



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 10 - January 13, 2023

Welcome Back!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! Before we officially leave December behind, here are a few final thoughts... Thank you to Mrs. Sawatzky, our music teacher, our staff and students for the wonderful Christmas concerts. Thank you also to the Blumenort Community Church for the use of their facility for our Grade 1-3 program.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2023-24 school year is now open. To be eligible, children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2023. The first step in the registration process takes place online. Please visit the student registration page on the HSD website (<https://hsd.ca/schools/student-registration/>) for more details. Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to register their children as soon as possible. Early registration will assist schools in planning for the next school year and provide an opportunity for parents/caregivers and children to participate in welcoming events in the spring.

Scholastic Book Fair

Blumenort School is pleased to be hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair again! Save the date for February 1st and 2nd, when classrooms and families will be invited to support the fundraiser that places new books into the Learning Commons. More information will be coming soon!

World's Finest Chocolate Almond & Assorted Chocolates Fundraiser

Our annual, school-wide World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser is set to begin in early February. Once again this year is the option to sell/purchase our ever popular almonds. A letter asking if your family is interested in selling will be sent home later this month. Stay tuned!

Grade 8 Farewell Canteen

Our Grade 8 Farewell committee recently met and they would like you to know that the canteen is looking to open the last week in January. When we hear the confirmed date, along with items and prices, we will let everyone know.

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

Don't just ponder on what you are passionate about... get out there and try as many things as you can!

Grit isn't just about perseverance. Passion for your goals goes a long way in helping you stick with something long term. The guru of grit, Angela Duckworth, has found that introspection isn't going to give your kids the passion they need for developing grit. They can't just sit around thinking about what they care about. To truly follow the path of passion and purpose they need to get out there and try lots of different stuff. This will allow them to really understand what motivates them, what gets them out of bed in the morning and down the road. This is one of the most important bits of sustained grit. We've all had the experience of thinking we would love a sport, subject or job, much to our dismay when we actually get a chance to try it and find it's not what we thought it would be.

When you see an opportunity for your child to try something new, jump on it. Let action be their guide in finding that longer term goal, job or pursuit that they can really get behind. Take time to debrief with them after new experiences so you can support them in doing more of what they are passionate about.