



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

***Bengals' Update 07 - November 29, 2022***

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## **Blumenort PAC Rocco's Pizza Fundraiser Pickup - November 30th**

Thank you to all who participated in the Rocco's Pizza Fundraiser! A total of 396 units were sold, which means \$1,980.00 in profit that will go towards the new play structure goal! A reminder for those who ordered, your Rocco's Pizzas will be ready for pickup Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm at the school. Congratulations to the winner of the scooter - Lucy and Lyn Dueck! Your scooter will be available for you at the pizza pick up time on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Also note that Oasis orange juice is available for purchase at the kitchen on Tuesday Hot Lunch days from 12-12:15 for \$1 as well as if there are any leftover slices of pizza, we will sell those at \$2.90 while supplies last. Proceeds will go to PAC.

## **Blumenort School Christmas Concerts**

- Grade 4 - 6 students present "The Christmas Train" on **December 6th** in the school gym at 2:00 and 6:30 pm
- Grade 5 - 8 noon choir students will do a Steinbach Tour on **December 7th**
- Grade 1 - 3 students present "Christmas in the Country" on **December 20th** at the Blumenort Community Church at 2:00 and 6:30 pm

## **Grade 8 Farewell December Hot Lunches on Thursdays in December**

Even though our Grade 8 Farewell is still months away, a small committee has been formed to begin planning for the event. One of their first fundraising events will be Thursday Hot Lunches. A letter with more information will be sent home by this Thursday about the two upcoming days on December 8th & 15th.

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

Thank you once again to everyone that participated in our fundraiser. Our school sold more than \$13,000 of desserts, which raised just over \$5000 for our various programs we shared earlier. As promised, here is the list of our winners:

- Subway Prize Pack - Harley C.
- Boston Pizza Prize Pack - Brody W.
- Lego Prize Pack - Miley G.
- Sport Chek Prize Pack - Jesse B.
- Starbucks Prize Pack - Isabella B.
- Tim Horton's Prize Pack - Marisol D.
- Cineplex Prize Pack - Lucas H.
- Lego Prize Pack - Charlotte R.
- Sport Chek Prize Pack - Lucy D.
- Starbucks Prize Pack - Alina F.

## **Term 1 Report Cards**

Due to some missing marks and comments for some of our students, our Term 1 Report Cards have been re-uploaded to the Parent Portal. Please check this once again if you noticed some were previously missing.

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

We are so excited to be back at Blumenort School! We are a parent child play-based program that runs Monday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:30 and Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:45. Children will have the opportunity to play, learn, create, sing, and develop skills to prepare them for kindergarten.

All children, birth to 5 years, are welcome to attend. You do not need to attend this school to attend our program, everyone is welcome. Parents must remain at the program with their child. You will be able to visit with other parents and participate in activities with your children. Programming is free and snacks will be provided. Families can attend once or twice a week or drop by when able. We can hardly wait to meet you!

## **Grade 7&8 Middle Years Learning Opportunities**

Our Grade 7&8 Middle Years Learning Opportunities Program is continuing to run very well. This past month, our Grade 7s focused on Financial Literacy. To do so, we connected with Junior Achievement Manitoba, the province's largest youth business education organization that is dedicated to providing teachers with programs that teach youth about financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness. All of their programs support the educational curriculum in Manitoba, and are sponsored in part by the Government of Manitoba, Initiative for School Aged Youth. We were also very fortunate to have Mr. Jeff Hutchinson from the Bank of Montreal join us to discuss savings, stocks and bonds. If that last name sounds familiar and you are wondering if he is related to our own Mr. Hutchinson, you are correct! They are brothers! Our Grade 7s also participated in the Review and Rate - Smoking Cessation program. As for our Grade 8s they began the month with their own Financial Literacy sessions, CPR training with Mrs. Thiessen and their first of four visits to the SRSS where they participated in Culinary Arts, Welding, Collision Repair, Electrical and Graphic Design/Coding. Coming up in December, our Grade 7s will be participating in a program called, Roots of Empathy and will also receive some Digital Citizenship training to help them make smart choices online. Our Grade 8s will be returning to the SRSS for their second visit. If you have any questions, please let us know!

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

For the month of December, our school-wide focus is **Intrinsic Motivation**. Intrinsic Motivation is motivation that comes from inside you instead of from external rewards like money or grades. It's the pleasure you get from doing something because it is interesting, challenging and absorbing.

When we are intrinsically motivated we do activities simply for enjoyment, and we don't worry as much about the reward at the end. Failing to hit the goals, marks or achievements we are hoping for can be tough, especially when the outcome was the only thing we cared about. When we enjoy the process, it takes some of the stress off the end result and makes us feel happier overall. In fact, being intrinsically motivated increases our wellbeing and our success at the end of the day.

### **Use proximal, self-directed goals to build intrinsic motivation**

Building intrinsic motivation is about helping our children find enjoyment and reward in the process of achieving their goals. It's a great way to protect their well-being, even if the end outcome isn't what they had hoped for. You can use goal setting to help your child build this important skill by encouraging them to set **proximal, self-directed goals**. Another umbrella skill, autonomy, is the skill that helps our children make self-directed decisions so this tip is continuing to make use of autonomy to build intrinsic motivation.

Proximal means that the goal being set is close to where they currently are. It's the next small step needed to get to a bigger goal. Proximal goals have been shown to help students progress rapidly and achieve higher levels of mastery and interest in areas that they previously experienced disinterest or significant deficits. It improves their self-efficacy and perceived competence by breaking the task into smaller and more manageable tasks.

Self-directed means that our children are choosing the steps in the process for themselves instead of having us tell them what to do next. This autonomy allows children to make their own path to success, improves their enjoyment of the process and highlights how all of the umbrella skills work to build and support each other into the strongest umbrella of protection for our children. The autonomy our children build will help them set these proximal, self-directed goals that in turn, build their intrinsic motivation.



## **Christmas Break - December 22nd - January 4th.**

A quick reminder that our Christmas Break will begin on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022. Classes will resume on THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023.



# DECEMBER 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1  <i>Day 2</i>	2  <i>Day 3</i>
5  HPCCP - PM  <i>Day 4</i>	6  Gr 4-6 Concert  <i>Day 5</i>	7  Gr 5-8 Noon Choir Tour in Steinbach HPCCP - AM  <i>Day 6</i>	8  Grade 8 Farewell Hot Lunch Fundraiser  <i>Day 1</i>	9  Grade 7&8 MYLO <i>Middle Years Learning Opportunities</i>  <i>Day 2</i>
12  HPCCP - PM  <i>Day 3</i>	13    <i>Day 4</i>	14  HPCCP - AM  <i>Day 5</i>	15  Grade 8 Farewell Hot Lunch Fundraiser  <i>Day 6</i>	16    <i>Day 1</i>
19  HPCCP - PM  <i>Day 2</i>	20  Gr 1-3 Concert  <i>Day 3</i>	21  Last Day of Classes HPCCP - AM  <i>Day 4</i>	22  Christmas Break	23  Christmas Break
26  Christmas Break	27  Christmas Break	28  Christmas Break	29  Christmas Break	30  Christmas Break

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