



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 09 - December 21, 2022

Blumenort School Christmas Concerts

A huge thank you to Mrs. Sawatzky, our students and our staff for the two wonderful concerts this past month! Thank you as well to the Blumenort Community Church for your ongoing partnership!



Sugarplum Desserts Ltd. Cookie Dough & Cheesecake Fundraiser

Thank you once again to everyone who participated in our fundraiser. Our apologies for the delay in shipping.

Grade 7&8 Red Rock Bible Camp - September 20-22, 2023

We would like to inform our current Grade 6&7 students and families (Grade 7&8 in the fall) that we are planning to head to Red Rock Bible Camp from September 20-22, 2023. This is part of a new arrangement with the camp where we will attend every two years in September. From conversations with other schools that head out early in the year, it's a great way to form some new connections between our staff and students and between the students themselves. In the meantime, stay tuned for a Red Rock parent meeting and some fundraising opportunities after the Christmas Break. For those who like to plan ahead, we will also be sharing some pre-payment options in the new year.

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

Welcome to a new month at the Umbrella Project! This month we are shifting our focus to a skill that helps us persevere in the face of challenges, **Grit!** Grit is the skill that stops us from quitting on the bad days and gives us courage to persevere towards our goals and passions. With the cold weather we could all use a bit of extra grit to get through those chilly winter challenges. What will grit do for my child? Excellence in anything we do requires commitment, hard work and failures along the way. Grit helps us continue to practice the things we would like to improve instead of giving up. Having grit can help us overcome obstacles even on the toughest days. In every type of work or school subject, grit can be as important to our success as talent or intelligence. It allows us to rise to the challenge of difficult goals and run the last mile.

Make working on weak spots a game - Even in the face of abundant strengths, our weaknesses will often lead us to give up. As often as you can, find the game in working on your child's weaknesses. Practicing anything can be intense and span many years to get to a level of excellence. Try to help your child find the fun in the tough spots instead of feeling like they aren't good enough. Here's an example: When my daughter was struggling with how quickly she could do mental math, we found ways to make it a fun challenge by engaging her in games designed specifically to increase processing speed. By adding some fun to this otherwise frustrating task, she was able to quickly improve and move on with renewed confidence. In addition, remember that fun and laughter also improves cognitive flexibility and can help our children think of new ways to solve the problems they are facing.

Season's Greetings from the Staff at Blumenort School!



Wishing you a happy
HOLIDAY SEASON
and all the best in the **NEW YEAR!**

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JANUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Christmas Break	3 Christmas Break	4 Christmas Break	5 Welcome Back! First Day of Classes <i>Day 5</i>	6 <i>Day 6</i>
9 Hanover Parent-Child Community Program - PM <i>Day 1</i>	10 PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 2</i>	11 Hanover Parent-Child Community Program - AM <i>Day 3</i>	12 <i>Day 4</i>	13 Grade 7&8 MYLO Middle Years Learning Opportunities <i>Day 5</i>
16 HPCCP - PM <i>Day 6</i>	17 PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 1</i>	18 HPCCP - AM <i>Day 2</i>	19 <i>Day 3</i>	20 <i>Day 4</i>
23 HPCCP - PM <i>Day 5</i>	24 PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 6</i>	25 HPCCP - AM <i>Day 1</i>	26 <i>Day 2</i>	27 Grade 7&8 MYLO Middle Years Learning Opportunities <i>Day 3</i>
30 HPCCP - PM <i>Day 4</i>	31 PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 5</i>			