



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 18 - May 16, 2022

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

Do something you enjoy before problem solving. It's easy for children to obsess over the unpleasant things that happen to them. When we try to problem solve right after one of these events, it can be difficult to build optimism. Our brain naturally wants to match our memories and thoughts with the current mood we are in. Right after something unpleasant happens, it's much more likely that our brain will turn to pessimistic thoughts.

If you notice this happening with your child, help them learn to put something they enjoy in between the unpleasant event and problem solving, when possible. This strategy helps to bring them back to a more positive mood which will, in turn, lead to more optimistic problem solving. It will also improve the creativity of the solutions they come up with.

Just remember to come back to the problem after the enjoyable activity. This shouldn't end in problem avoidance. It should instead teach your child that they can build optimism and better problem solving skills by intentionally improving their mood before they tackle difficult challenges.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our annual Kindergarten Orientation is set for Tuesday, May 31st. If you have not already done so please remember to bring a photocopy of your child's birth certificate, Manitoba Health Card, proof of address and verification of parental citizenship. If you have a child or are aware of someone who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2022, it is not too late to register. Our online registration process takes only a few minutes to complete. To begin, visit the HSD Kindergarten Registration page at <https://hsd.ca/schools/kindergarten-registration/>

Bengals Grade 3&4 Musical

Our Grade 3&4 students are hard at work learning lines, songs and actions for their upcoming Musical entitled, "Summer Camp: A Musical Caper About Finding a Place to Belong!" Students should all now have booklets to practice with at home, and a practice playlist has been emailed to each of them so that they can sing along and rehearse for "homework. There will be two performances open to the public this Wednesday, May 18th at 1:30pm and 7:00pm. Please mark this date on your calendars and make plans for your Grade 3 or 4 student to be at both performances!

Bengals Track & Field

Our Track and Field season continues. The Blumenort School Grade 5&6 track meet will take place on May 26th and the HSD Grade 5&6 track meet at Stonybrook Middle School on May 31st. Students will be practicing in PE class and during recesses to prepare for that. Grade 7&8 Track Team sign-up will happen very soon and the track team will participate in the HSD meet at Stonybrook Middle School on June 2nd. The Grade 7&8s will practice in class and after school to prepare for their meet. More information to follow.

Summer Reading Program

The Blumenort School Learning Commons is pleased to bring back the summer reading program. In the past, this program was open to the grade 4-7 students. This year, in addition to the current grade 4-7 students, we are offering this opportunity to students in grade 8 that have younger siblings in the school. This is to ensure that the books that are taken home by a grade 8 student will come back in September with a sibling that attends Blumenort School. Any students interested in participating, must have a consent form signed by a parent/guardian. For more information and to pick up a consent form, please see Mrs. Friesen in the learning commons.

Grade 6&8 Immunizations - Tuesday, May 17th

Public Health Nurses will be back at our school on Tuesday, May 17th for the second round of routine school immunizations for our Grade 6,7 & 8 students. The first round took place this past November.

Family Fun Day - Friday, June 24th

Our Blumenort Parent Advisory Council is in the midst of planning for this year's Family Fun Day and Silent Auction to be held on **Friday, June 24th**. Classes will once again have the chance to contribute by making up a themed basket to be auctioned off on that day. You do not have to be present to win a basket. Classes and their corresponding theme are listed below. We ask that each student bring in an item related to the theme assigned. Cash donations may be made in lieu of items. You are free to spend as much or as little as you would like. Items must be in by **Friday, June 10th**. Funds raised will be going towards a new K-1 Playstructure. Thank you!

Silent Auction Theme Baskets...

