



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 19 - May 31, 2023

The Umbrella Project at Blumenort School

Before we begin with this month's focus, I would like to begin with a disclaimer saying that these intros and check-ins are written by Dr. Jen from The Umbrella Project. Welcome to **Mastery** month in The Umbrella Project. Mastery is a great way to wrap up the year because it requires us to use many of the skills we have learned about over the year. Mastery is our ability to work towards excelling at something - our craft, our relationships, our jobs and many others. The early stages of mastery requires many of our Umbrella Skills to push through the boredom, fear, impatience and other difficult emotions of the learning journey. Over time, we build strength and confidence and are able to accomplish great things.

"Everyone holds his fortune in his own hands, like a sculptor the raw material he will fashion into a figure. But it's the same with that type of artistic activity as with all others: We are merely born with the capability to do it. The skill to mold the material into what we want must be learned and attentively cultivated." —Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Help your child discover their natural inclinations and curiosities - The best masters start with a deep interest and curiosity in the area they are working towards mastering. The journey to mastery requires time, patience and overcoming obstacles so this interest (see intrinsic motivation skill tips) is paramount in persevering through the learning process. You may have a vision for your child but if this doesn't align with their personal interests it is unlikely that they will go on to master this path while building their well-being. Trying to master something you don't care about is arduous, requires lots of will power and depletes our energy and happiness.

When you start with your child's natural interests, they are much more likely to engage with the process of learning and mastering their chosen activity. Start by helping your child notice the subjects they are most engaged in and the problems they most want to solve. Try to be specific when having these conversations ie. "What unit in science did you like the most?" and "Why instead of that subject do you like...?" For example, this year my daughter noticed that she really loved learning about energy in science and is also concerned about the environment, which led her to thinking about the jobs that might exist in sustainable energy. She is far from having to make these types of life decisions but reflecting on things that peak her interest will help her engage and learn when opportunities present themselves.

Lunch Hour & JT's Reminders

Students are allowed off school grounds for lunch if...

- Town students have a note at the beginning of the year saying they will be going home for lunch during that school year.
- Students who do not regularly go home for lunch bring a note on the specific day.
- Parents have made arrangements with the office.

As for our students heading to JT's, we will not be allowing them to head there, unless supervised by a parent.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our annual Kindergarten Orientation is set for Monday, June 12th and Tuesday, June 13th. If you have not already done so please remember to bring a photocopy of your child's birth certificate, Manitoba Health Card, proof of address and verification of parental citizenship. If you have a child or are aware of someone who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2023, it is not too late to register. Our online registration process takes only a few minutes to complete. To begin, visit the HSD Kindergarten Registration page at <https://hsd.ca/schools/student-registration/>

HSD Transportation Department

If you are planning to move during the summer, please contact the Transportation Dept. office. They are open all summer. It is always easier if they know before they send the bus drivers their packages of student lists so that new families and stops can be easily added. The Transportation Dept. can be reached at 204-320-2347.

Blumenort School 2023-2024 Teacher Line-Up

Here is our 2023-2024 teacher lineup as of May 31, 2023. More updates will come at the end of June.

| <i>Position</i> | <i>Teacher Name</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Principal | Dave Schettler |
| VP/Learning Support | TBA |
| Learning Support | Pam Barkman |
| Learning Support | Rhonda Stobbe |
| Literacy/Learning Support | Kayla Dupont |
| Counsellor | Curtis Brandt |
| Kindergarten AM/PM | Elaine Kauenhofen |
| Grade 1 | Amanda Ross |
| Grade 1 | Emily Walker |
| Grade 2 | Jenn Penner |
| Grade 2 | Irene Plett |
| Grade 3 | Brandy Derksen |
| Grade 3 | Celia Kellett |
| Grade 4 | Rachel Allard |
| Grade 4 | Rebecca Friesen |
| Grade 5 | Andrea Cuccaro |
| Grade 5 | Janette Suppes |
| Grade 6 | Kylie Burton |
| Grade 6 | Cam Hiebert |
| Grade 7 | Scott Hutchinson |
| Grade 7 | Michelle Plett |
| Grade 8 AM | Kristy Shumsky |
| Grade 8 | Kaitlyn Koop |
| Gr. 1-8 PE | Nathan Giesbrecht |
| Gr. 1-8 Music/Band | Shannon Sawatzky |
| Gr. 5-8 French | Bryanna Berkowski |

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD,
2023 11:00-1:00PM**

Join the Blumenort PAC for a family fun picnic lunch kicking off the summer. Bring a picnic lunch or preorder some pizza from Lunchbox (orders close June 18th), bring a picnic blanket and join us on the school grounds.



Dexter's Donut Truck

(available for purchase)

- Mini Donuts
- Popcorn
- Coffee /Cappuccino /Hot Chocolate
- Pop /Water

Silent Auction

- Great prizes to be won!
- \$10 – 25 Tickets (1 sheet)
- \$20 – 75 Tickets (3 sheets)

All funds raised will go toward the K-1 play structure!

Pre-order silent auction ticket forms will be coming home with students

Family Picnic Day - Friday, June 23rd

Our Blumenort Parent Advisory Council is in the midst of planning for this year's Family Picnic Day and Silent Auction to be held on **Friday, June 23rd**. Classes will once again have the chance to contribute by making up a themed basket to be auctioned off on that day. You do not have to be present to win a basket. Classes and their corresponding theme are listed below. We ask that each student bring in an item related to the theme assigned. Cash donations may be made in lieu of items. You are free to spend as much or as little as you would like. Items must be in by **Friday, June 10th**. Funds raised will be going towards a new K-1 play structure. Thank you!

