



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

***Bengals' Update 08 - December 10, 2021***

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## **The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School**

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

**Show your kids that kindness isn't within someone else's control** - Within this quote is buried a powerful lesson that can make a big difference in how often our children use kindness:

"Treat everyone with kindness, even those who are rude to you – not because they are nice, but because you are." – Author Unknown

Feeling empowered to deal with life is about finding that which is within your control. Unfortunately, when it comes to kindness we often give it only to those who treat us well. This ultimately puts our use of this important skill in someone else's hands.

As we start this month, remember that using the umbrella skills is a choice and kindness is a skill that is always available. In fact, it can be extremely uplifting to give it out freely to everyone. Remember most people are fighting their own complex battle that has led them to the point where they may be rude, closed-minded or angry. Show your kids how powerful it can be to give kindness to the people who seem to deserve it least. Most often, they are the people who need it most. Now that's empowering!

## **Formal Day & Red and Green Day**

Please take note that Tuesday, December 14th will be Christmas Formal Day while Wednesday, December 15th will be Red and Green Day. Please check out our Instagram post for more details!

## **Blumenort School Virtual Christmas Concerts**

Our upcoming Christmas programs will look a bit different than they have in the past. Our K Parents will receive their videos via seesaw while for our Grade 1-8s, a secure, private link to the videos will be emailed to our parents before the Christmas Break. Here is what we have planned, all while keeping our covid protocols in mind...

- Our KAM & KPM will be performing a variety of poems and the videos will be sent via Seesaw to our K parents.
- Grade 1 classes will be performing some winter/holiday/Christmas favourites.
- Grade 2 and 3 students will be performing the play "Silent Mice, Holy Mice".
- Grade 4, 5 and 6 students will be performing the play "Holiday Windows".
- Grade 7 and 8 Drama/Guitar students will be performing some Christmas plays and music on the guitar.

## **Traction Kids Code Workshop**

On Tuesday, December 6th, our Grade 5C and Grade 5K homerooms participated in a Traction Kids Code Workshop. The morning featured our students learning about the program Scratch and then using it to complete a small project. Thank you to Emily, Fabiola, Austin, Bhargav and Steven for organizing this wonderful opportunity and captivating the attention of our students!

## **Staff-Only Parking Lot**

Since the weather has turned a little colder, we have noticed a number of non-staff vehicles parking in the staff only parking lot. Our biggest concern is little ones walking and running in that area when vehicles are on the move. We understand that we have two very busy drop-off/pickup times during the day and finding a parking spot can be tough. Our suggestion is to agree on a location for your child to wait (eg. flagpole) until you have been able to secure a parking spot and meet them. Thank you for your cooperation.