

Blumenort School Newsletter

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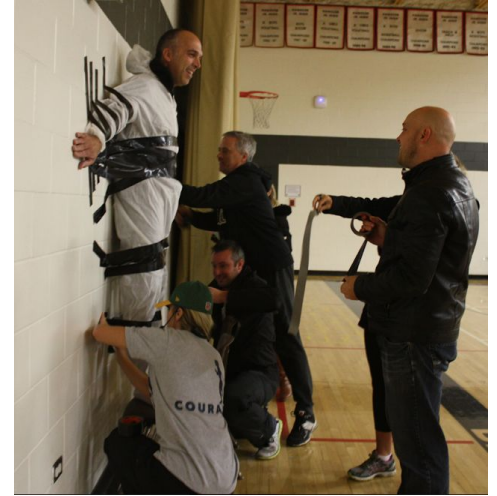
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Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held right here at Blumenort School on Thursday, September 27th. Thank you to Mrs. Tufford and our staff for organizing the event and also to our students for your great participation. Overall, we collected more than \$1000 through pledges and the "Toonies for Terry" program. Thank you for your support!



Thanksgiving Lunch

We are excited to be hosting our annual Thanksgiving lunch once again on **Tuesday, October 2nd** at noon. Each student will receive a bowl of chicken noodle soup and a bun. Classroom teachers will be sending out notices requesting desserts and drinks from the families in their class. We are also asking for a \$2.00 donation from each student to help to cover some of the cost of the event. This event is a wonderful tradition in Blumenort School and we look forward to seeing all our students gathering together to share a meal. A special thank you to our staff, parent volunteers and our Student Leaders for assisting us with the set-up, serving and cleanup of this wonderful tradition!

Subway Cookie Dough & Muffin Fundraiser

Our Subway Frozen Cookie Dough and Muffin Fundraiser is quickly coming to a close. Here are a few reminders...

- All orders and money should be turned into the school at the very latest by Friday, October 5th.
- Any cheques should be made payable to Blumenort School.
- Great prizes will be available to sellers.
- The product will be delivered at least two weeks after all the order forms are collected.

School Safety & The Lines of Communication Update

Now that we are heading into the month of October, we again need to pay close attention to the safety concerns that arise at the front of the school. Here are some basic rules to ensure to keep our children safe.

- All families will receive an updated reminder attached to the newsletter email.
- Please remember that private vehicles need to avoid using our bus loop.
- All parents, relatives and visitors to please check in at the main office when you arrive at our school.

Farm Credit Canada Drive Away Hunger

Blumenort School is participating in the Farm Credit Corporation Drive Away Hunger program by collecting donations of food for people who are hungry in our area. Food collection bags will be sent home and the FCC tractor will arrive at our school on either on October 17th or 18th. We will share that date with our families once it has been confirmed by them.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018. This year's theme is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere." Over the years at Blumenort School, our Grade 4 students will be participating in a special session with members of the Hanover Fire Department while our Grade 1 students will visit the Steinbach Fire Hall. We look forward to those opportunities once again this year!

Bus Safety Week

School Bus Safety Week will be observed October 15-19, 2018 and this year's theme is "My School Bus, The Safest Form of Student Transportation!" The week is an opportunity for students to receive school bus ridership training; for reminding parents and the motoring public to be particularly careful around school bus vehicles; and, for school divisions to examine their pupil transportation practices. Although the school bus safety week theme changes annually, one message remains constant – be aware and be safe around the school bus.

PAC Annual General Meeting

If you have a desire to get more involved in the school and make an impact, consider joining the PAC! Our Annual General Meeting is set for Wednesday, October 24th at 12:00 at the school. Everyone is welcome to attend, even those who simply have questions or concerns they'd like to express. We look forward to seeing you there!

Hanover Parent & Child Community Program @ Blumenort School

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program would like to invite Blumenort parents and their preschool children to visit our free weekly program each Monday from 9:30am-11:30pm - Starting September 24, 2018 to June 3, 2019 in Room A6. 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.

Show & Save

In preparation for our Grade 7&8 Red Rock Adventure in January of 2019 (4 months away) we will be in touch with all current Grade 7&8 students/families to offer them the opportunity to sell Show and Save Cards. All profits from your sales will go directly to you personal Red Rock account. Our fundraising will run from Friday, October 5th - Friday, October 26th. More info can be found by checking out www.showandsavecard.com

Cross-Country Running

Congratulations to our Grade 5-8 students who participated in our various cross-country meets this past month. Here are some of the results by our students in the three runs...Andrew P. (4th & 4th); Jude P. (2nd); Jillian P. (5th & 6th) and Seth P. (10th, 13th & 5th). Overall, Andrew P. earned a 3rd place medal while Jillian P. earned a 4th place medal. Well done to all of our runners on a fine season!

Bengals Merchandise

It's time to order your Bengals Merchandise! An info sheet has been attached for you to look over and it shows you our options and how to order!

A ***from the Music Room***

Hello, Blumenort!

Thank-you so much for the warm welcome I have received already to this school and community! After a wonderful and busy summer with my husband Dale and our children, I am feeling refreshed and committed to a fantastic year here at Blumenort, and I hope you are, too.

Grade 4-6 students will require a **Recorder** for music class by early October. Recorders that were left here over the summer have been sorted into their new homeroom classes and are ready to go. Should you require a replacement recorder, you may purchase one directly from me for \$6.00.



Middle School Choir - Open to students in Grades 5 through 8, the Middle School Choir will rehearse Tuesdays (and possibly also Thursdays) over the noon hour, and perform at special occasions throughout the year as opportunities arise. Open to all who love to sing!

