

BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 06 - November 12, 2021

Report Cards & Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences

Once again this year, our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be virtual. We have also provided a letter explaining how to book your appointment. In the meantime, please keep the following dates in mind...

- Wednesday, November 17th @ 3:45 Report Cards available to view on the Parent Portal**
- Thursday, November 18th-Friday, November 26th Grade 1-8 Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 24th Virtual Kindergarten Conferences

<u>2021 TD Grade One Book Giveaway</u>

Every year, TD gives Grade 1 students all across Canada a free Canadian picture book. This year, we are excited to offer students *Malaika's Costume*, written by Nadia L. Hohn, illustrated by Irene Luxbacher and published by Groundwood Books. This year, the book is available for our families of Grade 1 students to pick up at the Jake Epp Library in Steinbach.

Community Christmas

Steinbach Community Christmas is getting ready to prepare hampers for those in need in the community and Blumenort School would like to help! The student leadership team will be taking a collection of non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys for ages newborn to 17. Please have your students bring their generous donations in by **Friday, November 26, 2021.**

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 ship directly to your home. Please take advantage of the early bird offers below until the end of November. To find out more, please visit https://blumenortschool.entripyshops.com/



<u>Umbrella Construction Underway in Blumenort School</u>

On November 2, our school had the opportunity and privilege to share our Umbrella Project journey so far with the Hanover School Division Board of Trustees. We highlighted the efforts it took to get the program off the ground as well as a unique VisCom project that connects this year's ten Umbrella Project skills with ten visual arts skills. Our presentation was then followed up by an interview from SteinbachOnline. Check out the following link for the full article. https://steinbachonline.com/local/umbrella-construction-underway-in-blumenort-school

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

This month, we continue our school-wide focus on Growth Mindset Here is a little thought from The Umbrella Project...

<u>Praise Your Child For Effort Instead of Talent</u> - The most important thing we can work towards as parents is to praise our children for effort, not talent. Our words tell children how to think about themselves and with best intentions when we say things like, 'Great job, you got perfect without even trying. You're so smart!' we send our child the message that trying hard means you aren't as smart.

Research shows that children praised for outcome will choose easier tasks to prove they are smart and gain our approval. Praising children for effort on the other hand, is what leads them to choose harder tasks because they know we value effort. This is why children with a growth mindset ultimately reach higher levels of success.

To support the growth mindset of our school community, please give praise freely for these growth mindset builders:

- Things accomplished through practice: studying, use of effective strategies, perseverance, and concentration
- Choosing challenging projects
- Trying different strategies
- Making improvements
- Passion

When your child does something very quickly and easily, recognize that the task didn't challenge them and say, "Sorry about that. I guess that was too easy. Next time let's choose something that will really help you grow."

Try to avoid praise that judges their intellect, talent and speed rather than effort. Praising these qualities unintentionally has an adverse effect when our child faces difficult tasks, as it can create a fear of failure, increased procrastination and cause our children to quit when things get difficult.

Blumenort Rec Hockey Club

The Blumenort Rec Association is once again offering a Saturday hockey program. Please check out the following link to get to their brochure and their registration page...https://blumenortmb.com/hockey/

