

# Blumenort School

## Year-End Community Report for 2017-18

*Inspired to Learn for Life! Inquire. Include. Imagine.*

### About Us

- Blumenort School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with approximately 400 students and close to 40 staff, including administration, teachers, office/library, custodial staff, and educational assistants.
- Blumenort School has a strong connection to our families, with many parents who volunteer their time. Students at Blumenort School are exceptional in their care for others and their school.
- Our school is highly committed to Literacy and Numeracy, each with a support teacher. We have a vibrant library, wide support for guided reading, and a brain fitness program called Fast ForWord.

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### Planning Priority #1

By June 2018, all students will see themselves as readers and writers and will reach their personal literacy goals using “I can” statement from the shared success criteria to describe their writing and reading skill development.

#### Year-End Accomplishments

- All staff were supported as they worked through the new Regie Routman material and they continued to implement the Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment program.
- The Professional Development portion of our staff meetings focused on developing writers’ craft, which included the Optimal Learning Model.
- As we look ahead to next year we will work towards building common language to describe student writing and reading which will in turn help them understand areas of strength and next steps.

### Planning Priority #2

By June 2018, 80% of our students will have an achievement level of 3 or higher for Mental Math and Estimation on the provincial report card.

#### Year-End Accomplishments

- Our teachers once again took part in math-focused professional development sessions and were supported by HSD Learning Coaches.
- Our teachers focused their instruction on Mental Math strategies and tracked student success accordingly as per our school-based assessment.
- Year-end data shows that 78% of our students met or exceeded the level of 3 for Mental Math and Estimation. This shows a great improvement but we have more work to do.

### Planning Priority #3

By June 2018, all students will develop their skills of citizenship, as described in the deep learning competencies, to participate and contribute with success in the classroom, school, local and global society.

#### Year-End Accomplishments

- As part of our Strong Connections, our students met to define Citizenship and discussed how we as a school could put it into action.
- Locally, we focused on keeping our community clean while globally we raised over \$2000 for the Amazima School in Uganda.
- Moving forward, our school will continue to support cross-curricular buddy connections to support and deepen learning.

### Top Five Highlights for 2017-2018

- In Music, our Grade 7-8 students were introduced to guitars.
- Our Bengals Athletic programs were once again very successful.
- We held our annual Thanksgiving Lunch and Nutrition Month Breakfast.
- A lighted crosswalk so students could safely cross PTH 311 was finalized.
- Our school raised over \$2000 for the Amazima School in Uganda.