

Blumenort School Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to everyone! Before we officially leave December behind, here are a few final thoughts...Thank you to Mrs. Sawatzky our music teacher, our staff and students for the wonderful Christmas concerts. Thank you also to the Blumenort EMC for the use of their facility for our Grade 1-2/3 program. We would like to welcome back Mrs. Kayla Dupont to Grade 5/6 and wish Mr. Shumsky all the best in his future endeavours! We would also like to welcome aboard Mr. Jonathon Fehr, as our new Head Custodian and wish Mr. Wolfe all the best.

Split Lunch Hour

Beginning Monday, January 7th, our lunch hour will look a little different. In an attempt to reduce lunch-hour behaviour and provide a little more space for everyone to play, our lunch hour will look as follows...

TIME	GRADE 1-4	GRADE 5-8
12:05-12:30pm	LUNCH	RECESS
12:30-1:00pm	RECESS	LUNCH
1:00pm	AFTERNOON CLASSES BEGIN	

Parents/Guardians & Visitors to our School

In an effort to keep track of the whereabouts of everyone at our school, we want to remind our parents/guardians and visitors of the following...

- Upon your arrival inside the school, please report to our Main Office.
- If your child is leaving our building with you during the day for appointments, special outings, illness, etc., please report to our office first. We will then call your child down to our office where you can sign them out before leaving.
- If your child is arriving following an appointment or special outing, please have your child report to our office to check-in.

The Busyness of our Main Office

Our Main Office is the hub of much activity and there are definitely times where it is busier than others. Here are a few of our concerns that we would like to address during the following times....

- Recess - Recess is scheduled from 10:40-10:55am and 2:10-2:25pm each day. If you need to pick up your child during these times, please ensure our office is aware before they head outside as your child will be a little easier to track down.
- Lunch - As mentioned above, our lunch hour times have changed a little. Please keep those in mind and once again ensure our office is aware if you need to get in touch with your child.
- End of the Day - It is our expectation that our students stay with us until 3:45pm each day. If on the odd occasion you need to pick up your child before that time, we ask that you give our office a call before **3:00pm** so that we can ensure the message will make it to their homeroom in time.

School Closures

There is always the possibility that our school may be closed due to the weather. For updated information on school closures, please listen to your local radio station or go online to blumenort.hsd.ca or hsd.ca During inclement weather when our school is open, our school buses may experience some delays. Please check out the following link for any updates

<http://hsd.ca/departments/transportation/bus-delay-bulletins/>

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is set for January 28-30. Thank you to our librarian, Mrs. Friesen for organizing this special school event and stay tuned for more information in the weeks ahead!

New Online Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-20 school year will open on **January 7, 2019**. The registration process will take place online at HSD.ca. If you do not have access to the Internet, please visit our school (after registration has opened), and we will assist you in completing the registration form on a school computer.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible upon the opening of registration, or by mid-February at the latest. Registering early will assist our school in preparation and planning for the upcoming school year. Early registration also provides parents/guardians with the opportunity to participate in upcoming 2019-20 orientation activities.

Children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2019 to be eligible for 2019-20 registration, and are required to attend the school within the catchment area in which they reside.

Please visit the divisional website at HSD.ca for complete details and instructions.



A from the Music Room

Thank-you, one and all! I am very grateful for the community's support of our Christmas programs – thank-you for attending, and for encouraging your kids to do their very best! I was very proud of ALL of our talented, hard-working musicians and actors. Thank-you, too, to the Parent Council for supporting our Arts program by providing a beautiful new piano keyboard for the Music Room. We have already begun making good use of our new Yamaha piano – it is AMAZING!

Band Club

It sounds like there are several students who are interested in starting with Band Club after Christmas – that would be wonderful! There is plenty of room for new students, and plenty of time to catch up. I encourage those considering this option to contact me directly at ssawatzky@hsd.ca I can direct you to some resources to look into over Christmas Vacation, to help you find a decent instrument, and so that your child can do a bit of catching up over the break.

*We would especially love a few more flute, trumpet, and trombone players.

Our first Band Club rehearsal of the New Year will take place Wednesday, January 9th from 3:45 to 5pm.

Noon Choir

Noon Choir will resume their schedule of rehearsing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:25-1pm once we return in January. (Students must commit to attending one rehearsal a week, but are welcome to come to both as schedules allow).


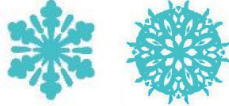
Students who have not been part of the Noon Choir are welcome to come join us for the next segment, which includes the following performances:

- **Winter Concert** – Thursday, February 14th – 2 and 7pm
- **Moose Hockey Game** - Tuesday evening, March 19th – Grade 5-8 Noon Choir sings at Moose Hockey Game – free tickets for singers who perform the National Anthem (and discounted seats for our friends and family)
- **Southeastern Manitoba Music Festival** – performance date t.ba. (March/April)

Other dates to mark on the calendar:

- Tuesday, May 28th – Grade 7 and 8 Celebration of the Arts
- Friday, May 31st – Sunday, June 2nd – (optional) Grade 7 and 8 Band Trip to the International Peace Gardens
- (a combined trip with Band students from Mitchell, Clearspring, and Stonybrook Middle Schools)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Christmas Break - December 24th - January 4th Classes Resume January 7th			
7	8	9	10	11
Kindergarten Registration Opens <i>Day 4</i>	Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 5</i>		Hot Lunch - Diner on 52 <i>Day 1</i>	 <i>Day 2</i>
14	15	16	17	18
 <i>Day 3</i>	Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 4</i>		Hot Lunch - JT's <i>Day 6</i>	 <i>Day 1</i>
21	22	23	24	25
 <i>Day 2</i>	Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 3</i>	Gr 7&8 Red Rock (Jan 23-25) <i>Day 4</i>	Hot Lunch - Taco Del Mar <i>Day 5</i>	 <i>Day 6</i>
28	29	30	31	
Book Fair Starts (Jan 28-30) <i>Day 1</i>	Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 2</i>		Hot Lunch - DQ <i>Day 4</i>	