

# BLAZER UPDATE

SEPTEMBER 2019

## BLUE HILLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL



### Upcoming Events

9th  
Canteen Opens  
19th  
AGM  
20th  
PD Day - No School  
27th  
Terry Fox Run

### Bell Schedule

Period	Time
Warning Bell	8:38 -8:40
Announcements	8:40-8:45
1	8:45-9:15
2	9:15-9:45
3	9:45-10:15
Recess	10:15-10:25
4	10:25-10:55
5	10:55-11:25
6	11:25-11:55
Lunch	11:55-12:10
Recess	12:10-12:35
7	12:35-1:05
8	1:05-1:35
9	1:35-2:05
Recess	2:05-2:15
10	2:15-2:45
11	2:45-3:10

### 2019-2020 BHCS Staff

ECS/Grade 1: Mrs. Pattison

Grade 1/2: Mr. Driedger

Grade 3/4: Mr. Pelley

Grade 5: Ms. Robbins

Grade 6: Mr. Compton

Grade 7: Mr. Machona

Grade 8/9: Mr. Borgatti

Grade 10/11/12: Mr. MacDougall

EA: Miss Heidi Derksen

EA: Miss Candace Derksen

EA/Librarian: Mrs. Peters

High School EA: Mrs. Friesen

Early Lit EA: Miss Teichroeb

Principal: Mr. Pattison

Secretary: Miss Kallie Derksen

Custodian: Mr. Krahn

Bus Drivers: Mr & Mrs Neufeld

Mr. Wieler

CTS fees (La Crete Public School) \$20.00

Please make all cheques out to BHCS

The farewell letters of the teachers that did not return to Blue Hills this year have been included in the newsletter.

If your child will be absent from school please either call the school to say why they will not be in school, or send a note when they return to class. We are required to keep accurate attendance.

Meaning if a student is sick we are required to enter the absence as ill, if they have an appointment we enter that as an appointment.

If your child arrives to the school late, please sign them in to the office.

When we are not informed by the parent or guardian then it is entered as absent no reason. The school does not acknowledge siblings giving a verbal message about absences or bus changes.

At times students are required to go to another students house or to a relatives, please call the school or send a note to the school saying which home they are going to. When a student is going to a relatives that has no children in the school we will need to know what bus they will be going on. Notifying just the bus driver can lead to confusion with staff as to where the child should go if we are not aware of any change.

Even if the student is staying on the same bus but going to another person's house we need to know this.

Kids Plus Accident Insurance has been discontinued and replaced with Family Accident Reimbursement Plan. The website for the new plan is <https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/lloydsadd> Please visit the website for details on the plan and the application form, should

# New Staff!

A message from our new principal, Mr. Terry Pattison:

My wife, Mirja-Leena, and I are very excited to be coming to Blue Hills come the start of the school year. I have spent the last nineteen years in Eaglesham with the last fifteen years being in administration. Most of my teaching time has been in the upper elementary area and physical education. Mirja has spent the last thirteen years teaching in a Hutterite Colony setting.

We met and got married while working in Kenya East Africa. We were both doing church work at the time. Kenya is very near and dear to us. We have one grown son, Jesse. He is studying at Kings University College in Edmonton. He got married this summer to a wonderful lady, Anna, and she is from Surrey.

In our down time we like to walk, cross country ski or working around in the greenhouse. I also like most any game that is played on a board, especially chess.

We look forward to meeting you all come fall.

Mr. P




Hello Blue Hills Community School! My name is Ms. Claire Robbins and I am excited to be joining the team to teach grade 5.

I've lived my entire life in Newfoundland and Labrador, so I'm looking forward to my new home in Alberta and becoming a part of your community.

My hobbies include crocheting, video games, and reading. I am also passionate about science.

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer.





# Goodbye Blue Hills!

Dear Families,

I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for making my first three years of teaching so wonderful. I will always look back on these years with the happiest of memories. It is bittersweet leaving Blue Hills; this decision was not an easy one to make and I struggled with it for quite some time. You all hold a very special place in my heart.

Every student that I have taught has been exceptional. Even the ones I did not have the privilege of teaching I will miss seeing and chatting with every day. Change can be scary, but also exciting. I can't wait to try my hand at teaching Grade One at Buffalo Head next year. When you see me in town, please come up to me and let me know how things are going - I will ALWAYS have time for my Blue Hills Family! ☺ ☺ ☺

Love,  
Ms. Lawlor

The school year is now over.  
My time at Blue Hills has come to an end.  
You have all grown so much and learned a lot,  
I'm proud of you, my friends!

Your pencils may be broken  
And your markers all dried out.  
But, you have something you won't lose -  
Of this I have no doubt!

The knowledge you have gained this year,  
You'll never break or lose.  
So keep it safe inside your head.  
And use it, if you choose.

If you come to visit me,  
My room won't be the same.  
But I'll always have a hug for you  
And be SO glad you came!

A teacher's heart is magical.  
This, I know is true.  
It has a very special place,  
For each and every student's face...  
And now that includes all of you!



Grade 5 class newsletter!

# **WALKER'S WORDS OF WISDOM FAREWELL**

Dear Parents/Students

These past three years have been an amazing experience for me as a teacher. All the students and families in Blue Hills have treated me with so much care and respect. Words cannot describe how much this school means to me being the school where I started my teaching path. As you may know, I will be getting married next summer and family is always top priority for me. Being closer to La Crete will really help me to be closer to those I love.

I am going to miss every student in this school. We have had a lot of laughs and I will not forget how all of you would make me smile everyday. There was never a day I did not want to come into work because I knew I had students who cared about each other as well as myself. The basketball teams that I have coached, I will never forget the amazing players all of you are and how much you have improved! Keep working hard and I will hopefully see you all in the next school year.

It really hurts me to say goodbye but I will always remember the amazing times I had at this school with you all. I am excited to start my new journey at Hill Crest but hope to see you all as much as possible!

Sincerely,

Mr. Walker

GO BLAZERS!!

# Farewell Letter

Email: [rileyb@fvsd.ab.ca](mailto:rileyb@fvsd.ab.ca)

Homerom: Grade 7

Dear Parents & Students,

I must say it has certainly been quite an interesting year! Before moving from coastal Newfoundland to northwestern Alberta less than a year ago, I knew it would naturally bring about lots of changes and new experiences. However, being told what the differences and similarities are between Alberta and Newfoundland definitely isn't the same as experiencing it for yourself; and I think we can all agree that it has been an exceptional year indeed. From days missed due to smoke, cold and ice days and, unfortunately evacuation, this year has made us all face many new challenges.

As you may well know I will be leaving at the end of the school year to head back to St. John's. For me this was a personal decision related to where I wish to be in order to further my career as a teacher. It certainly is challenging living in mostly one place for your entire life, seeing the ocean everyday, and then picking up and moving to another province relatively unknown to me. However, I would like to thank each and every one of you for welcoming me into your community and continuing to work with me throughout this year to help progress the student's education. While there were struggles and successes during the past ten months I am still truly glad that we got to have such a learning experience together.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable summer and to the students, good luck next year!

Mr. Brooks



