



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

***Bengals' Update 04 - October 14, 2022***

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## **Sugarplum Desserts Ltd. Cookie Dough & Cheesecake Fundraiser**

Our Sugarplum Desserts Ltd. Cookie Dough & Cheesecake Fundraiser is set to begin shortly. We are currently waiting for our order forms to arrive. A letter outlining our fundraiser, along with one order form per family, will be sent home next week.

## **Blumenort Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting Information**

If you have a desire to get more involved in the school and make an impact, consider joining the PAC! Our Annual General Meeting is set for Thursday, October 20th at 9:30am, here at our school. Everyone is welcome to attend, even those who simply have questions or concerns they'd like to express. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Blumenort Parent Advisory Council Rocco's Fundraiser**

Our Parent Council will be holding a Rocco's Pizza Fundraiser starting on November 1st. Order forms will be sent home at that time and will need to be returned by November 17th. Pizzas will then be available for pickup at the school on November 30th between 4:30-5:30pm. Please note that the prize incentive is a little different than last year. This year, anyone that sells 20 pizzas or more will be entered into the draw to win the scooter. More information will be sent home in our next Bengals' Update.

## **Hanover Parent & Child Community Program @ Blumenort School**

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program would like to invite Blumenort parents and their preschool children to visit our free weekly program each Monday from 1:00-3:30pm and also Wednesdays from 9:15-11:45am. Please note that families can attend weekly or just drop in when they can. We will follow the school schedule according to closure days. We ask that parents please park in the designated street parking areas.

## **Bus Safety Week Poster Contest**

In conjunction with the Provincial School Bus Safety Week of October 17-21, 2022, the Manitoba Association of School Business Officials Inc. is pleased to sponsor a poster contest for students in K-Grade 3 and also Grades 4-6. The theme for this year's competition is, "Safely Rolling to My Destination." If you are interested in entering, please stop by our main office for specific contest details.

## **Class Picture & Retakes Day - November 1**

Please take note that our Class Picture & Retakes Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1.

## **The Lines of Communication**

In an effort to keep track of our students' whereabouts, we ask that parents/guardians continue to communicate with the main office. Here are a few points to keep in mind:

- Please call between 8:30 and 8:50am to speak to someone directly. At any time, feel free to leave a message or email [blumenort@hsd.ca](mailto:blumenort@hsd.ca) to advise the office that your child will be absent or late. You can also log onto the Parent Portal and put in an absent request!
- If there is an unexplained student absence, we will continue the practice of calling parents after 9:00am & 1:00pm.
- If your children are leaving the building (for appointments, illness, special outings, etc.) during the course of the day, we ask that you and/or your children report to the office before departing.
- If your child arrives at school outside the regular times (appointment or illness, returning the same day after having checked out etc.), please make sure that the office knows about their arrival and also to pick up a late slip.

## **Bengals Merchandise**

Our online store continues to offer our families the opportunity to purchase Bengals Merchandise. They have a variety of items to choose from and ship directly to your home. Please take advantage of an early bird offer below. To find out more, please visit <https://blumenortschool.entripyshops.com/>



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

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

**Advanced gratitude** - Now that we have been working on our gratitude for a few weeks, it's a great time to introduce what can be thought of as a more advanced form of gratitude called 'connective gratitude'.

As parents, we do a pretty good job of training our children to demonstrate so-called 'expressive gratitude'. Expressive gratitude means saying thank you and verbally expressing our gratitude. However, many children are so conditioned to say thank you that they rarely think twice about it. Showing that we are grateful goes much deeper and gets into the realm of connective gratitude.

Connective gratitude means offering something meaningful to another person as an expression of gratitude, something that they would like to receive. This is a level up when it comes to being grateful and takes into account more fully the feelings and wishes of the other person. This also helps us to build empathy.

Here's an example: You go back to school shopping with your child and buy them some new outfits for school this year.

Expressive gratitude: Your child says, "Thank you so much, I love them!"

Connective gratitude: Instead of throwing their clothes on the floor at the end of the day, they take care of them by folding and putting them away as you have been asking them to do for months.

In the connective gratitude example, they are thinking about what you might appreciate and doing that as a way to show their gratitude. This example is certainly pulled from my own life and what connective gratitude would look like for me but it is different for everyone. The big idea is that you are thinking about what the other person would like to receive.

Helping your children reflect on these opportunities to show their thanks in a connective way is a great way to build and advance their gratitude skills.

