



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

*Bengals' Update 13 - February 25, 2022*

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

This month we are going to work with students to learn about **Purpose** and their meaningful contribution to the world. As we always say at the Umbrella Project, all of the skills are important and work best together! The happiest kids are able to understand their own needs and their contribution to the bigger world around them.

How will a sense of purpose help my child? Purpose is the feeling that the things we do and the choices we make have meaning and make a difference. This makes us feel happier and more confident and gives us a set of guiding principles that help us make decisions. When kids have a sense of purpose, it is easier for them to keep going when things get difficult because they can see a bigger picture. This can make them less likely to get stuck in the small trivial details that don't matter in the long run. The journey of life isn't linear so it's important to live each day with a bigger set of goals and values that can make even the toughest of days feel worthwhile. Having a sense of purpose is so important that it can actually help your children live longer, healthier lives.

## **I Love to Read Update**

We are wrapping up our I Love to Read Month on Monday, February 28th. This month we have engaged in reading and writing activities that focused on our authenticity and self-efficacy Umbrella skills such as writing poems and goals. We have also had the opportunity to listen to five different Manitoban authors read their books and answer our questions about writing books including Thom Van Dycke, Brad Klassen, Kim Wiebe, JC Hartung and Andrew Unger. We will have one final author reading on Monday with Julia Schettler. Although we highlight reading and literacy in February, we will continue to challenge our students to read and write on a daily basis.

## **World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser**

We are down to the last few days and the last few boxes of our chocolate fundraiser. A reminder that our fundraiser concludes on Monday, March 7th. We are just finalizing our prizes, so we will share that as soon as we can. Lastly, rather than selling chocolates, our families still have the option to make a donation. If you are interested in that route, please contact our main office.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year continues! Parents/Guardians are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible as early registration will assist our school in planning for fall entry. For more information, please check out our school and divisional websites.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is set for February 28th-March 3rd and a reminder there will not be a Family Night this year. Instead, a virtual option to purchase from home will occur. Thank you Mrs. Friesen for your organization and also our PAC who have graciously donated some money that will go towards books for our students.


## **Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences**

In a few short weeks, our students will have completed the second term of this school year. A letter will be sent home shortly outlining the process for our upcoming conferences. With the recent public health order announcements, we are just finalizing what an in-person event will look like for our school. In the meantime please keep the following dates in mind...

- Friday, March 18th @ Noon – Report Cards available to view on the Parent Portal.
- TBA - Grade 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences.



# MARCH 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>1</b> Book Fair <i>Day 5</i>	<b>2</b> Book Fair <i>Day 6</i>	<b>3</b> Book Fair Concludes <i>Day 1</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Day 2</i>
<b>7</b> Chocolate Fundraiser Concludes <i>Day 3</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Day 4</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Day 5</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Day 6</i>	<b>11</b> Administration Day NO CLASSES
<b>14</b> <i>Day 1</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Day 2</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Day 3</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>Day 4</i>	<b>18</b> Report Cards Issued <i>Day 5</i>
<b>21</b> <i>Day 6</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Day 1</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Day 2</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Day 3</i>	<b>25</b> Last Day of Classes <i>Day 4</i>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>SPRING BREAK - CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, APRIL 4th</b>				

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