



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

October 2019 Newsletter

Terry Fox Run

Our annual Terry Fox Run was held right here at Blumenort School on Thursday, September 26. 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 \$1,500.00 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 8** 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 4**.
- 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.

Show & Save

Our Show & Save Fundraiser is also quickly coming to a close. Here are a few reminders...

- Our online sales runs until **Friday, October 4**.
- More info can be found by checking out www.showandsavecard.com
- By purchasing your Show & Save from us, the money you raise will go directly towards each child's field trip and learning opportunity expenses, while at the same time saving your family a lot of money.

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 should have received an email last week outlining our parking/pickup reminders.
- 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 **October 17** to pick them up.

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is October 6-12, 2019. This year's theme is, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practise Your Escape!" Over the years at Blumenort School, our students have participated in special sessions with members of the Hanover Fire Department and we once again look forward to those opportunities at our own Blumenort Station this year!

Bus Safety Week

School Bus Safety Week will be observed October 21-25, 2019 and this year's theme is "Red Lights Mean STOP!" 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.

Blumenort PAC Annual General Meeting

Welcome back, students, staff and parents! It's hard to believe that we are approaching the 2nd month of the new school year! Hopefully everyone is settling into the routine of school and the busyness that accompanies this season. We invite you to attend our **PAC Annual General Meeting on October 10th @ 12:00 in Room B1**. Everyone is welcome to attend! We look forward to seeing you there! We also plan on doing the Vista Gift Card Fundraiser again! All rebates earned from your gift card sales will once again benefit you and your family personally. Stay tuned for further details towards the end of October.

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 23, 2019 to June 1, 2020** 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.

Cross-Country Running

The Blumenort Middle Years Cross Country team had a very strong finish to the 2019 season! After the disappointment of having the first race rained out, all 26 runners worked hard at the Milk Run in Winnipeg on Wednesday, September 25th, and gave their everything at the final race of the season, the Hanover Divisional run at AD Penner Park on Friday the 27th. We are very proud of all the runners for representing our school so well, and for their commitment to training almost every noon hour since school began, but want to give special mention to the following runners who placed Divisionally:

Jaxson D. Grade 5 - 3rd place

Xavier F. Grade 7 - 2nd place

Jillian P. Grade 7 - 4th place

Jude P. Grade 8 - 2nd place

Huge congratulations to the Grade 8 boys team collectively won the banner for Runner-up in the Division! Honourable mention to the Grade 6 boys team who were just a few points shy of taking the Runner-up banner as well.

Mrs. Sawatzky, Mrs. Neufeld, Mrs. Plett, Mr. Hiebert

Picture Retake Day

Please take note that our Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30 at 1pm.

Bengals Merchandise

We are just finalizing our Bengals merchandise option for 2019-2020. Stay tuned in the next few weeks for a letter outlining our plan!

A from the Music Room

Band

- Congratulations to our new Band students from Grade 6-8! I was thrilled to take 34 First Year Band students to Mitchell on September 8th for Hanover's "First Note Night" clinic with instrument specialists from all over the province! We are off to a great start!
- Just a reminder that students are to aim to practice 3 times a week, about 15 minutes at a time.
- If you are going to be missing Band Club for any reason, please let Mrs. Sawatzky know first thing in the morning!
- Beginner Band meets 3:45-5pm Mondays, Intermediate Band meets 3:45-5pm Wednesdays; both Bands will combine and practice Mondays **after the Christmas Break.**



Classroom

- Grade 4-6 students 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 \$7.00.

Middle School Choir

Choir Rehearsals will begin as soon as Cross-Country season is over! Noon Choir is open to students in Grades 5 through 8, and will rehearse **Tuesdays and Thursdays** from 12:05-12:30. We have several special performances lined up already, including the Remembrance Day program, the Christmas Concert, and live on AM1250 radio on Tuesday, December 10th, broadcast from Steinbach Credit Union.

I am also working on finding a suitable date for us to sing at the Manitoba Moose hockey game once again! Go, Choir, Go!