Performance Opportunities - Blumenort has already been invited to bring a choir to 2 exciting events – I’m not sure yet whether this will be a classroom choir, or the Noon Voluntary Choir, but you’ll want to mark these dates on your calendar:

- Wednesday am, December 12th – Singers at Steinbach Credit Union (live on AM1250 radio)
- Tuesday evening, March 19th – Singers at Moose Hockey Game – free tickets for singers who perform the National Anthem (and discounted seats for our friends and family)... and more to come! Stay “tuned”!

Eastman Youth Choir Concert - Each year, singers from across the Eastman Region audition to be part of a larger “Honour Choir” made up of students from Grades 9-12. This year, the Choir will be making a stop at Blumenort School while on their fall tour, and we look forward to hosting them for a morning concert! Parents and loyal fans are welcome to join us here on **Thursday, October 11th at 9:10am** for a free concert. We are very proud to recognize local talent Avery Kellett as a member of this elite group!

Grade 7 and 8 Band

This year, Band will be offered as an Extra-Curricular club held after school Wednesdays from 3:45 – 5pm. Fifteen enthusiastic musicians have signed up and were able to attend a Division Wide “First Note Night” along with 200 beginner band students from across Hanover, and got a great head start on instrument care, specific instruction for their instrument, and individual help in making a great first sound. The Band sounds terrific already, after just 2 rehearsals!



“Walktober” - Formerly Known as International Walk to School Day

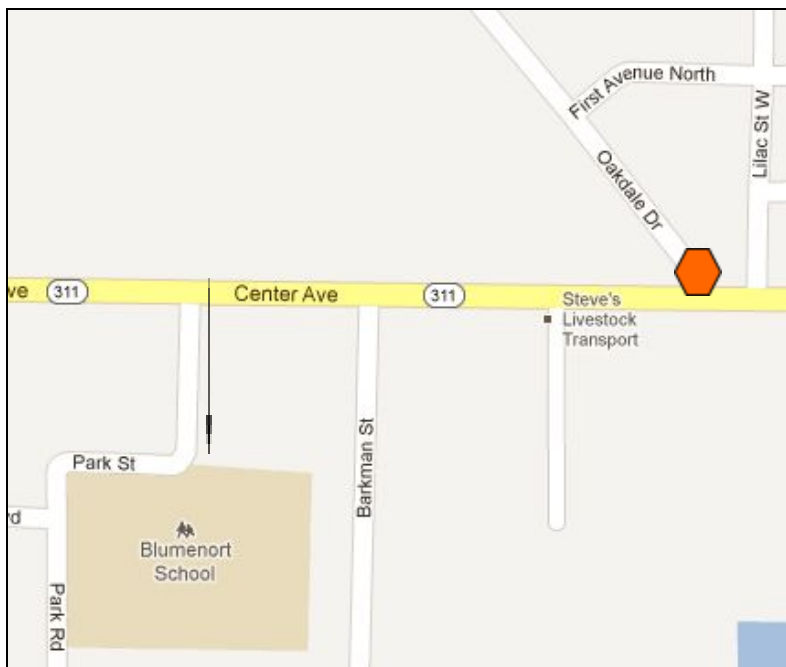
Over the years, October has been designated **International Walk to School Month (IWALK)**. Now, “Walktober” gives parents, students, teachers and community leaders an opportunity to be part of a global event as we celebrate the many benefits to walking. On Wednesday, October 3rd, we encourage everyone to walk or bike to school!

walkt is more than just getting together with children and going for a walk to school as a special event. This is certainly important, but the event's greater aim is to bring forth permanent change in communities across the globe. Below are just a few of its goals:

- **Encourage physical activity** by teaching children the skills to walk safely, how to identify safe routes to school, and the benefits of walking
- **Raise awareness of how walkable a community is** and where improvements can be made
- **Raise concern for the environment**
- **Reduce crime and take back neighborhoods** for people on foot
- **Reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and speed** near schools
- **Share valuable time with local community leaders, parents, and children**

IWALK info for those coming on the School Bus:

- Drop-off Location: Our busses will stop on Oakdale Drive just in front of the Oakdale Apartments.
- Walking Route: Our bus students will walk on the north sidewalk to the crosswalk and then to the school.





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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Hanover Parent-Child Community Progam 9:30am <i>Day 1</i>	2 Thanksgiving Lunch <i>Day 2</i>	3 Walktober - Walk to School Day <i>Day 3</i>	4 <i>Day 4</i>	5 <i>Day 5</i>
8 Thanksgiving Day No Classes <i>Day 6</i>	9 Fire Prevention Week - October 7-13 <i>Day 1</i>	10 <i>Day 2</i>	11 Hot Lunch - JT's <i>Day 3</i>	12 Eastman Choral Workshop <i>Day 4</i>
15 HPCCP - 9:30am School Bus Safety Week <i>Day 5</i>	16 Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza <i>Day 6</i>	17 <i>Day 1</i>	18 Hot Lunch - Taco DelMar <i>Day 2</i>	19 MTS Day No Classes <i>Day 3</i>
22 HPCCP - 9:30am <i>Day 4</i>	23 Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza <i>Day 5</i>	24 PAC AGM @ 12:00pm <i>Day 6</i>	25 Hot Lunch - DQ <i>Day 1</i>	26 <i>Day 2</i>
29 HPCCP - 9:30am <i>Day 3</i>	30 Hot Lunch - Domino's Pizza <i>Day 4</i>	31 <i>Day 5</i>		