



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

September 2019 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year at Blumenort School! We hope everyone had a relaxing and restful summer. At this time we would like to wish all of our new families that have joined our community and especially our new Kindergarten students, a warm welcome to the Blumenort area and our school. At Blumenort School, we believe that it is important to keep the lines of communication open between your home and our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 326-1757 or at one of the email addresses listed on the last page.

2019-2020 Blumenort School Staff

This year we have a few new additions to our staff lineup that we would like to share with you....Landis Benitez (Admin. Secretary), Brad Peters (1P), Michelle Plett (4P), Scott Hutchinson (7H & Visual Communication), David Kroeker (7&8 Science) and Matthew Hoskins (7&8 French). Returning is Brandy Derksen (3D) and Kristy Shumsky (6S). We would like to wish all of our staff members a great year! Together we will make Blumenort School a fantastic school where student learning is our number one priority. For a complete list of our staff please see below and for their email addresses, please visit our website.

		2019-2020 BLUMENORT SCHOOL - STAFF LINEUP			
Principal:	Dave Schettler	Grade 4:	Rachel Allard	Educational Asst.:	Carla Burkert
Vice-Principal:	Corinne Thiessen	Grade 4:	Michelle Plett	Educational Asst.:	Jena Carriere
Admin. Secretary:	Landis Benitez	Grade 5:	Andrea Cuccaro	Educational Asst.:	Rhonda Falk
Secretary:	Rebecca Kroeker	Grade 5:	Kayla Dupont	Educational Asst.:	Val Konrad
Learning Support:	Mallory Worsnop	Grade 6:	Cameron Hiebert	Educational Asst.:	Pat Koop
Counsellor:	Curtis Brandt	Grade 6:	Kristy Shumsky	Educational Asst.:	Jodi Moorey-Gamaldo
Early Lit:	Rhonda Stobbe	Grade 7/Art:	Scott Hutchinson	Educational Asst.:	Norine Plett
Early Lit/Num:	Ariana Neufeld	Grade 8:	Katie Fast	Educational Asst.:	Susan Reimer
Kindergarten:	Elaine Kauenhofen	Grade 8:	Monica Klassen	Educational Asst.:	Liz Stoesz
Grade 1:	Brad Peters	Science (7&8):	David Kroeker	Head Custodian:	Bill Wassenaar
Grade 1:	Amanda Ross	Phys. Ed. (1-6):	Kelly Tufford	Asst. Custodian:	Maria Boldt
Grade 1:	Emily Walker	Phys. Ed. (7&8):	Curtis Brandt	Asst. Custodian:	Lydia Hoffman
Grade 2:	Jennifer Penner	Music/Guitar/Drama:	Shannon Sawatzky	Bus Driver #237:	Jackie Goertzen
Grade 2:	Irene Plett	French (5&6):	Andrea Cuccaro	Bus Driver #259:	Mary Ann Lupky
Grade 3:	Brandy Derksen	French (7&8):	Matthew Hoskins	Bus Driver #310:	John Whitehead
Grade 3:	Celia Kellett	Librarian:	Ellie Friesen	Bus Driver #325:	Marge Reimer-Toews

Meet The Teacher - September 3rd from 4:00-5:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for our annual Meet the Teacher Night Tuesday, September 3rd from 4:00-5:30pm. Our students and parents are welcome to stop by the classroom to meet their new teacher and drop off their school supplies. Don't forget to check out the table by our main entrance to enter your name for a chance to win some really cool prizes. The draw will be made at our Welcome Back Assembly on Wednesday morning.

HSD Parent Portal

Stay connected and informed. The HSD Parent Portal is a communications tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children. The portal will provide secure online access to their child's student information. With a single username and password, you will be able to access the following data for each of your children attending an HSD school:

- Student Information
- School Fees Account
- Report Cards
- Attendance Information
- Permissions & Consent Forms
- School Information

Before creating a Parent Access Account, you will first need to obtain a unique Access ID for each student profile that you want added to your account. Please contact our school office to request account setup information.

Picture Day

Please take note that our Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th. In the next little while you will receive a package from our school outlining the various picture package options.

