



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

February 2020 Newsletter

Literacy Month at Blumenort School

February is Literacy Month at Blumenort School. Our focus this year will be the “One School-One Book” model, with a twist. Mrs. Stobbe and Mrs. Thiessen have instead chosen three books for our school...

- Kindergarten-Grade 1 classes: “The World According to Humphrey” by Betty Birney
- Grade 2-4 classes: “A Boy Called Bat” by Alana Arnold
- Grade 5-8 classes: “Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus” by Dusti Bowling

Each homeroom teacher will receive a copy of the book for their grade. This book will be read aloud by the homeroom teacher during the month of February. Our goal is also to focus on the character of a learner as we read these books together. The month will also feature a “Stop, Drop and Read” and we are also having Cornie Rempel here as a special guest on February 28th at 11:30am.

Kindergarten Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Kindergarten Report Cards will be available on the Parent-Portal on Monday, February 10th at 3:45pm. If you have not yet made a Parent Portal account please do so immediately and choose the electronic report option. If you need the access code to set up your account please contact our office at 204-326-1757. Once on the Parent Portal you are able to report absences, give consent for field trips, pay fees, view/print the report card, etc. Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, February 13th. You can book your 10 minute appointment now on the Parent Portal.

2020-2021 Online Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for 2020-2021 is now open. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible. Early registration will assist schools in planning for fall entry. Registering before March 1, will provide parents/guardians with the opportunity to attend upcoming Kindergarten orientation events. More information can be found at <https://hsd.ca/schools/kindergarten-registration/>

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to our librarian, Mrs. Friesen for organizing this special school event and stay tuned for more information about the success of the fair!

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/>

Upcoming Calendar Changes

Please take note of the following calendar changes...

- HSD Grade 7-8 Badminton Round-Robin Tournament will now take place APRIL 27, 2020.
- HSD Grade 7-8 Badminton Finals will now take place APRIL 28, 2020.
- Grade 5-8 Track & Field Day will now take place MAY 21, 2020.
- Grade 5-8 Track & Field Day Rain Date will now take place MAY 22, 2020.



's from the Music Room:

We have a number of exciting events planned for the next few months – please make note on your calendar and stay tuned for more information!

Thursday, February 6th at 7:00pm – Grade 2 and 3 Singers are taking part in an “I Love to Read” event at the Mennonite Heritage Village Museum. Several children’s authors will read their books, and our students will provide some singing in between the story-telling! Admission is Free for everyone. Grade 2 and 3 parents are asked to confirm their student’s participation on Parent Portal asap – it is an OPTIONAL event, but we wish to know how many children to expect. Thanks!

Thursday, February 27th – Grade 1-3 students will present an Afternoon Music Assembly featuring the Music of Camille Saint-Saens: “**Carnival of the Animals**”. Assembly time is t.b.a. (likely 2:30pm); there will NOT be an evening performance. Parents and guests are welcome!

Tuesday, March 10th – Grade 2 students will be treated to an exciting performance of “Wall to Wall Percussion” by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, held at the Winnipeg Concert Hall! More information to follow regarding parent volunteers, and afternoon plans.

Recorder Club – Blumenort School has been invited to prepare a group of Grade 4-6 to perform on-stage with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the April Concert of “**Raiders of the Lost Art**”! We have been meeting 2 Noon Hours per week to learn the song “Child of the Universe” by local composer Craig Cassils, and will perform on stage on the morning of Tuesday, April 28th at 10:30am. Mrs. Sawatzky is currently working on securing tickets for parents who wish to come watch their child on stage – cost t.b.a. A note will come home shortly to determine how many people are interested in purchasing tickets to attend. What an exciting opportunity!

