Blumenort School Newsletter

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The Return of our School Patrols

Beginning Monday, March 4th, our school patrols will return to their duties of assisting our students across the busy roadways near our school. This time, they will be located just to the west of our school at the corner of Park Street and Parkview Blvd. Lately, we have noticed that there has been an increase in the amount of vehicles picking up our students in that area. With that increase in traffic comes a decrease in the visibility of our students who cross at that location. We ask for everyone's cooperation as we work to keep everyone safe.

<u>Scholastic Book Fair</u>

Our Scholastic Book Fair was held in early February. We are pleased to announce that we raised \$3217.25 which in turn gives our library some great new books. Thank you to our librarian, Mrs. Friesen for your organization and to all who supported the event!

"I Love to Read"

Literacy Month at Blumenort School began in February and will continue into March. Besides our traditional "Stop, Drop & Read" times, we also had guest readers visit our classrooms and our students have been collaborating with other classrooms as part of their Winter Activity Challenge. Corny Rempel will also be presenting at an assembly on March 1st @11:30am.

Nutrition Month

On Friday, March 22nd, our students will be starting the morning off on the right foot by enjoying a breakfast together in our gym. On the menu is a muffin, cheese stick, fresh fruit and a drink box. We are once again looking forward to the opportunity to gather together as an entire school.

Nutritious Lunch

Our Grade 1 and 2 Nutritious Lunch will be held on Wednesday, March 20th. A note will be heading home to say what food group each classroom is responsible for. Stay tuned!

2019 Kindergarten Registration

If your child is eligible for Kindergarten Registration (must be five years of age on or before Dec. 31, 2019), and have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible. Our new online registration process takes only a few minutes to complete. To begin, visit the HSD Kindergarten Registration page at https://hsd.ca/schools/kindergarten-registration/

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 orientation activities.

World's Finest Chocolate Almond & Assorted Chocolates Fundraiser

Our annual, school-wide World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser started in February. Just a reminder that money and unsold chocolate are due on March 7th.

Grade 8 Grad Pictures

The Grade 8 Grad picture date has been CHANGED to March 12th, 2019 in the Library. An order form was sent home with your child earlier this week. If you did not receive this and would like to order pictures please contact the school office.

Report Cards

Our school year continues to quickly move along. As a result, the second term report cards will be available on the parent portal on Monday, March 18. This will be followed by an evening for you to visit your child's teacher on Thursday, March 21 from 4:30-6:00pm. Stay tuned for a letter on how to connect with your child's teacher.

From the Music Room

Thanks, everyone, for your support of our Valentine's Hoedown! We had such a good time putting it together for you! If anyone has any great photos they'd be willing to share, we'd love it if you would send them our way! (ssawatzky@hsd.ca)

Thanks, y'all!

Dates to take of:

<u>Moose Hockey Game</u> - Tuesday evening, March 19th 7:00pm – Grade 4-8 Noon Choir sings the Anthem then stays to watch the game! Free tickets for singers and discounted seats for family and friends. (Regular price is \$32.75; Blumenort School price is \$21.00)

Singers will travel in by School Bus and may return home by bus or with parents, once properly signed out.

Order form will be sent home with singers, and is also attached to this newsletter.

Payment and order form due to Mrs. Sawatzky by Tuesday, March 5th.

** You do not need to have a singer in the choir to join us at the Moose Game! Come show your Bengal Pride!

Southeastern Manitoba Music Festival –

<u>Friday, March 15th</u> – 10:45am Speech Arts Session Grades 8P, 8K, 7B and 7P – each homeroom class performs 2 memorized poems. (One serious, one fun).

