

# Blumenort School Newsletter

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## **WELCOME BACK!**

Welcome back to a new year at Blumenort School! We hope you enjoyed the summer and at this time we would like to wish the new families that have joined our community and especially our new Kindergarten students, a warm welcome to the Blumenort area and our school. At Blumenort School, we believe that it is important to keep the lines of communication open between your home and our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 326-1757 or at one of the email addresses listed above.

## **2017-2018 BLUMENORT SCHOOL STAFF**

This year we have a few new additions to our staff lineup....Ariana Neufeld (KNPM), Amanda Ross (1R), Celia Kellett (3K), Rachel Allard (4A), Andrea Cuccaro (5/6 C), Katie Peters (7P), Michelle Plett (8P), Karen Johnson (Guitar/Art). Returning in October is Kristina Shumsky. We would like to wish them and our returning staff members all the best in the upcoming year. Together we will make Blumenort School a fantastic school where student learning is our number one priority. For a complete list of staff email addresses, please visit our website.

		2017-2018 BLUMENORT SCHOOL - STAFF LINEUP			
Principal:	Dave Schettler	Grade 4:	Mallory Worsnop	Educational Asst.:	Val Konrad
Vice-Principal:	Vince Hiebert	Grade 4/5:	Rebecca Friesen	Educational Asst.:	Pat Koop
Head Secretary:	Maria Golke	Grade 5/6:	Andrea Cuccaro	Educational Asst.:	Sharon Osioy
Asst. Secretary:	Aimee Bergmann	Grade 6:	Cameron Hiebert	Educational Asst.:	Norine Plett
Resource:	Rose Friesen	Grade 6:	Janette Suppes	Educational Asst.:	Susan Reimer
Early Lit:	Rhonda Stobbe	Grade 7:	Sarah Barton	Educational Asst.:	Carla Spenst
Kindergarten:	Elaine Kauenhofen	Grade 7:	Katie Peters	Educational Asst.:	Liz Stoesz
Kindergarten:	Ariana Neufeld	Grade 8:	Monica Klassen	Educational Asst.:	Kathy Wiens
Grade 1:	Ruth Lees	Grade 8:	Michelle Plett	Head Custodian:	Ed Wolfe
Grade 1:	Amanda Ross	Phys. Ed.:	Kelly Tufford	Asst. Custodian:	Maria Boldt
Grade 1/2:	Julia Hiebert	Music/Guitar/Art:	Karen Johnson	Asst. Custodian:	Barbara Wollmann
Grade 2:	Jennifer Penner	French (5&6):	Andrea Cuccaro	Bus Driver #234:	Lori Giesbrecht
Grade 2 :	Irene Plett	French (7&8):	Sarah Barton	Bus Driver #237:	Jackie Goertzen
Grade 3:	Brandy Ginter	Counsellor:	Curtis Brandt	Bus Driver #290:	Marge Reimer-Toews
Grade 3:	Celia Kellett	Librarian::	Ellie Friesen	Bus Driver #313:	John Whitehead
Grade 4:	Rachel Allard				

**STRONG CONNECTIONS @ BLUMENORT SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> & MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

## **MEET THE TEACHER – SEPTEMBER 5TH**

Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual Meet the Teacher Night Tuesday, September 5th from 4:00-5:30pm. Our students and parents are welcome to stop by the classroom to meet their new teacher and drop off their school supplies. Don't forget to check out the table by our main entrance to enter your name for a chance to win some really cool prizes. The draw will be made at our Welcome Back Assembly on Wednesday morning.

## **DAILY ROUTINE**

A reminder to everyone that our daily schedule has changed slightly. Please take note that our lunch hour will now run from 12:05-1:00pm. For the complete schedule, please check out our website or our Student Handbook online.

## **2016-2017 SCHOOL YEARBOOK**

Our 2016-2017 School Yearbook is ready for your viewing. Please click on the following Apple iTunes link or check out our website for a PDF version in the next little while....