Other dates to mark on the calendar:

April 23rd – Grade 4-6, Band and Choir Performances – “Celebration of the Arts”

Monday, May 11th – Tuesday, May 12th – (optional) Grade 6-8 Band Trip to Camp Assiniboia

(a combined trip with Band students from Mitchell, Clearspring, and Stonybrook Middle Schools)

Grade 3, Grade 4 and Noon Choir students will sing at the SEMF Music Festival on either March 23rd or 24th

Grade 7 and 8 students will perform in the Speech Arts category of the SEMF Music Festival on March 6th

World’s Finest Chocolate Almond & Assorted Chocolates Fundraiser

Our annual, school-wide World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser is set to begin this month. Once again this year is the option to sell/purchase *Laura Secord Variety Pack (Nut Free)* to go along with our ever popular almonds. A letter asking if your family is interested in selling was sent home on January 27th and is due back. For those who have decided to sell, a second letter with more specific details about our fundraiser will be sent home on February 7th, along with the case of chocolate almonds or Laura Secord Variety Pack. If you have any questions, please let us know. Money and unsold chocolate are due on March 6th.

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- 5 Milk Chocolate with Caramel & Sea Salt Bites
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Burn Awareness Week— February 2-8, 2020

www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca or www.firefightersburnfund.mb.ca



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Poster Contest Rules and Prize Information

RULES:

- Posters must be drawn on an 8 1/2 X 11 inch letter sized paper, 1 entry per student.
- Poster artwork may represent any Burn Awareness Week program fire safety subject.
- The contest is open to any student residing in Manitoba from **grade 5 through to grade 8**. Students can participate on their own without the participation of the school.
- Posters **MUST INCLUDE** the artists' name, grade, school & address on the **BACK** of the poster.

(Many posters are disqualified each year as they are submitted with no information.)

- Winning posters are based on age-appropriate skill, and will be judged on the message and content.

Judges decisions are final. Judges include representatives from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services, and the Provincial Public Education committee.

PRIZES:

Prizes are awarded to four students (One winner from each of grade) throughout the province of Manitoba. All selected posters will be displayed on the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund website.

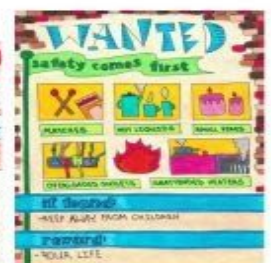
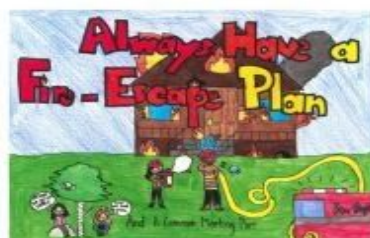
Grand Prize Winners will receive a **cash prize** for their school from the Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund, a **\$200.00 Lego Store Gift card** for themselves and **safety materials** for their classmates. The winners poster will be highlighted on the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Burn Fund websites, as well as being used in promotional material where appropriate. The winner will also receive a recognition certificate to acknowledge their contribution to burn awareness.

All entries must be postmarked by no later than April 3, 2020

Mail entries to : The Office of the Fire Commissioner

1601 Van Horne Avenue East, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 7K2

Winners will be notified after April 24, 2020



FEBRUARY

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 Hanover Parent-Child Community Program - 9:30am <i>Day 3</i> | 4 Hot Lunch - Domino's Public Budget Consultation - 6:30pm @ HSD <i>Day 4</i> | 5 <i>Day 5</i> | 6 Hot Lunch - Taco Del Mar / Subway <i>Day 6</i> | 7 <i>Day 1</i> |
| 10 HPCCP - 9:30am Kindergarten Reps Issued <i>Day 2</i> | 11 Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 3</i> | 12 <i>Day 4</i> | 13 Hot Lunch - JT's Kindergarten Interviews <i>Day 5</i> | 14  <i>Day 6</i> |
| 17 <i>Louis Riel Day</i> NO SCHOOL | 18 Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 1</i> | 19 <i>Day 2</i> | 20 Hot Lunch - Sobey's <i>Day 3</i> | 21 Professional Development Day NO CLASSES |
| 24 HPCCP - 9:30am <i>Day 4</i> | 25 Hot Lunch - Domino's <i>Day 5</i> | 26 <i>Day 6</i> | 27 Hot Lunch - New B's Grade 1-3 Concert Assembly <i>Day 1</i> | 28 K-6 Jump Rope For Heart K-8 I Love to Read Assembly with Cornie Rempel <i>Day 2</i> |

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