



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

## *Bengals' Update 11 - January 27, 2023*

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### **Scholastic Book Fair - February 1st & 2nd**

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair starts next week! It will be open February 1st and 2nd. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the book fair with their students at the time that the class is scheduled during the day. The schedule is below. For those who are unable to do so, you can send money with your student for them to make the purchase. As well, we will be open from 4-7pm on Wednesday and 3:45-5pm on Thursday. Kindergarten families are invited to shop between 11:30am and 1:00 pm both days.

For parents, family, and friends that cannot attend, plan to visit our Virtual Book Fair Extension! Orders will ship to our school for free and purchases will be delivered to the students. When it's time to shop, visit our school's Virtual Book Fair Extension site using this link: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5195699>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- Save it to your browser
- Watch videos of popular new titles
- Preview our featured books

As usual, there will also be boutique items available, including pens, pencils, journals and posters. In short, there will be two options for students to shop from the book fair. Parents/guardians can send money with their children to shop during their scheduled classroom slots, or parents/guardians can order directly from the website that is highlighted above.

Remember:

- **Shop any time!** Your Virtual Fair is open 24 hours, beginning at midnight on your start date!
- **No shipping fees!** Orders are sent directly to our school.

Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and education resources for our school's library.

This is the schedule with the dates and times each classroom is signed up for book fair shopping:

FEB 1	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9
	Assembly	4F	4A	3K	8S	6H	1R	1W	3D
FEB 2	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7	Period 8	Period 9
	7H	7P	8B	KAM	6P	5C	5M	KPM	2P & 2PL

### **Chocolate Fundraiser - February 6th-March 6th**

Our annual, school-wide World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser is set to begin on February 6th and will run until March 6th. Once again this year, there is the option to sell/purchase our ever popular almonds. A letter asking if your family is interested in selling was sent home earlier this week and needs to be completed and returned by Tuesday, January 31st to assist us in preparing for distribution.

### **Pink Shirt Day - February 22nd**

On Wednesday, February 22nd, our students will be participating in Pink Shirt Day Canada ([www.pinkshirtdaycanada.ca](http://www.pinkshirtdaycanada.ca)). The overall focus is about anti-bullying and promoting kindness. That same day, our Student Leadership team will be holding a special Kindness assembly, which they have already begun planning for.

## **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.

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

Last month, we informed 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. The expected cost will be around \$120 per student. To help with the planning, we have organized a small parent committee. Thank you to Laurie Funk, Sherry Plett and Val Barkman for joining us. In February, you will receive a letter to determine a commitment for your child to attend. We will also be sharing our fundraising options very shortly. In the meantime, if you would like to begin setting aside some money each month, you can make payments on the Parent Portal. Take note that your child's account will be charged for \$120.00.

## **PAC Hot Lunch Update**

Subway Thursdays: We are letting you know that a Thursday Subway lunch option has been added to the "LunchBox", hot lunch menu. As with the Tuesday option, orders need to be in by Sunday 11:00 a.m.

## **Grade 8 Farewell Committee Update**

We want to thank all the parents who expressed interest in joining the Grade 8 Farewell Committee. Definitely more interest than we have had in other years. At this time, the six parents that came forward earlier in the year will continue with some fundraising initiatives and some preliminary planning. Following this, all interested parents will meet in early spring to form subcommittees to work together to plan the farewell. The members on the committee are: Amie Friesen, Tammy Perkinson, Lisa Moesker, Leudy Dueck, Candace Fuchs and Darcia Hiebert. The committee would also like to let our families know that they will be selling some items to compliment the PAC main course items at the canteen starting Thursday, February 2nd. Here is the price list:

Apple Juice & Sunny D \$1.50	Famous Amos Cookies \$1.00	Fruit to Go \$0.75	Chewy Granola Bar \$0.75	Cheese Stick \$0.75
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## **Candy Love Grams For Sale - January 31st-February 2nd**

Our Student Leadership Team is selling Candy Love Grams again. The cost is \$3.00 for a bag of candy for someone you care about! Please bring exact change. K-Grade 2 can purchase candy love grams on Tuesday, January 31st, Grades 3-5 on Wednesday, February 1st, and Grades 6-8 on Thursday, February 2nd, during the lunch hour. The Love Grams will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14th. All profits will be donated to the charity, "Soup's On".

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

This month our focus is on the **Resilience** piece of your child's umbrella. What will resilience do for my child? Help them bounce back from challenges stronger than they were before. What is resilience? Why do some people get knocked down by life and come back stronger than ever? It's their resilience. Over time everyone will face a range of obstacles and difficulties; it's part of life. Resilience allows us to adapt or even feel stronger and happier after these times. It helps us to feel less like the victim of our own story and more like the hero. When it comes to resilience, practising helps. With every storm you successfully weather, your resilience gets a bit better and the more we do that, the stronger we get.

**Make connections** - Friends and other social supports improve resilience. Much like your umbrella protects you from the rain, having many strong umbrellas around you is necessary when the rain is too much for you to handle alone. Does your child have multiple friend groups? Maybe one at school, one in the neighbourhood, one with family friends? Help them find opportunities to make new friends and mentors and strengthen the connections they already have. This will add to the network of people they draw support from and who they in turn are able to support. Encourage them to be *a friend*, to get more friends.



# FEBRUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<b>1</b> Hanover Parent-Child Community Program - AM <i>Day 6</i>	<b>2</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 1</i>	<b>3</b> Professional Development Day NO CLASSES
<b>6</b> Hanover Parent-Child Community Program - PM <i>Day 2</i>	<b>7</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 3</i>	<b>8</b> HPCCP - AM <i>Day 4</i>	<b>9</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 5</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Day 6</i>
<b>13</b> HPCCP - PM <i>Day 1</i>	<b>14</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 2</i>	<b>15</b> HPCCP - AM <i>Day 3</i>	<b>16</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 4</i>	<b>17</b> Grade 7&8 MYLO <i>Middle Years Learning Opportunities</i> <i>Day 5</i>
<b>20</b> Louis Riel Day NO CLASSES	<b>21</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 6</i>	<b>22</b> Pink Shirt Day HPCCP - AM <i>Day 1</i>	<b>23</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 2</i>	<b>24</b> Professional Development Day NO CLASSES
<b>27</b> HPCCP - PM <i>Day 3</i>	<b>28</b> PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 4</i>			