- <https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/blumenort-school-2016-2017-yearbook/id1257218424?ls=1&mt=11>

## **HSD PARENT PORTAL**

Stay connected and informed. The new HSD Parent Portal is a communications tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children. The portal will provide secure online access to their child's student information. With a single username and password, you will be able to access the following data for each of your children attending an HSD school:

- Student Information
- School Fees Account
- Report Cards
- Attendance Information
- Permissions & Consent Forms
- School Information

Before creating a Parent Access Account, you will first need to obtain a unique Access ID for each student profile that you want added to your account. The required Access ID, along with account setup instructions, will be sent to all eligible parent/guardians via email on Monday, September 4th. If you do not receive an email on Monday, please contact our school office to request account setup assistance.

## **Subway Cookie Dough & Muffin Fundraiser**

This fall we will once again be selling Subway Frozen Cookie Dough and Muffins, as one of our two school-wide fundraisers. The product is from the same manufacturer as Subway cookies and muffins which are extremely popular and very easy to sell. The muffins are a thaw and serve while the cookie dough comes in individual frozen pucks that just need to be placed directly on a cookie sheet for 10 minutes. Very convenient for the consumer!! A pre-sale sheet is enclosed which can be used to take orders and the product will be delivered two weeks after all the order forms are collected. Any cheques should be made payable to Blumenort School and please be careful as you enter your orders on the order form so you receive the correct number of each flavour! In past years, our school-wide fundraising money was used to install glass backboards in the gym, have partnered with the PAC to install a concrete pad outside, have improved our sound system in the music room and the lighting for our various concerts. This year we intend to support our Guitar & Art program, make further improvements to our front entrance and continue to improve the technology in each of our classrooms. We also will use some of the money to subsidize field trips and learning opportunities that are above and beyond the regular classroom routine. The fundraiser begins Tuesday, September 5 (Meet the Teacher Night) and all orders and money should be turned into the school by Friday, October 6th! Great prizes will be available to sellers! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you once again for supporting the fundraising that we do at Blumenort School! Your involvement makes such a difference in what happens at our school.

## **PICTURE DAY**

Please take note that our Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th. In the next little while you will receive a package from our school outlining the various picture package options.

## **THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION**

In an effort to keep track of our students' whereabouts, we ask that parents/guardians continue to communicate with the main office. Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- Please call between 8:30 and 8:50am to speak to someone directly, leave a message at anytime, email to advise the office that your child will be absent or late, or log onto the ***NEW Parent Portal and put in an absent request!***
- If there is an unexplained student absence, we will continue the practice of calling parents after 9:00am and 1:00pm.
- If your children are leaving the building (for appointments or special outings, because of illness, etc.) during the course of the day, we ask that you and/or your children report to the office before departing.
- If your child arrives at school outside the regular times (appointment or illness, returning the same day after having checked out etc.), please make sure that the office knows about their arrival and also to pick up a late slip.

## **SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS**

Now that classes have started, we again need to pay close attention to the safety concerns that arise at the front of the school. We all need to cooperate and follow some basic rules to ensure that we keep our children safe.

- Please remember that private vehicles need to avoid using our bus loop. After school however, once the busses have left, our bus loop will be available for student pickup. We ask that our students and our drivers are aware of the increased traffic in such a small area and to be cautious as you enter and leave.
- If for some reason you should happen to end up in the bus loop at the same time as buses are there, do not pass buses when stop signs are out and the lights are flashing (signaling loading and unloading).
- In front of our school is a designated crosswalk that is patrolled by our students. Please avoid stopping or parking in this area, as per the signs that are posted. At our main crosswalk on the 311, we ask for your same patience and awareness as our students make their way to and from school.
- Bike riders, walkers and those who are being picked up or dropped off always need to be aware of their surroundings. It is best to avoid the bus loop when possible and always remember to use care and caution.
- New for this year is a second bike rack zone for students that would typically drive their bikes past the front of the school. That new parking location is by the west main entrance. Students coming from the south and west on Park Street will now need to park in this new area.
- Finally, we would like to remind all parents, relatives and visitors to please check in at the main office when you arrive at our school. From there we will be able to help you with your concerns.

