

Blumenort School Newsletter

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Staffing Updates - The month of April has brought about many changes to our secretarial and teaching staff. Earlier this month, we said goodbye to Ms. Golke, our Administrative Secretary, as she transferred to the Hanover School Division main office. Moving into Ms. Golke's position will be Mrs. Bergmann, who has been our part-time secretary for the past two years. Over the summer however, Mrs. Bergmann will be heading to her home community of Niverville to become the Administrative Secretary of Niverville Elementary. Congratulations Aimee! Landis Benitez, who is the current Administrative Secretary of Niverville Elementary will be returning to Blumenort. Some of you may remember Landis when she first joined our school three years ago before heading to Niverville. Welcome back Landis! This past week, our school then hired Mrs. Rebecca Kroeker as our new part-time secretary. Rebecca has transferred into our school after splitting her time between Niverville Collegiate and Bothwell School. Welcome aboard Rebecca!

If you thought that our Main Office has had major change, so has our teaching staff. We begin by wishing Ms. Sarah Barton all the best in her new position beginning in September at Niverville Middle School! Ms. B. has been with us since September of 2013 in a variety of positions, including Grade 7&8 French. We are also excited to announce that we have hired Mrs. Michelle Plett, Mr. Scott Hutchinson and Mr. David Kroeker all for term positions in the year ahead. Staff tuned in June when we will provide an updated 2019-2020 staffing list.

New Logo - Over the past few months, we have had a number of conversations about our current school logo and the possibility of creating something new. With the assistance of Mr. Scott Hutchinson, who has been student-teaching with us this past year, those conversations became reality. The two logos below are the ones that we have chosen moving forward. Logo #1, according to Mr. Hutch... *"This concept has a retro-type treatment that really feels like a school logo of old. The bengal is more detailed and more cartoonish than the other concepts. It is meant to look proud, non-threatening as it gazes into the future."* Logo #2 will be our new Grade 7&8 interschool sports logo. Once again, according to Mr. Hutch... *"This concept is a very contemporary, bold, dynamic but minimalist take on the bengal. More reminiscent of what you see in professional sports leagues of late. The type treatment is sharp and aggressive to match."* Thank you to Mr. Hutch for these two amazing concepts and also for the awesome mural you created as you enter our school!

LOGO #1



LOGO #2



Kindergarten Orientation - Our annual Kindergarten Orientation is set for Tuesday, May 7th. If you have not already done so please remember to bring a photocopy of your child's birth certificate, Manitoba Health Card and proof of address. If you have a child or are aware of someone who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2019, it is not too late to register. 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/>

2019-2020 Class Lists - Thank you to those who returned the Class Placement Parent Request Form that was due April 15th. A reminder to everyone that there are a number of factors that need to be considered when developing these lists such as achievement, behaviour, group dynamics, learning styles, etc. We also believe that our parents are active partners in the education process. After reviewing those that were returned, our staff were able to complete the class list process. Please note that your child's placement will be shared at the end of June.

Bike to School Month Begins - Bike to School Month (May 6-June 5), together with Clean Air Day, also known as I Walk to School Day (June 5), gives schools a special chance to encourage students to bike, walk or skate to school. The events are a chance to celebrate our environment by keeping our air clean, to share travel safety skills with children, to bring safety to our neighborhoods, to address traffic congestion, pollution and speed around our schools, and to spend valuable time with one another. Join the celebration!

Bengals Badminton – Congratulations to our Grade 7&8 Badminton players who participated in the HSD Badminton Championships in Steinbach!

Bengals Track & Field - This year's Blumenort Grade 5-8 Track & Field Meet takes place on Thursday, May 23rd (Rain date is May 27th). The HSD meets are scheduled for early June.

Earth Day – Thank you to our students and staff for your amazing efforts this past month as we brought awareness and action to the many issues facing our earth, especially with our annual town cleanup and our Plastic Bag Challenge. Great job everyone!

A few dates to make  of from the Music Room:

Thursday, May 2nd – Grade 7 and 8 Band is participating in the Level One Band Festival in Winnipeg. Band members should wear black bottoms and their new Band shirts, and bring along a bag lunch. Good luck on your performance!


Wednesday, May 8th, am – Grade 7 and 8 Band will join all other Hanover Band students to attend a Concert in Steinbach put on by the National Youth Band. The public is also welcome to attend – 9:45am at the E Free Church on Mackenzie Blvd. A small admission charge will be taken at the door.

Wednesday, May 15th – All Grade 4-6 students will spend the morning at the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra concert "Our Music, Our Language". Students have been busy learning the music they will hear, as well as finding out all about the instruments of the Orchestra. In the afternoon, Grade 4's will visit 1st Presbyterian Church to learn all about the Pipe Organ – its history and how it makes sound, and a few lucky students will even have a chance to play it! Grade 5's and 6's will be treated to an afternoon of learning at the Manitoba Museum.

*** Please watch for Permission Slips to be signed on Parent Portal!

Tuesday, May 28th – Grade 7 and 8 "Celebration of the Arts" Concert – think "Coffee House/Art Gallery". Students will perform either a short Drama or Music presentation, as well as having a variety of their Visual Arts pieces on display around the gym. Each homeroom will present one of the Speech Choir poems from the Festival earlier this Spring, and the After School Band will also perform a few of their "greatest hits".

Friday, May 31st – Sunday, June 2nd – 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 Gr. 4-8 French Assembly <i>Day 2</i>	2 Gr 7&8 Level 1 Band Hot Lunch - Sobeys <i>Day 3</i>	3 <i>Day 4</i>
6 <i>Day 5</i>	7 Hot Lunch - Pizza Kinder. Orientation HSD Board Meeting (Public) <i>Day 6</i>	8 Gr 6 Immunization <i>Day 1</i>	9 Hot Lunch - JT's <i>Day 2</i>	10 <i>Day 3</i>
13 <i>Day 4</i>	14 Hot Lunch - Pizza <i>Day 5</i>	15 Gr 4-6 Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra <i>Day 6</i>	16 Hot Lunch - Taco Del Mar & Subway <i>Day 1</i>	17 <i>Day 2</i>
20 Victoria Day (No Classes)	21 Hot Lunch - Pizza <i>Day 3</i>	22 <i>Day 4</i>	23 Hot Lunch - DQ Track & field Meet (Gr 5-8) <i>Day 5</i>	24 <i>Day 6</i>
27 <i>Day 1</i>	28 Hot Lunch - Pizza Gr 7-8 Celebration of the Arts <i>Day 2</i>	29 <i>Day 3</i>	30 Hot Lunch - JT's <i>Day 4</i>	31 Gr 4 Fire Safety Presentations <i>Day 5</i>