Eastman School Choral Workshop Day

This annual event is set for Friday, October 18th, and each school is allowed to send just 20 students from each grade level (5 through 12) to this event. The workshop takes place from 9:30am – 4pm, with two evening performances this year:

Grade 5 and 6 Choirs (and Eastman Youth Choir) at 4:30pm

Junior High and Senior High Choirs (and Eastman Youth Choir) at 6:30pm

Information and permission slips will be coming home shortly with interested students, and I will be looking for some parent volunteers to join us for the day.

Can you help?

And with that – I look forward to a wonderful year of making music with your children!

Mrs. Shannon Sawatzky

“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 2**, we encourage everyone to walk or bike to school!

Walktober 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**

Walktober 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.



Poetry & Short-Story Contests

Any students interested in participating in a short-story or poetry writing contest, see Mrs. Friesen in the library for more information. This is a national contest for all Kindergarten to grade 12 students who enjoy writing creative fiction. Winners of the contest will have their work published. Good luck to all contestants!

DO YOU LOVE TO WRITE?

WANT THE CHANCE TO BE PUBLISHED?

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE OUR **14TH** ANNUAL STUDENT WRITING CONTESTS

2019/2020 NATIONAL STUDENT POETRY AND SHORT-STORY CONTESTS
(CREATIVE FICTION ONLY - NO ESSAYS PLEASE)

NO ENTRY FEES! CASH PRIZES TO BE WON!

Deadlines: Poems (32-line max.): Nov. 29, 2019
Short Stories (450-word max.): Dec. 6, 2019

Other rules: All work must be original and be within line/word limits (above). Entries must not have been/be submitted to another contest or previously published. Please remove any online postings of the work. Entries should be in English or accompanied by an English translation.

FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO COPY OR DOWNLOAD AN ENTRY FORM

OVER \$9,000 IN MERIT AND BONUS PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, AND SCHOOLS

ALL ENTRANTS RECEIVE A BOOKMARK GIFT. THERE ARE NO LOSERS!

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PO BOX 500 STN MAIN
MAPLE RIDGE BC V2X 3P2

EMAIL
POEM: pepstudentpoetry@shaw.ca
STORY: pepstudentstory@shaw.ca

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO READ PAST WINNING ENTRIES AND TESTIMONIALS

(BE SURE TO INCLUDE AN ENTRY FORM OR REASONABLE FACSIMILE)

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.polarexpressions.ca FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Turn Markers



Into Energy!

Dear Parents,

We're excited to tell you about a very special program we're coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing program devised to repurpose used markers rather than sending them to landfills!

The ColorCycle program has repurposed more than 70 tons of expended markers in the United States and Canada since 2013, and uses the most advanced plastic conversion technologies available today to make wax compounds for asphalt and roofing shingles as well as to generate electricity that can be used to heat homes, cook food, and power vehicles.

All around Blumenort School, students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house- even non-Crayola brands! Highlighters and dry erase markers can also be included. There will be a drop-off box located at the school office for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can continue to keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Sincerely,

The ESF Team

Learn more at <http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Hanover Parent-Child Community Program 9:30am Day 1	1 Hot Lunch - Dominos Pizza Day 2	2 Walktober - Walk to School Day Day 3	3 Hot Lunch - New B's Day 4	4 Day 5
7 HPCCP - 9:30am Day 6	8 Thanksgiving Lunch Day 1	9 Day 2	10 PAC AGM @ 12:00pm Hot Lunch - Taco Del Mar/Subway Day 3	11 Day 4
14 Thanksgiving Day NO CLASSES Day 3	15 Hot Lunch - Dominos Pizza Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Hot Lunch - JT's Day 6	18 Eastman Choral Workshop Day 2
21 HPCCP - 9:30am Day 3	22 Hot Lunch - Dominos Pizza Day 4	23 Day 5	24 Hot Lunch - Sobey's Day 6	25 MTS PD Day NO CLASSES Day 5
28 HPCCP - 9:30am Day 1	29 Hot Lunch - Dominos Pizza Day 2	30 Picture Day Retakes 1pm Day 3	31 Hot Lunch - New B's Day 4	1 Day 5