<u>Monday, March 18th</u> – 10:30am Session Grade 3 Choir (includes 3's from 2/3P) Grade 4 Choir (includes 4's from 4/5S) 1:00pm Choir Session Grade 4-8 Noon Choir

Other dates to mark on the calendar:

Tuesday, May 28th – Grade 7 and 8 (and Band and Noon Choir) - 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)

Grade 9 SRSS Orientation

For our current Grade 8 students, the SRSS Student Tour is set for Thursday, March 7th from 9:30am-12:00pm, while the Parent Orientation Night will be held that same evening from 6:00-8:30pm. Our students will then have a couple of weeks before registering online here at our school.

Soccer Registration

Blumenort Soccer Registration is now open

- Late Registrations Start March 25th and the Last day of available registration is April 17th.
- Soccer will run from May 1st June 19th (Weather permitting) Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30
- Register online at <u>www.blumenortsoccer.com</u>
- Registration and payment are only accepted on-line.

Eastman Raiders Spring Camp

This is a non-contact/no equipment camp suitable for all levels of experience. We will be teaching fundamental skills and techniques. Registration info and more details at www.eastmanraiders.com

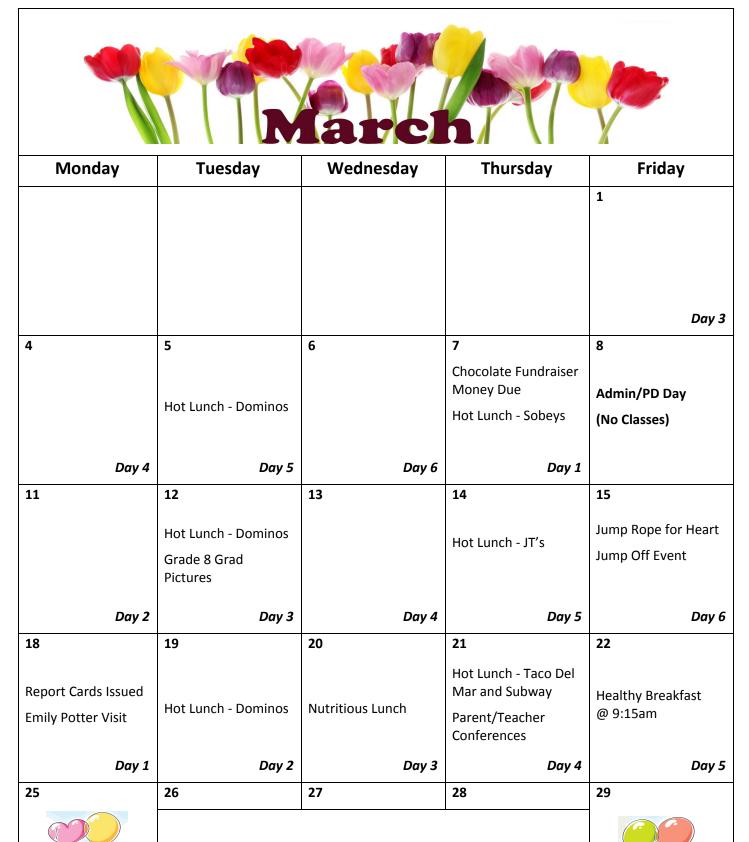
Baseball Registration

Blumenort Baseball Registration runs online from March 3rd-17th. For more information please visit the following website: <u>http://www.blumenortballclub.ca/</u>

Phys Ed News

Blumenort School is excited to be participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart - a program that gets students active and promotes healthy living and social responsibility. A Kick-Off assembly was held on Thursday February 28th, where Stephanie the program coordinator for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba came to talk to the 1-6's about the program and how we can help. This year's fundraiser begins Thursday, February 28th and wraps up on Friday, March 15th where the K-6 students will be having their jump-off event.

We are excited to welcome Emily Potter as part of our gym class on Monday, March 18th. Emily has been a member of the Canadian National Basketball Team program since 2013 and has suited up for Team Canada a number of times representing our country all over the world. In the spring of 2018, she was specially invited to the WNBA's Seattle Storm training camp, marking the first time ever a Manitoba born athlete was involved in a WNBA tryout.



Spring Break (March 25-29, 2019)

Classes resume April 1, 2019