

" 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, January 26	Tuesday, January 27	Wednesday January 28	Thursday, January 29	Friday, January 30
<p>Pro D Day Students do not attend school</p> <p><i>NO School Today</i></p> <p></p> <p></p>	<p>Boys Basketball Practise until 4:00 pm</p>	<p>8:00am Girls Basketball Practise</p> <p>Pizza Lunch</p> <p>D.A.R.E. program for Divisions 3 and 4</p> <p></p>	<p>Breakfast Club 8:00 am</p> <p></p>	<p>Hot Lunch: Sushi Lovers</p> <p></p>

DON'T FORGET!**DON'T FORGET**

January 26 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.

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

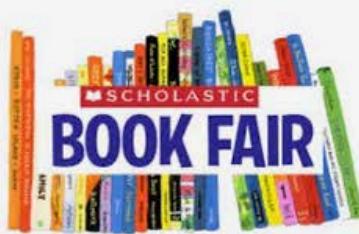


Dressing for the Weather

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



FROM THE LIBRARY



Blundell Elementary

Feb. 10 – 12, 2026

I am very excited to host my first Scholastic Book Fair at Blundell! The book fair is a fundraiser for the library- the more we sell; the higher percentage we receive in credit to buy new books for our library!

Each class will visit and browse the book fair on Tuesday, Feb. 10th. The book fair will be open after school for parents and students to shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Intermediate students will be able to shop on their own during lunch time and after school. Primary students shop with their parents or guardians after school or fill out the order form that they will obtain on Feb. 10th.

Things to Know:

- Please send money in a safe and secure way- e.g. a zip lock bag with the Intermediate student's name on it (unfortunately, we are not responsible for lost money)
- Grade 4-7- Cash or Debit Card- Please do not send a credit card with your child! (You must trust your child to use a debit card—we do not issue refunds if a child misuses a debit card).
- We will accept credit cards from an adult after school- 2:45-3:30pm
- Popular books often need to be ordered— and usually arrive within 1 week.
- Parent volunteers are needed after school 2:30- 3:30 to help with the Doors, Cashier and clean up. Please sign up [HERE](#)

Scholastic Book Fair Hours		
Tuesday, Feb. 10 th	Wednesday, Feb. 11 th	Thursday, Feb. 12 th
2:45 – 3:30pm	11:50am – 5:00pm	2:45 – 3:30pm
The Book Fair will be open during Parent and Teacher conferences		

Thank you so much for supporting our school library!

Ms. Chan

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK/DAY

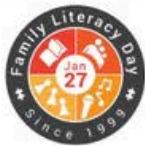
Make mealtime
family learning time.



Follow recipes, make shopping lists,
and share stories at the dinner table.

Preparing for mealtime is a fun (and tasty) way
for families to learn together!

Find fun family activities at: FamilyLiteracyDay.ca



#FamilyLiteracyDay

BASKETBALL AT BLUNDELL

Girls Basketball Schedule

Practices:

Mondays after school 2:45-4:00pm
Wednesday Mornings 8:00am- 8:40am

Games Schedule:

Date	Home/ Away	School
Wednesday January 28	Home	Wowk/McKinney
Tuesday Feb 3	Away	Ferris
Wednesday February 4	Away	McKinney
Tuesday Feb 10	Away	Blair
Tuesday February 17	Away	Westwind
Tuesday February 24	Home	Westwind
Tuesday March 3	Away	SLSS Tournament



Boys Basketball Schedule

Practices

Monday and Tuesday/Thursday (depending on game days) after school until 4pm

Game Schedule:

Date	Home/Away	School
Thursday January 22	Home	McKinney
Tuesday January 27	Home	Maple Lane
Thursday January 29	Away	Westwind
Thursday February 5	Away	Wowk
Thursday February 12	Away	McKinney
Tuesday February 17	Home	Westwind
Monday February 25	Away	Maple Lane
Tuesday March 3	Away	SLSS Tournament



Update From THE BLUNDELL PAC

January

UPDATES FROM THE PAC

HOT LUNCH IS OPEN!



Order online at www.munchalunch.com



Mondays - Pasta (grad fundraiser)
Wednesdays - Pizza
Fridays - Sushi * KFC * Burger King



Need to cancel or make changes? Ordering closes 7 days before any lunch.



PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Pancake Breakfast

We are helping host Blundell's first ever schoolwide breakfast! We need volunteers for Friday Feb 20 early morning. Duties: cut fruit, prepare and hand out food, help kids, clean up etc.

Hot Lunch

We need volunteers to help at PAC hot lunches. Meet Wednesdays and/or Fridays at 11:45 in the gym. Duties: hand out food, distribute to classes, sell snacks, clean up etc.

Contact us by email or WhatsApp for more information!



NEXT MEETING

The NEXT PAC meeting is on Monday Mar 2 at 1:15pm in the school library!

Hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome!

Join your class chat! Stay connected to the Blundell Community on WhatsApp!



 <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EMXFofpi1zxJiR7IOpbJy1>

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



We are pleased to let parents of our Grades 7 and 6 students know that we have plans to take this group of students to an Outdoor Education experience at Camp Jubilee on April 20. It will be an extended day trip (not overnight). More information will be sent out to parents shortly. We will have an online parent and student meeting on February 5 at 6:00 pm. We encourage all parents and their grade 6 or 7 child attend this informative online meeting. A link to the meeting will be sent home closer to the date.



GRADE 7 INFORMATION EVENINGS



Grade 7 Parent Information Evenings for 2026/27

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hugh Boyd Secondary	January 22, 2026, at 6:30 pm
JN Burnett Secondary	February 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Cambie Secondary	January 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm
MacNeill Secondary	January 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm
SD38 Incentive Outdoor Program At MacNeill Secondary	January 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm
McMath Secondary	February 12, 2026, at 5:30 pm
McRoberts Secondary	January 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm
McNair Secondary	February 12, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Palmer Secondary	February 5, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Richmond Secondary	February 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Steveston London Secondary	January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Richmond Virtual School (BL, RAIL)	January 29, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Palmer Secondary School, Room 131

Hard to believe, but we are already planning ahead for our Grade 7 students' transition into secondary school! Please note the above dates for Parent Information Evenings. Grade 7 students typically attend these sessions along with their parents.

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:

- **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 17:** Lunar New Year
- **February 17:** Evening, First Day of Ramadan
- **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
- **April 23:** Learning Updates Published



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).





GENERATIONS HOMEWORK CLUB

Charity number:
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FREE TUTORING FOR GRADE 5-8 STUDENTS!

EVERY THURS
3:30-5:00PM

OCT 2025 - MAY 2026

RICHMOND LIBRARY
BRIGHOUSE

WHO ARE WE

The Generations Homework Club is a **mentorship program** that builds up students' **social skills, self-esteem, and confidence** while helping with their homework.

- ✓ One-to-one tutor support
- ✓ Interactive activities
- ✓ Educational games
- ✓ Foster meaningful relationships



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