KKam & KKpm

Cool and Refreshing

(ex. Lilac/pool passes, beach towels, pool toys, water guns)

1B & 1W

Family Time

(ex. Restaurant gift cards, board games, bowling passes, Escape Room passes)

2P & 2PL

Summer Fun

(ex. Outdoor games, gardening, greenhouse gift card, DQ gift card)

3K & 3M

Read, Write, Arts & Crafts

(ex. Adult coloring books, crafts, extreme dot to dot, Chapters gift card, journals, pens)

4A & 4W

Gift Card Tree

(ex. Sports Chek, McDonalds, Winners, 7-11 Slurpees, Walmart - please write amount on gift card)

5C & 5K

Movie Night

(ex. Family friendly movies, cinema passes, snacks and candy)

6H & 6P

Sports

(ex. sports equipment, Jets/Bombers gear, sports posters, badminton net)

7H & 7P

Audio & Active

(ex. iTunes gift card, ear buds, Skyzone passes, Splatters passes, Kids Zone passes)

8B & 8S

Outdoors

(ex. Cabella's, Canadian Tire, fishing/camping gear – no knives/guns)

BLUMENORT COMMUNITY

GARAGE SALE



**CLOTHES
FURNITURE
& MORE**

JUNE 4

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BLUMENORT, MB

ALL DAY

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
HOW TO BE INCLUDED ON THE
MAP, PLEASE SCAN THE QR
CODE AND FILL OUT THE
GOOGLE FORM!**



BLUMENORT RECREATION ASSOCIATION



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SUMMER STEM FUN FOR Ages 9 to 15

in STEINBACH July 18-22!

Check out our **2022 IN-PERSON**
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Notice of Approved Petitions for Blumenort School

Petition for Religious Exercises (2022-23)

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious exercises be held at Blumenort School during the 2022-23 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees has authorized religious exercises as specified above. These exercises are to be held before the official instructional day in a designated common area of the school.

Petition for Religious Instruction (2022-23)

Hanover School Division Board of Trustees has received a petition requesting that religious instruction be held at Blumenort School during the 2022-23 school year. The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time Program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship. As the petition bears the signatures of parents/guardians representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction as specified above. This instruction is to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Parents/Guardians who did not sign the submitted petitions are eligible to join at any time by delivering a signed note to the school office. The note must indicate the name and grade of the student for whom permission to participate is being given and include parent/guardian signature. The school principal will forward all received documentation to the HSD Administration Office. Only children whose parents/guardians signed the petition or have subsequently joined via permission note may participate in the exercises and instruction as described above.

Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Public Schools Act and Provincial Guidelines, after petition by parents/guardians. Petitions must be presented to the board on an annual basis in advance of the next school year. Original petitions must be submitted to the Hanover School Division Administrative Office by April 30th.

Additional information regarding the Public Schools Act, HSD policies, and Provincial Guidelines governing these petitions can be viewed on the Blumenort School website.



Ron Falk, Board Chair
Hanover School Division



Shelley Amos, Superintendent/CEO
Hanover School Division

Approved May 3, 2022

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Dear Hanover School Division Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our school division. As you may already be aware, building our social-emotional learning (SEL) skills is an important goal for each school. Between May 23 and June 20, our Grades 3-12 students will participate in an online survey to collect information on various topics at school. The survey that students will work with this year is the same survey HSD students completed last year. Our goal is to continue to provide an excellent education for your child, and we believe that compiling this information will be extremely helpful in our planning.

The Superintendents team has chosen to use the [Panorama Education](#) survey platform to gather feedback. Grades 3-5 students will complete a survey of 31 questions, whereas Grades 5-12 students will complete a total of 39 questions. Both surveys have questions from the following categories; school belonging, school climate, school engagement, school safety, grit, and school teacher-to-student relationships. Students will have the opportunity to ask their teacher any clarifying questions while taking the survey, and each survey should only take 15-20 minutes to complete. Students will access the survey link on our HSD website and complete the survey using an HSD Chromebook, iPad, or desktop computer.

We are asking that all eligible students participate. Their survey responses will provide invaluable insights into their learning experiences and how we can improve and adapt our school division to meet their learning needs. If students do not have enough information to answer a question or prefer not to answer, they can skip the item altogether. **Your child's survey responses will be kept completely confidential.**

If you have any questions about the SEL survey, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school. If you would like to review the survey, a copy will be made available at your child's school (front office). Due to copyright restrictions, we are unable to distribute the survey via email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Col Campbell'.

Colin Campbell, Assistant Superintendent

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