



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

November 2020 Newsletter

Thank you!

On behalf of Mrs. Thiessen and our entire staff, I would like to thank our Blumenort School community once again for all of your efforts in making this past month of October another safe and successful one! We look forward to your continued support and cooperation as we navigate our way, day by day, through this school year!

Report Cards & Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

In a few short weeks, our students will have completed the first term of this school year. Our teachers have spent a good portion of their time reviewing prior grade curriculum. Therefore the report card will reflect the progress on this content.

A letter will be sent home shortly outlining the process for selecting an available time to connect with our teachers. Once that time has been decided, our teachers will either send you an invite to a Zoom conference or will let you know the conference will take place by a phone call. In the meantime please keep the following dates in mind...

- Friday, November 13th @ 3:45 – Report Cards available to view on the Parent Portal**
- Monday, November 16th-Friday, November 27th - Grade 1-8 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 17th – Kindergarten Conferences

***Please be advised that paper copies of Report Cards will not be sent home. To view report cards on-line you will need to log onto the parent portal. On the left hand menu click on Report Card. Then select "Switch to Electronic Report Card". The report card will be available to view on November 13th.*

The Busyness of our Main Office

Our Main Office is the hub of much activity and there are definitely times where it is busier than others. Here are a few of our concerns that we would like to address during the following times....

- Recess & Lunch - Recess is scheduled from 10:40-10:55am, 12:05-1:00pm and 2:10-2:25pm each day. If you need to pick up your child during these times, please ensure our office is aware before they head outside as your child will be a little easier to track down.
- End of the Day - It is our expectation that our students stay with us until 3:45pm each day. If on the odd occasion you need to pick up your child before that time, we ask that you give our office a call before **3:00pm** so that we can ensure the message will make it to their homeroom in time.

Remembrance Day Assembly

Preparations continue for our virtual Remembrance Day Assembly which will take place on Tuesday, November 10. If anyone has a video or photos from last year's program, could you please contact our Main Office. Thank you!

School Safety

Here are a few concerns that we would appreciate your cooperation with...

- Firstly, please be aware of our front pilons, along with posted signs designating areas of No Stopping/No Parking.
- If you are dropping your child off in the parking lot in front of our bus loop, please ensure your child crosses the bus lane at one of the two crossing areas (openings in the fence and marked with a bright yellow crosswalk sign). Crossing anywhere else in that zone becomes a safety concern.
- For our parents who drop off students in the back of our school, we ask that you avoid driving past the pilons into our old parking lot, as this area is now part of our playground.
- Lastly, if due to congestion you are dropping off your child on the west side of School Blvd. we ask that you assist them across the road.

Lunch Reminders

Here are a few lunch reminders that we would like to share with you.

- Students are invited to remain at school over the lunch hour. Students who choose to do so have the following expectations:
 - Lunches are eaten in the classroom (except for special privileges).
 - Students remain in their desks until the bell.
 - Student leave the classroom tidy and clean.
- Students are allowed off school grounds for lunch if...
 - Town students have a note at the beginning of the year saying they will be going home for lunch during that school year.
 - Students who do not regularly go home for lunch bring a note on the specific day.
 - Parents have made arrangements with the office.

Blumenort Parent Advisory Council

The Blumenort PAC would like to welcome Brittany Walker to our committee. This year's returning members are Lisa Moesker, Darcia Hiebert, Stephanie Karalash, Kate Ernst, Tracy Friesen and Bonnie Boux. We look forward to working together to support our school this year. On behalf of our entire school, I would like to thank the following parents who have served on our Blumenort PAC over the past number of years and have now decided to move on. They are Melanie Penner, Renae Brandt, Tami Perkinson, Cindy Penner and Brittany Plett. It was a pleasure to work with you and we will miss you!

Bengals Merchandise

Our online store continues to offer our families the opportunity to purchase Bengals Merchandise. They have a variety of items to choose from and have them shipped directly to your home. Please note there is also Free Shipping on orders over \$75. To find out more, please visit <https://blumenortschool.entripyshops.com/>

Bengals Cross-Country Cohort Running Teams

A huge thank you to Mr. Giesbrecht, Mrs. Sawatzky, Mrs. Plett, Mrs. Roy, Mr. Hiebert and Mr. Sawatzky, along with our Grade 5, Grade 6 & Grade 7/8 Cross Country Cohort Running Teams for your participation and dedication over the past month. Our season concludes today with a fun run for our students in Steinbach!

Manitoba Public Insurance Halloween Light Flashers

Blumenort School will continue with our tradition of handing out wearable, Halloween light flashers to our students from Kindergarten to Grade 5. While we know the Covid-19 pandemic may change your trick-or-treating plans this year, the need to be safe and visible while walking remains the same!

Christmas Contest

The Carillon, as part of a longstanding tradition, will once again publish the best work of writers in our annual Christmas edition. This year's Christmas edition will be published Thursday, Dec. 17. We're asking for stories and poetry on why the meaning and traditions of Christmas are important to you. We invite writers to tell our readers what it is about the season that sets it apart. Submissions are invited in three categories: adult stories, adult poems, and junior (aged 14 and under) poetry. Writing may be true accounts or fiction but should be marked as such. We are offering a total of \$505 in prize money for the top entries: adult story winners will receive prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$35; adult poetry carries prizes of \$50, \$40, \$35 and \$30; junior poetry winners will receive \$35, \$30 and \$25.

Entries should be mailed to: Carillon Christmas Contest, 377 Main Street, Steinbach, MB, R5G 1A5. They may also be dropped off at 377 Main Street in Steinbach, faxed to 204-326-4860 or emailed to christmas@thecarillon.com
Entry deadline (or postmark) is Wednesday, December 2nd.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>Day 2</i>	3 <i>Day 3</i>	4 Picture Retakes <i>Day 4</i>	5 <i>Day 5</i>	6 <i>Day 6</i>
9 Administration Day NO CLASSES	10 Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly <i>Day 1</i>	11 Remembrance Day NO CLASSES	12 <i>Day 2</i>	13 Report Cards Issued <i>Day 3</i>
16	17 Kindergarten Conferences	18	19	20
Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences - NOVEMBER 16th-20th				
<i>Day 4</i>	<i>Day 5</i>	<i>Day 6</i>	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>
23	24	25	26	27
Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences - NOVEMBER 23rd-27th				
<i>Day 3</i>	<i>Day 4</i>	<i>Day 5</i>	<i>Day 6</i>	<i>Day 1</i>
30 <i>Day 2</i>				