The Lines of Communication

In an effort to keep track of our students' whereabouts, we ask that parents/guardians continue to communicate with the main office. Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- Please call between 8:30 and 8:50am to speak to someone directly, leave a message at anytime, email blumenort.hsd.ca to advise the office that your child will be absent or late, or log onto the ***Parent Portal and put in an absent request!***
- If there is an unexplained student absence, we will continue the practice of calling parents after 9:00am and 1:00pm.
- If your children are leaving the building (for appointments or special outings, because of illness, etc.) during the course of the day, we ask that you and/or your children report to the office before departing.
- If your child arrives at school outside the regular times (appointment or illness, returning the same day after having checked out etc.), please make sure that the office knows about their arrival and also to pick up a late slip.

School Safety

Now that classes are about to start, we again need to pay close attention to the safety concerns that arise as our students make their way to school. We all need to cooperate and follow some basic rules to ensure that we keep our children safe.

- As you will see, there has been a new staff parking lot under construction to the northeast of our school. We will provide an update for all of our families when it has been completed.
- To cross our bus loop, we ask once again that our students use either of the two openings in the fence but to please be aware of traffic.
- Please remember that private vehicles need to avoid using our bus loop.
- In front of our school there are a number of areas highlighted with bright yellow paint and pylons. Please avoid stopping or parking in these areas, as per the signs that are posted.
- At our main crosswalk on the PTH 311, we ask for your patience and awareness as our students make their way to and from school.
- Bike riders, walkers and those who are being picked up or dropped off always need to be aware of their surroundings. It is best to avoid the bus loop when possible and always remember to use care and caution.
- Once again this year, a second bike rack zone for students is located by the west main entrance. Students coming from the south and west on Park Street will now need to park in this area.
- Finally, we would like to remind all parents, relatives and visitors to please check in at the main office when you arrive at our school. From there we will be able to help you with your concerns.

Notice of Approved Petitions for Blumenort School

Petition for Religious Exercises (2019-20)

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious exercises be held at Blumenort School during the 2019-20 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees has authorized religious exercises as specified above. These exercises are to be held before the official instructional day, in a designated common area of the school.

Petition for Religious Instruction (2019-20)

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious instruction be held at Blumenort School during the 2019-20 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time Program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction as specified above. This instruction is to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Parents/Guardians who did not sign the submitted petitions are eligible to join at any time, by delivering a signed note to the school office. The note must indicate the name and grade of student for whom permission to participate is being given, and include parent/guardian signature. The school principal will forward all received documentation to the HSD Administration Office. Only children whose parents/guardians signed the petition or have subsequently joined via permission note, may participate in the exercises and instruction as described above.

Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Public Schools Act and Provincial Guidelines, after petition by parents/guardians. Petitions must be presented to the board on an annual basis, in advance of the next school year. Original petitions must be submitted to the Hanover School Division Administrative Office by April 30th.

Additional information regarding the Public Schools Act, HSD policies, and Provincial Guidelines governing these petitions can be viewed on the Blumenort School website.



Ron Falk,
Board Chair
Hanover
School Division



Randy Dueck,
Superintendent-C
EO Hanover
School Division

Approved May 7, 2019

Blumenort School 2019-2020 Fundraisers

From Tuesday, September 3rd until Friday, October 4th, our school will simultaneously run two school-wide fundraisers.

1. Subway Cookie Dough & Muffin Fundraiser

- The product is from the same manufacturer as Subway cookies and muffins which are extremely popular and very easy to sell.
- The muffins are a thaw and serve while the cookie dough comes in individual frozen pucks that just need to be placed directly on a cookie sheet for 10 minutes. Very convenient for the consumer!!
- A pre-sale sheet is enclosed with the envelope you will be receiving which can be used to take orders and the product will be delivered approximately two weeks after all the order forms are collected.
- Any cheques should be made payable to Blumenort School and please be careful as you enter your orders on the order form so you receive the correct number of each flavour!
- This year, the money we raise will continue to support our Music & Phys. Ed. programs, make further improvements to our front entrance and continue to improve the technology in each of our classrooms.
- Great prizes will be available to sellers! If you have any questions, please let us know.



2. Show & Save Fundraiser

- The Show & Save App has exploded in popularity. The simplicity and convenience of it, along with the growing number of cool features has helped people to save more money than ever before.
- You can flag your favourite coupons, keep track of coupons you have redeemed, see nearby savings as well as search for businesses by name and keywords. It gets better, new businesses are joining all the time. For only \$25 you can experience endless savings with Show & Save.
- Sell even more! With their online ordering feature your friends and family can still buy Show & Save without you even seeing them. The best part is when they enter our Fundraising Code our school still profits from the sale. More great news! You don't have to see the people purchasing online because they are automatically emailed their App Activation Code. How easy is that!
- Every student that sells 3 or more Mobile App Activation Cards will receive one, Winnipeg Jets Yearbook!
- 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.



