta
01/15 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/17 (Fri) - Hot Dog
01/22 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/24 (Fri) - Subway
01/29 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
01/31 (Fri) - A&W
02/05 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/07 (Fri) - Sushi and Rice Bowls
02/12 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/19 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/21 (Fri) - Taco Luis
02/26 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
02/28 (Fri) - Subway
03/05 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
03/07 (Fri) - Sushi and Rice Bowls
03/12 (Wed) - Pizza Wednesday
03/14 (Fri) - A&W

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 phe@vch.ca and quote Catalogue No. **FJ.100.N55**
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month

Each February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and celebrations that honour the legacy and contributions of Black people in Canada and their communities. The 2025 theme for Black History Month is: “Black Legacy and Leadership: Celebrating Canadian History and Uplifting Future Generations.” This theme acknowledges the diversity of Black Canadians, the importance of Black leadership and the legacy being built for future generations. Black communities are diverse at many levels. Those with a long history in this country have established a legacy for the newer communities. The theme underscores that Black Canadians have a rightful place in the nation's narrative, with over 400 years of historical presence on these Indigenous lands, deserving acknowledgment and celebration.



DISTRICT INFORMATION: PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION EVENINGS COMING UP



DISTRICT INFORMATION AND UPDATES

Parent Education Sessions | School District No. 38 (Richmond)

The Richmond School District is excited to offer the following parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year:

Social Media Awareness, Digital Citizenship, and Cyberbullying

- Jan. 21st: Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids (Hannah Beach)
- Feb. 25th: Reclaiming Play: Revitalizing Childhood to Combat Anxiety and Aggression (Hannah Beach)
- Apr. 8th: Cybersafe from Exploitation (Exploitation Education Institute)

<https://sd38.bc.ca/news/2024-10-16/parent-education-sessions>

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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.**



As we come back from the winter break, we remind families to please keep your child(ren) at home if they are exhibiting signs of illness (eg. coughing, runny noses, etc.) Signs of illness lead to other students getting sick, and our staff as well. Let's all do our part to keep Blundell as healthy as we can so that all of us can enjoy a happy and healthy start to the new year. Thank you.

Change of Clothing:

For our younger students, it would be helpful if parents had extra socks/pants/shirt in their backpacks if possible. When the weather is wet, students may slip and fall in a puddle, etc. In order to prevent us from having to call home, it would be helpful for our younger students to have a simple change of clothing in a Ziploc bag stores in their backpack.

DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER

West Coast Recess:

During recess and lunchtime breaks, students are expected to always be outside this year. Students are reminded to dress appropriately for the weather. You may also send a change of clothes to school just in case your child gets wet. Playing outside will ensure our students get some fresh air and exercise to enliven their day.



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!





StrongStart Outreach Program

Blundell Elementary

This new StrongStart Outreach is a free early learning program for all children aged 0 to 5. Children attend StrongStart with their parent/caregiver. StrongStart educators will lead a variety of learning activities designed to support children on their learning path before they enter school.

**JANUARY 16-MARCH 13, 2025 | EVERY THURSDAY
(EXCEPT FEBRUARY 6, 2025)
9:00AM - 11:00AM**

**BLUNDELL ELEMENTARY
6480 BLUNDELL RD, RICHMOND, BC V7C 1H8
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Drop-In Program



MORE INFORMATION
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Ministry of
Education and
Child Care

Blundell's Bell Schedule

8:40 am: First Bell Rings

8:45 Instructional Time Begins

10:10 Morning/Recess Break

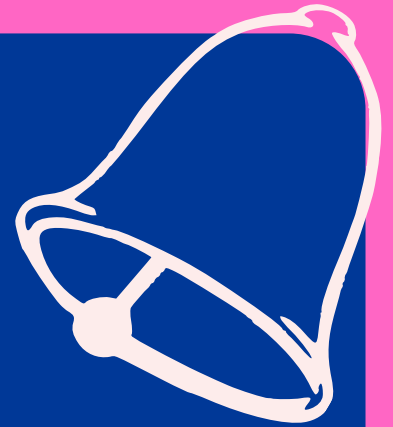
10:25 Instructional Time Resumes

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.
- 3) 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
4. ALWAYS keep your vehicle speed at a very LOW speed in our entire parking loop.
5. 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.



Blundell's Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

• February 13: Early Dismissal for Conferences at 11:50 am

• February 14: Professional Development Day/Valentines Day



• February 17: Family Day Holiday



• February 21: PAC Meeting, 1:15 pm

• February 26: Pink Shirt Day, Assembly, 10:45 am



• February 28: Recognition Assembly, 9:15 am

• March 14: Last Day of School before Spring Break

• March 31: Return to School After Spring Break

• April 29: Term Two Learning Updates Published

• June 13: Sports Day, Early Dismissal at 1:30 pm

• June 20: Grade 7 Farewell Assembly

• June 26: Last Day of School for Students



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



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