## **STRONG CONNECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 15&18**

In our June newsletter we mentioned the Strong Connections program planned for our school on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Strong Connections is a form of authentic assessment in a practical and useful way. The purpose is to enhance the beginning of the year classroom assessment for all children. It includes observation and assessment practices both in the classroom and on an individual basis.

Students will be asked to attend either on the Friday or the Monday. With half of our students present, students will then be further divided to allow our homeroom teachers the opportunity to meet one-on-one with each student and participate in assessment activities in Language Arts and Mathematics. This is an opportunity for teachers to gather data about each child's learning that may not be evident during whole class instruction. It is also an opportunity to further develop the teacher-student relationship to strengthen the connection.

A letter will be coming home shortly with the date that your child will attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our school. ***Or check your Parent Portal for the dates!***

## **NOTICE – RELIGIOUS EXERCISES – BLUMENORT SCHOOL – 2017-2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Blumenort School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., in a designated common area of the school.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at [www.hsd.ca](http://www.hsd.ca).

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division, indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

### **NOTICE – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION – BLUMENORT SCHOOL – 2017-2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious instruction be held in Blumenort School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at [www.hsd.ca](http://www.hsd.ca).

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division, indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

### **HANOVER PARENT & CHILD COMMUNITY PROGRAM @ BLUMENORT SCHOOL**

The Hanover Parent and Child Lending Library would like to invite Blumenort parents and their preschool children to visit our free weekly program each Monday from 9:30–11:30am. The tentative start date is Monday, September 25, 2017 and will run until June 4, 2018 in Room A1. Please note that families can attend weekly or just drop in when they can. We will follow the school schedule according to closure days. Finally, we ask that parents please park in the designated street parking areas. Stay tuned to our website for further updates.

### **TERRY FOX RUN**

Our Annual Terry Fox Run will be held right here at Blumenort School on Thursday, September 28th. Our Toonies for Terry will be collected during the week leading up to the event. Parents are welcome to join us!

### **HSD GRADE 5-8 CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS, BENGALS RUNNING CLUB & BENGALS VOLLEYBALL**

All Grade 5-8 students can sign up for the Cross-Country Running Team. Run #1 is set for Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Abe's Hill in Steinbach while Run #2 is set for Friday, September 29th in A.D. Penner Park in Steinbach. Practices for this year's running team are set to begin very shortly and will be held twice a week over the lunch hour. In order to participate, a signed permission form is required. Stay tuned to our daily announcements. This year's volleyball season begins on October 3rd. Grade 7&8 girls tourneys will be on Tuesdays while the boys will be on Thursdays. All tourneys will start at 5:30pm. Also, if you are interested in coaching this year, please let us know.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	31	1
4 <b>Labour Day NO CLASSES</b>	5 <b>Administration Day NO CLASSES</b> Meet the Teacher 4:00-5:30pm Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins	6 <b>First Day of Classes</b> <b>Kindergarten Interviews</b>  <i>Day 1</i>	7 <b>Kindergarten Interviews</b>  <i>Day 2</i>	8 <b>Staggered Kindergarten Entry</b>  <i>Day 3</i>
11 <b>Staggered Kindergarten Entry</b>  <i>Day 4</i>	12 <b>All Kindergarten Students Attend</b>  <i>Day 5</i>	13   <i>Day 6</i>	14   <i>Day 1</i>	15 <b>Strong Connections</b>  <i>Day 2</i>
18 <b>Strong Connections</b>  <i>Day 3</i>	19   <i>Day 4</i>	20 <b>Picture Day</b>  <i>Day 5</i>	21   <i>Day 6</i>	22 <b>Cross-Country Run #1</b>  <i>Day 1</i>
25 <b>Tentative Start Date Hanover Parent-Child Community Program - 9:30am</b>  <i>Day 2</i>	26   <i>Day 3</i>	27   <i>Day 4</i>	28 <b>Terry Fox Run @ Blumenort School</b>  <i>Day 5</i>	29 <b>Cross-Country Run #2</b>  <i>Day 6</i>