



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

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May 7, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope that all continues to be going well for you and your family. It was great to see so many of you yesterday during our parade.

BLUMENORT STAFF PARADE

A huge thank you to our entire Blumenort School Community for being part of a very special day! In just under four hours and a little more than 50 miles (80km) of urban streets and rural roads, our staff parade visited each and every one of our student households!

If you have any pictures or video you would like to share from the day, please feel free to email it to our school email, which is blumenort@hsd.ca.

STAFFING UPDATES

The last few months have brought about many changes, including those to our annual staffing.

We begin by wishing Ms. Monica Klassen all the best in her upcoming retirement. You would never know it, but this is Ms. Klassen's fortieth year in education. What an amazing career and an amazing person! You will be greatly missed!

At the same time, we are excited to announce that Ms. Michelle Plett will be returning as a permanent teacher and Mr. Scott Hutchinson will be returning as a term teacher for the year ahead! Mr. Dale Sawatzky will also be joining us in a term position and we would also like to welcome back Ms. Rebecca Friesen and Ms. Janette Suppes, who are returning from their maternity leaves.

We have also had a few teachers transfer into our school. We would like to welcome Ms. Pam Barkman (Woodlawn), Mr. Nathan Giesbrecht (Bothwell) and Ms. Janessa Roy (Niverville Middle). We are looking forward to working with you in the fall!

With all of the above additions, we unfortunately have to say goodbye to a few of our current teachers. All the best to Mr. Brad Peters who is moving to a permanent position at Southwood and to Mr. Matthew Hoskins who is heading to a term position at Stonybrook Middle. It was a pleasure to work with you both over the years and we will miss you! All the best as well to Ms. Kayla Dupont and Ms. Emily Walker in your upcoming maternity leaves.

Stay tuned in early June when we will provide our full 2020-2021 staffing list.



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2020-2021 CLASS PLACEMENTS

Thank you to those who completed the Class Placement Parent Request Form that was due May 1st. 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 you, our parents, are active partners in the education process. This upcoming week we will be reviewing the forms that were returned and then our staff will begin to complete the class list process. Please note that your child's placement will be shared at the end of June.

2020-2021 SCHOOL OF CHOICE

Please be aware that if you have moved or are planning to move out of the Blumenort School catchment area and are planning to have your children attend Blumenort School for the 2020-2021 school year, you will need to fill out a School of Choice form. The deadline to hand in the forms is May 15th. Please contact our Blumenort School Main Office for more information.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please let me know.

Thank you,
Dave Schettler
Principal, Blumenort School