

Blumenort School Newsletter

End of June 2018

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HERE'S THE LATEST

Staffing Update - Since our last newsletter, we have had a few staffing changes. We would like to welcome Ms. Michelle Plett (Gr. 8 AM) to our staff for the fall. As well Ms. Katie Peters (Grade 7 AM / Grade 8 PM) will be joining us full time and Mrs. Kayla Dupont (Grade 5/6) will be off until the end of the Christmas break. The teachers hired for Grade 3 and Grade 5/6 will be announced in late August and the parents of students in those two classrooms will be notified.

Congratulations to our Grade 8 Grads! - Congratulations to our Grade 8 students, who successfully made it through their final year at Blumenort School. Well done and best wishes as you move on to Grade 9! Thank you as well to our farewell committee for a wonderful evening.

Bikes and Beyond and the Gr. 1-4 Bike Rodeo - A big thank you to Jamie and Phil from Bikes and Beyond in Winnipeg for performing bike tune-ups for all of our riders. Thank you also to our organizing committee for all of your efforts to put on this special event.

Right at School - Registration is now open for Right At School's after-school program, The Right Club, coming this fall to Blumenort School! This program provides parents a safe, comfortable, and fun place for their children after school. Led by nurturing and experienced educators, your children will complete their homework, engage in fitness and enrichment, and become part of a community that feels like family. The program will run every afternoon until 6 pm. Families will have the option to register for any number of days per week.. Programs will begin on the first day of school and run every day that school is in session for a full day. For families who only need sporadic care, there is a convenient daily drop-in option [or 10-day punchcard available]. Visit their website at www.rightatschool.com to view program information and rates and to register.

Community Report - Our annual Community Report will be emailed home with this newsletter. This report will feature the success of our school goals as well as an overview of the special events that have taken place in our school this year.

Supply Lists - A reminder that the supply lists for each grade will be posted on our website at <http://blumenort.hsd.ca>

2017-2018 School Yearbook - Once again this year, we have created a free school yearbook. An email will be sent to all of our families with directions on how to get your free copy.

PAC Update - We, as your Parent Association Council, wish to thank everyone for participating in our fundraising efforts for the year of 2017-2018, either by supporting our hot lunch program, the M&M Meats Fundraiser in November and lastly, our annual BBQ/Silent Auction. We are excited to announce that we profited \$3000 from our BBQ/Silent Auction! Our purchases throughout the year include 2 stationary bikes and 12 pedometers for the phys ed program. Upon request from staff members, several Stationary Bike Desks will be purchased for the classroom (number yet to be determined). We also want to wish our departing staff members the best of luck in their new ventures! Have a safe and enjoyable summer and we'll see you in September!

Thank You to our PAC! - On behalf of our staff at Blumenort School, I would like to thank our PAC for all of their efforts in the numerous events they have been a part of this year. It has been greatly appreciated!

Summer Contact - If there are any changes for your family during the summer break, please let us know via email or feel free to wait until our school re-opens on August 22nd. As well, the HSD Transportation office is open all summer long so if you are planning on changing locations please call them at 320-2347.

Meet the Teacher Night - Our Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th (the night before school begins) from 4:30-6:00. Students and their parents are welcome to attend this special event, which includes an opportunity to visit their new classrooms and teachers.

Strong Connections - Shortly after we return from the summer break, our Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will once again be participating in our Strong Connections program. Students will be asked to attend school on either Friday, September 14th or Monday, September 17th, allowing our teachers an opportunity for assessment and relationship building early in the school year.

The date that your child will be attending can be found on the year-end report card. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us during the summer at blumenort@hsd.ca

Thank You and Have a Great Summer! - On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support in making Blumenort School an amazing place to learn. Have a safe and relaxing summer break!

BLUMENORT SCHOOL 2018-2019 TEACHER LINEUP

TEACHER LINEUP – JUNE 27, 2018	
<i>Position</i>	<i>Teacher Name</i>
Principal	Dave Schettler
VP/Resource	Corinne Thiessen
Resource	Mallory Worsnop
Counsellor	Curtis Brandt
Early Literacy PM	Rhonda Stobbe
Kindergarten AM/PM	Elaine Kauenhofen
Kindergarten AM	Ariana Neufeld
1	Amanda Ross
1	Emily Walker
2	Jenn Penner
2	Irene Plett
2/3	Ruth Lees
3	Celia Kellett
3	TBA
4	Rachel Allard
4	Rebecca Friesen
4/5	Janette Suppes
5	Andrea Cuccaro
5/6	TBA
6	Cam Hiebert
7	Sarah Barton
7AM/8PM	Katie Peters
8	Monica Klassen
8AM	Michelle Plett
Gr. 1-6 PE	Kelly Tufford
Gr. 7-8 PE	Curtis Brandt
Gr. 1-6 Music & 7-8 Guitar/Art	Shannon Sawatzky



Notice - Religious Exercises - Blumenort School, 2018-2019

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Blumenort School during the 2018-2019 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.

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 (forward to Blumenort School), indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

Notice - Religious Instruction - Blumenort School, 2018-2019

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious instruction be held in Blumenort School during the 2018-2019 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.

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Practice of Religion in Hanover School Division

As a Manitoba public school division, The Hanover School Division is obligated to comply with the provisions of *The Public Schools Act* and provincial guidelines governing the implementation of religious exercises and religious instruction. *The Public Schools Act* states that public schools must be non-sectarian. Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Act and departmental guidelines after a parent petition is presented to the school board. Petitions must be submitted annually. The Hanover School Division will continue to provide for appropriate religious exercises and instruction consistent with provincial and divisional guidelines.