Silent Auction Theme Baskets...

KKam & KKpm

Cool and Refreshing

(ex. Lilac/pool passes, beach towels, pool toys, water guns)

1R & 1W

Family Time

(ex. Restaurant gift cards, board games, bowling passes, Escape Room passes)

2P & 2PL

Summer Fun

(ex. Outdoor games, gardening, greenhouse gift card, DQ gift card)

3D & 3K

Read, Write, Arts & Crafts

(ex. Adult coloring books, crafts, extreme dot to dot, Chapters gift card, journals, pens)

4A & 4F

Gift Card Tree

(ex. Sports Chek, McDonalds, Winners, 7-11 Slurpees, Walmart - please write amount on gift card)

5C & 5M

Movie Night

(ex. Family friendly movies, cinema passes, snacks and candy)

6H & 6P

Sports

(ex. sports equipment, Jets/Bombers gear, sports posters, badminton net)

7H & 7P

Audio & Active

(ex. iTunes gift card, earbuds, Skyzone passes, Splatters passes, Kids Zone passes)

8K & 8S

Outdoors

(ex. Cabella's, Canadian Tire, fishing/camping gear – no knives/guns)

Blumenort Community Garage Sale



Blumenort Fun & Fair Weekend



Hanover Parent-Child Community Program

The Hanover Parent and Child Community Program (HPCCP) invites parents and their preschool children to attend free parent-child programming! This program is provided to promote school readiness. Children will have the opportunity to play, learn, create, sing, and develop skills to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents will be able to visit with other parents and participate in activities with their children. Programming is free and snacks will be provided. Families can attend once or twice a week or drop by when able. HPCCP will be offered in **Bothwell School** on Monday and Friday afternoons and various other locations throughout the school division. If you have any questions please call Stacey Marcoux at 204-326-9829.

Manitoba Youth Job Centre

The Manitoba Youth Job Center located at 321 Main Street Steinbach is providing students and youth the opportunity to learn more about working. MYJC provides students and youth with FREE services to help gain skills in the workplace. They will be serving local communities such as Steinbach, Richer, La Broquerie, Blumenort, Mitchell and Ste. Anne. Along with providing services for students we have Odd Job squads for those who are not old enough to work, for ages 13-16 with parental permission. The Odd Job squad (also known as OJS) runs throughout the summer and is to help youth learn more about employment. Odd Job squad hosts events planned by the youth and simulates a work environment. For those seeking employment between the ages 16-29 we are able to provide job matching assistance for those who qualify. Please contact Jane.Johnson@gov.mb.ca or call me anytime between 9am-12pm Monday through Friday or at 1(204)905-1423 for more information.

Mennonite Heritage Village Summer Day Camps



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Join us for boat loads of fun!



Arts and Crafts
Outdoor games
Wagon rides and animals
Pioneer activities



Your parents can register you for camp by going to

www.mhv.ca

email education@mhv.ca

or call 204-326-9661 ext. 225





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TALK-IN TUESDAYS

SUMMER WALK-IN COUNSELING

Available to ages 12-18 and parents at 450 main st in
Steinbach



For those struggling with their mental health, including life changes, grief, depression, anxiety, relationships, substance use, or anything else that may be on your mind. Sessions for parents can involve support, guidance and education regarding their child's mental health.

Sessions are offered on a first come, first serve basis.

July 18 and 25, August 1, 15, 22, and 29

9am-3pm

email kkrahn@southernhealth.ca for more info

This is not a crisis service. If you are experiencing an emergency, contact 1-888-617-7715 or go to the nearest emergency room



JUNE 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | | 1 Umbrella Project Mastery Assembly PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 2</i> | 2 <i>Day 3</i> |
| 5 Administration Day NO CLASSES | 6 Grade 5&6 HSD Track & Field Meet PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 4</i> | 7 <i>Day 5</i> | 8 Grade 7&8 HSD Track & Field Meet PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 6</i> | 9 Grade 8 Farewell <i>Day 1</i> |
| 12 Kindergarten Orientation <i>Day 2</i> | 13 Kindergarten Orientation Grade 5&6 HSD Track Rain Date PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 3</i> | 14 <i>Day 4</i> | 15 Mastery Assembly 2 Library Books DUE Grade 7&8 HSD Track Rain Date PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 5</i> | 16 <i>Day 6</i> |
| 19 Gr. 1&2 Bike Rodeo Lost & Found Week <i>Day 1</i> | 20 Gr. 1&2 Bike Rodeo Rain Date PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 2</i> | 21 <i>Day 3</i> | 22 PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 4</i> | 23 Blumenort PAC Family Picnic Day 11:30am-1:00pm K-2 Carnival PM <i>Day 5</i> |
| 26 Grade 7&8 HSD Soccer Tourney <i>Day 6</i> | 27 PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 1</i> | 28 <i>Day 2</i> | 29 Gr. 6-8 Awards Day @ 11am PAC Hot Lunch <i>Day 3</i> | 30 Administration Day NO CLASSES Reports Issued |