BLUMENORT SCHOOL



May 2021 Newsletter

Staffing Updates

The month of April has brought about many changes to our teaching staff. We begin by wishing Mrs. Ariana Neufeld all the best in her new position at Kleefeld School, beginning in September. We also would like to wish Mrs. Kristyn Radchenka all the best in her new position this fall in the Sunrise School Division. We would also like to announce that Mrs. Janessa Roy will be our full-time, Grade 5-8 French Teacher in the fall. We are also excited to announce that we have hired Mrs. Heather Messner, Ms. Danielle Wutzke, Mrs. McKenzie McAllister, Mr. Dale Sawatzky, Mr. Julian Penner and Mr. Scott Hutchinson to a variety of positions next year in Blumenort. Stay tuned in June when we will provide an updated 2021-2022 staffing list.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our annual Kindergarten Orientation is set for Tuesday, June 1st and Thursday, June 3rd. If you haven't done so yet, please call our school office at (204) 326-1757 to book your 15-minute appointment. Upon your arrival to the orientation, a staff member will direct you to the proper entrance. Since this is a special time for you and your child, and space is limited, we ask that all siblings remain at home. Entering Kindergarten is a very big step for children. For many, it is the first time a child is faced with routine and structure for the day. This event will allow for introductions to school staff: principals, kindergarten and resource teachers. This is also your time to ask any questions of the school, as you and your child embark on this new, exciting experience. We are also asking to please e-mail the following documents to <u>blumenort@hsd.ca</u>: Child's birth certificate, Manitoba health card, <u>Proof of your physical address - street address (i.e. a copy of your latest hydro bill) and Proof of parent citizenship (i.e. birth certificate or Canadian passport).</u> If you have any questions, please let us know!

2021-2022 Class Lists

Thank you to those who completed the Class Placement Parent Request document that was due April 30th. We believe that our parents are active partners in the education process and that is why we provided you with an opportunity to share your thoughts. Although we are not always able to guarantee all of your requests, your input was valuable. Our next step is to review those requests as we complete the class list process. Please note that your child's placement will be shared in their report card at the end of June.

HSD Transportation Dept.

"Hanover School Division Transportation Department has been very busy this year trying to accommodate all the changes that we have been facing throughout the school year. In order to help us prepare for the next school year - if you know that you will be moving locations/returning from home school; you are welcome to call or email our office at any time before school starts at 204-320-2347 or email hsdtransportation@gmail.com so we can ensure your child will have transportation set up for the school start up. We are open all summer long. On another note - Are you looking for part time employment and want to start a new career? We are looking for spare school bus drivers for all areas of the division. You do not need experience or a class 2 license. We provide training with little cost to yourselves. You can drive as little or as much as you want. In the future regular positions can become available. Please call our office and talk to Robert if you have more questions.

Lost & Found

Our school Lost & Found bin is overflowing. Stay tuned this week for an email from our office that will show you the items we have collected. If anything looks familiar, please let us know so we can arrange a return.

What Should I Do If My Child Is Sick?

Please check out the following two pages that outlines our division's updated expectations when deciding if your child should attend school or remain at home. If you have any questions, please let us know.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS SICK?

If your child displays one symptom listed in **Column A** or two or more symptoms listed in **Column B**, even if they are mild, they should immediately self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19. If a child displays such symptoms while at school, a staff member will contact the parent/guardian to pick up their child. Siblings in the same school, or those who attend other HSD schools, will also need to be picked up.

Please note that if your child displays only one symptom from **Column B** and no symptoms from **Column A**, the school staff may request (in an abundance of caution) that you pick up your child. In such instances, your child can return to school once they are symptom-free for 24 hrs. If individual circumstances exist that you wish to discuss with the school, please contact the principal.

COLUMN A

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any ONE of the following symptoms?

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- · Sore throat/hoarse voice
- Shortness of breath/breathing difficulties
- Loss of taste or smell
- Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours

COLUMN B

Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any TWO of the following symptoms?

- Runny nose
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Headache
- Skin rash of unknown cause
- · Nausea or loss of appetite
- · Poor feeding (if an infant)



WHEN CAN STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



COVID-19 Variants of Concern (VOC)

If the close contact is linked to a variant of concern case and the close contact chooses not to be tested, the close contact must self-isolate for 14 days, followed by an additional 10 days, for a total of 24 days. The rest of the household must also self-isolate for the entire 24 days.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Virtual Zoom Assembly				
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
10	11	12	13	14
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
17	18	19	20	21
Day 6	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
24	25	26	27	28
Victoria Day NO CLASSES				
	Day 5	Day 6	Day 1	Day 2
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Day 3				

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