

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"**Blundell Bobcats Bulletin****Acknowledgement of Territory:**

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

Monday, December 15	Tuesday, December 16	Wednesday December 17	Thursday, December 18	Friday, December 19
<p>Pasta Lunch</p> <p>PAC Skate Night 4:30-6:00 pm</p> <p></p> <p>DON'T FORGET!</p>	<p>Band Concert 1:15 pm</p>	<p>Hot Lunch Day</p> <p>Pizza Day</p> <p></p>	<p>Breakfast Club 8:00 am</p> <p></p>	<p>Sushi Lovers Lunch</p> <p></p> <p>Family Teams Winter Activity 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Last Day Before Winter Break</p> <p></p> <p>Reminder: Kindly please report any absences, lates, early dismissals, etc. to our Early Warning Line at (604) 668-6519</p> <p>Please include your child's name, Division, why they will be away and for how long. Thank you.</p>

December 16 is our Band Concert at 1:15 pm

December 19: Last Day Before Winter Break

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.**



FLU AND COLD SYMPTOMS

The following are symptoms of flu/illness. If your child is experiencing these symptoms, we ask that you please keep them home so that they can return to school once they feel better, and we can also keep our school community healthy:

- runny nose/sneezes



- muscle aches



- tiredness/headache



- fever, chills



- coughing



- sore throat



- vomiting, diarrhea



- watery eyes



Dressing for the Weather

It is starting to get cold outside. Please make sure your child feels comfortable by dressing for the weather.



Blundell Skate Night

DECEMBER 15, 2025

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Minoru Arena
7551 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC



FREE for Blundell students & families

FREE skating, skate rentals,
helmets, and skate aids

HOT CHOCOLATE for sale

\$1/hot chocolate*



*bring your own mug to reduce waste



KRISPY KREME DONUTS for sale

\$2/donut
\$15/box of 12



PIZZA & SNACKS

Pizza and snacks
for sale as well



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STAFFING UPDATES

We have some staffing updates at this time of year as we head towards the winter break:

- **Mr. Griffing**, who has taught and worked at Blundell and the Richmond School Program for almost 32 years, is officially retiring at the start of the Winter Break. In his role here, Mr. Griffing started as a practicum student, then a classroom teacher, and then as the Outreach Behaviour Resource Teacher, with the Richmond School Program. Mr. Griffing was always someone we could count on, including helping coach our basketball teams at Blundell. We thank him for all of his support and years of service, and wish him a wonderful retirement. We will indeed miss him, but excited for this next chapter in his life.
- **Ms. Dean**, who has been with us a Noon Hour Supervisor since last year, has successfully completed her coursework in the Richmond Education Assistant Program, has been hired as an Education Assistant with the Richmond School District. Her last day at Blundell as a Noon Hour Supervisor will be this coming Friday, December 19. We will miss her kind and positive presence at Blundell, but wish her well in her new role.
- **Ms. Yang**, who has been in a temporary position in Division 6, grade 2/3--her contract was originally ending in February, will now be with us until the end of the year. Ms. Edwards has extended her maternity leave. We are excited to be able to have Ms. Yang with us until the end of the year, and happy that Ms. Edwards will be able to take additional time off to be with her young family.

Blundell Spirit Days!

As we approach Winter Break, we would like to celebrate this term and have some fun Spirit Days!

**Wednesday
December 17**

**Ugly/Funny/Holiday
Sweater Day**

Wear an ugly sweater, decorate one with random objects, or a holiday or ugly sweater



Thursday

**Holiday and Winter
Headgear**

Wear your holiday hats, toques, beanies, very head-dress, reindeer ears!



**Wednesday
December 17**

Pajama Day

Wear your cozy pajamas to school if you'd like. Please make sure you still bring a coat and outdoor shoes so that you are ready for outdoor play!



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.



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..





Blundell's Reminders/Dates

Upcoming Dates to Note/Looking Ahead:

- **December 15: Blundell PAC Skate Night at Minoru, 4:30-6:00 pm**
- **December 16: Band Concert 1:15 pm**
- **December 18: Learning Updates Published**
- **December 19: Last Day of School Before Winter Break**
- **December 19: Schoolwide Family Teams event for students at 10:30**
- **January 5: First Day Back to School, Happy New Year!**
- **January 26: Pro-D Day**
- **January 30: Recognition Assembly, 10:30 am**
- **February 11: Parent-Teacher Conferences, Dismissal at 11:50 am**
- **February 13: District Pro-D Day**
- **February 16: Family Day Holiday**
- **February 25: Pink Shirt Day**
- **February 27, Recognition Assembly, 10:30 am**
- **March 13: Last Day of School Before Spring Break**
- **March 30: School Re-opens after Spring Break**

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).





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- ✓ Educational games
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