



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 10 - January 14, 2022

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! After an extended winter break and one-week of Remote Learning, we are all looking forward to having our students return this Monday. We want our families to know that we will continue to contact you when symptoms arise with your child at school and will determine the procedure moving forward, based on Public Health orders. For students requiring homework, homeroom teachers will be in touch with when their package will be available. Arrangements for contactless pickup will then be made with our main office. We appreciate that these continue to be anxious and frustrating times and thank you in advance for your continued support. The staff at Blumenort School remain committed to excellence in teaching and learning while caring for your child.

Technology Return

Now that we have completed our week of Remote Learning, we are asking that if you were unable to return your child's technology today to please ensure that it comes back Monday morning with your child. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open. To be eligible, children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022. The first step in the registration process takes place online. Please visit the student registration page on the HSD website (<https://hsd.ca/schools/student-registration/>) for more details. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible. Early registration will assist schools in planning for the next school year and provide an opportunity for parents/caregivers and children to participate in welcoming events in the spring.

HSD Superintendent's Updates

On January 13th, our superintendent's office shared an update with our families based on the recent public health orders. Here are a few excerpts below. For the full release, please check out the following link:

<https://hsd.ca/2022/01/13/superintendents-update-jan-13-2022/>

● **COVID-19 Contact Tracing and Case Management in Schools**

Public health officials have updated guidance for COVID-19 contact tracing and case management in Manitoba schools. Moving forward, schools will no longer provide close contact notification and notification letters on individual cases but will provide reports of absenteeism through their regular notification channels to their school community.

Schools will monitor staff and student absenteeism rates and self-reported COVID-19 cases. In addition, public health will continue to report confirmed cases through the online dashboard and monitor confirmed cases in schools for evidence of increased transmission above levels expected in the community.

Students or staff who test positive on a PCR test or rapid antigen test, or suspect they have COVID-19, are required to follow public health isolation protocols and are strongly encouraged to notify the school. School staff and students should attend a test site if they have signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Students and staff who are exposed at school can continue to attend as long as they are asymptomatic. Household close contacts who are exempt from isolation but have a case in their household are encouraged to use rapid tests to monitor for asymptomatic transmission, as household contact remains the highest-risk setting for transmission.

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

Tap into your curiosity - We all want our children to be happy. In fact, we often want this so much that our own anxiety about their happiness takes over and leads us to push our kids into achievement in areas they may not care about. This pattern is usually done with the child's best interests at heart but often leads to increasing anxiety and a loss of that child's true passions and interest.

Start the new year by slowing down and listening to your child with the purpose of understanding what it is like to be them. Look out for their strengths and interests and really check that you know them on an authentic level. Notice what games they are drawn to, what subjects catch their interest, and where they invest their free time. Kids naturally want to please their parents, friends and teachers and it's easy for them to lose a sense of what they really care about in exchange for all of this pleasing.

Try to avoid having your child build their persona around what others want them to be and instead help them feel good about who they are.

 Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 First Day of In-Person Classes <i>Day 1</i>	18 <i>Day 2</i>	19 <i>Day 3</i>	20 <i>Day 4</i>	21 <i>Day 5</i>
24 <i>Day 6</i>	25 <i>Day 1</i>	26 Covid Vaccinations for Ages 5-11 (AM) <i>Day 2</i>	27 <i>Day 3</i>	28 <i>Day 4</i>
31 <i>Day 5</i>				