

" Home of the Blundell Bobcats!"

Blundell Bobcats Bulletin

Acknowledgement of Territory:

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

Monday, January 5	Tuesday, January 6	Wednesday January 7	Thursday, January 8	Friday, January 9
<p>Welcome Back to School!</p> <p></p> <p>DON'T FORGET!</p>		<p>D.A.R.E. program begins for Divisions 3 and 4</p> <p></p>	<p>Breakfast Club 8:00 am</p> <p></p>	<p>Happy New Year/Welcome Back Assembly, 10:30 am</p> <p></p> <p>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.</p>

January 26 is a Professional Development Day--students do not attend on this day

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.



Update From THE BLUNDELL PAC

December

UPDATES FROM THE PAC

HOT LUNCH - DECEMBER 2025

 Order online at www.munchalunch.com

Mondays - Pasta (grad fundraiser)
Wednesdays - Pizza or Pasta
Fridays - Sushi or rice bowls

 Ordered lunch and the class is on a field trip? Lunch will be kept at school and can be picked up afterwards. Check deadlines if you wish to cancel.

FREE SKATE NIGHT - DEC 15

 **Blundell Skate Night**
sponsored by Blundell PAC

All Blundell students, staff and families are invited to our annual Winter Celebration at Minoru Arena!
Free skating, rentals and helmets
Pizza, donuts, hot chocolate for sale

MONDAY, DEC 15 4:30pm to 6:00pm Minoru Arena
We are looking for volunteers! Contact us if you're available!

 **NEXT MEETING**

The NEXT PAC meeting is on Monday Dec 8 at 1:15pm.

We will be planning our Skate Night! All are welcome to join us in the school library!

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

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



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STAFFING UPDATES

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

- We are pleased to welcome Ms. Sarah Alwine as an Education Assistant with the Richmond School Program. Ms. Alwine brings a great deal of experience with her and we are delighted to have her as part of our team!
- Mr. Zhao, who was with us for much of term two as a temporary Noon Hour Supervisor has now accepted a permanent position at Blundell. We are grateful to have him back at Blundell.



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 5: First Day Back to School, Happy New Year!**
- **January 9: Welcome Back Assembly, 10:30 am**
- **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).





GENERATIONS HOMEWORK CLUB

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3:30-5:00PM

OCT 2025 - MAY 2026

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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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