Thank you once again for supporting the fundraising that we do at Blumenort School! Your involvement makes such a difference in what happens at our school.



Blumenort 2019-2020 Hanover Parent and Child Community Program

Attention: Blumenort Parents

Blumenort School and The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program would like to invite you to bring your preschool children to attend a weekly parent and child program. Come with your children to have fun, learn, play, create and sing. This program is free and provides a snack. No registration is needed, just drop in when you can.

Children enjoy playing with and learning from other children. It is important for children to be exposed to playing with other children so they learn how to share, participate in cooperative play and express themselves. Children will have the opportunity to play with a variety of toys, sing, complete crafts and learn new games.

This program is being provided for preschool children to promote the development of school readiness skills.

Come join Miss Holly:

When: Monday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30am

- This program runs Mondays starting September 23, 2019 and ending June 1, 2020.
- Families can attend weekly or just drop in when you can.)

Where: Room A-6 at Blumenort School

- We will follow the same schedule as the division school calendar in regards to school closure days.



Strong Connections - September 13th & 16th

The Strong Connections program is planned for our school on Friday, September 13th and Monday, September 16th. Strong Connections is a form of authentic assessment in a practical and useful way. The purpose is to enhance the beginning of the year classroom assessment for all children. It includes observation and assessment practices both in the classroom and on an individual basis. Students will be asked to attend either on the Friday or the Monday, which was noted on the June Report Card. With half of our students present, students will then be further divided to allow our homeroom teachers the opportunity to meet one-on-one with each student and participate in assessment activities in Language Arts and Mathematics. This is an opportunity for teachers to gather data about each child's learning that may not be evident during whole class instruction. It is also an opportunity to further develop the teacher-student relationship to strengthen the connection. A letter will be coming home shortly with the date that your child will attend or check the parent portal to view your dates. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our school.

Terry Fox Run

Our Annual Terry Fox Run will be held right here at Blumenort School on Thursday, September 26th. Our Toonies for Terry will be collected during the week leading up to the event. Parents are welcome to join us! Please make sure you have signed the "Walking Permission Form" (permission can also be given on the parent portal) for your child to participate.

HSD Grade 5-8 Cross-Country Running & Volleyball

All Grade 5-8 students can sign up for our Cross-Country Running Team. HSD Run #1 is set for Friday, September 20th. The Milk Run Cross Country Challenge is set for Wednesday, September 25th. HSD Run #2 is set for Friday, September 27th. Practices for this year's running team are set to begin very shortly and will be held twice a week over the lunch hour. In order to participate, a signed permission form is required. Stay tuned to our daily announcements. This year's volleyball season begins on October 1st. Grade 7&8 girls tournaments will be on Tuesdays while the boys will be on Thursdays. All tournaments will start at 5:30pm. Also, if you are interested in coaching this year, please let us know.



SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 Meet the Teacher 4:00-5:30pm Fundraiser Kickoffs	4 First Day of Classes Kindergarten Interviews <i>Day 1</i>	5 Kindergarten Interviews <i>Day 2</i>	6 Kindergarten Staggered Entry <i>Day 3</i>
9 Kindergarten Staggered Entry <i>Day 4</i>	10 <i>Day 5</i>	11 <i>Day 6</i>	12 <i>Day 1</i>	13 Strong Connections <i>Day 2</i>
16 Strong Connections <i>Day 3</i>	17 <i>Day 4</i>	18 Picture Day <i>Day 5</i>	19 <i>Day 6</i>	20 HSD Gr.5-8 Cross Country Run #1 <i>Day 1</i>
23 Hanover Parent-Child Community Program Begins - 9:30am <i>Day 2</i>	24 <i>Day 3</i>	25 Milk Run Cross Country Challenge <i>Day 4</i>	26 Terry Fox Run <i>Day 5</i>	27 HSD Gr.5-8 Cross Country Run #2 <i>Day 6</i>
30 Orange Shirt Day HPCCP @ 9:30am <i>Day 1</i>				