



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 02 - September 15, 2022

Day of Mourning - September 19

The Province of Manitoba is recognizing September 19, as a day of mourning to encourage Manitobans to honour and pay their respects to Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As indicated in the provincial news release, all non-essential government services and offices will be closed for the day. Schools will remain open, and classes will be in session. Schools are encouraged to observe a moment of silence on the day. HSD Strong Connections (Gr. 1-8) planned for September 16 & 19 will take place as scheduled. For more information, please check out the following link to the news release...

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=56277&posted=2022-09-13>

Strong Connections - September 16 & 19

Our annual Strong Connections program is set to begin tomorrow and will continue on Monday. With half of our students present, students will then be further divided to allow our homeroom teachers time to focus on collecting our students and building relationships. The only assessments that will take place are for the students who were not with us in June.

Picture Day - September 21

Please take note that our Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21. Information has been sent home with the students.

Terry Fox Run - September 23

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Friday, September 23. This year we will continue with running in our grade levels during PE class. Spectators are welcome to attend! We will also be raising Toonies for Terry so any money you would like to donate can be handed in to our main office.

Orange Shirt Week September 26-30

Blumenort School will be holding an Orange Shirt Week, as we lead up to the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Our committee is just putting the final touches on our plan but we are asking for our students and staff to wear orange for the entire week.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

The Manitoba government is recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a day of observance to encourage reflection and meaningful discussions about the impacts of residential schools. Schools will be closed and no classes will be held on that day.

HSD Parent Portal Kiosk

If anyone needs assistance connecting to the HSD Parent Portal, please give our office a call to arrange a time for you to stop by. Before creating a Parent Access Account, you will first need to obtain a unique Access ID for each student profile that you want added to your account. Please contact our school office to request account setup information.

Student Fees

Student fees for supplies and agendas have been charged to the student accounts. Please log into your Parent Portal account to make payment. Be sure to check the balance before making payment as many accounts had a credit on them from last year. If you are unable to make the payment online please submit a cheque or cash to the office.

Parent Parking, Drop-Off and Pick-Up of Students 2022-2023

Please check out our website for more information about Parent Parking, Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups, as you arrive at our school. The page can be found under the Parents tab. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Bengals Athletics

Our Grade 5-8 Cross-Country Running practices are taking place Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 12:20. Coaches are Mrs. Shannon Sawatzky, Mr. Cam Hiebert, Mrs. Irene Plett and Mr. Nathan Giesbrecht. Here is the upcoming schedule...

- Race #1 - Thursday, Sept. 22 at 1 PM at Abe's Hill/Steinbach Soccer Park
- Race #2 - Some may be invited to the Provincial Milk Run at La Barriere Park on Wednesday, Sept.28. More info to come.
- Race #3 - Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 1 PM at AD Penner Park.

As for our Volleyball practices...

- Grade 7 Girls - Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:45-5pm
- Grade 7 Boys - Wednesdays and Fridays 3:45-5pm
- Grade 8 Girls - Mondays 3:45-5:30 and Thursdays 5-7pm
- Grade 8 Boys - Mondays 5:30-7 and Wednesdays 5:30-7pm
- Girls' games are Tuesdays October 4 - November 15
- Boys' games are Thursdays October 6 - November 17

Safety Reminders

As mentioned in our first update, we again need to pay close attention to the safety concerns that arise as our students make their way to school. One area in particular is the east sidewalk leading from the school to the crosswalk on PTH #311. It is a narrow sidewalk that is highly congested, especially at the end of the day. A second location is the entrance to Parkview Bay, which is to the west of our school. Drivers, bike riders, walkers and those who are being picked up or dropped off always need to be aware of their surroundings and proceed with caution.

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

Welcome to the Umbrella Project! September is a time of many mixed feelings as kids head back to school, routines are re-established and warm summer days cool into fall. While many parents relish the structure of the school year, it also comes with a ramping up of activities, homework, friend dynamics, new teachers and many other things that require our parenting energy.

The Umbrella Project is dedicated to helping families better navigate the ups and downs of life while building the important skills that help us thrive in all types of weather. We call these skills Umbrella Skills because much like an umbrella, they help to protect us when life is rainy and challenging. We want children to feel empowered in all kinds of weather instead of spending their lives trying to avoid the rain.

Each month we focus on providing practical parenting and classroom tools to build a different skill that the research shows us is an important piece of our umbrella of wellbeing. We are excited to provide you with lots of options and ideas to support these important skills at home. We recommend you choose the ideas that fit best with your unique family. Parenting energy is precious and we really can not do it all. What we can do is recognize our children's strengths, the holes in their umbrellas and the parenting tools that will best help us support them as individuals to become stronger and more resilient in the face of life's challenges.

