



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

## ***Bengals' Update 20 - June 7, 2023***

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### **Staffing Update**

Our staffing lineup for 2023-2024 is now complete. First off, I would like to announce that Ms. Vanessa David will be our new Vice-Principal. Vanessa joins us from the Steinbach Regional Secondary School, where she taught Science and Chemistry. We would like to wish Ms. David all the best, as she begins her time with us! Last month, we also announced that Ms. Kylie Burton would be our new Grade 6 homeroom teacher. Since that time, there have been many administration switches that have occurred in our division that has resulted in Ms. Burton being able to remain at her current school. We would like to wish Ms. Burton all the best and are very happy everything worked out for her. As a result, we are very happy to announce that Mr. Julian Penner has accepted this permanent Grade 6 position here at our school this fall. Congratulations Mr. Penner!

### **PAC Family Picnic Updates**

- **PICNIC DAY DONATIONS** - PAC is looking for donations of items for the silent auction baskets for the School Picnic on June 23rd. You are welcome to bring items as outlined in the previous and this current Bengals' Update or you can give a monetary donation and they will purchase the items. Cash or cheque donations of \$25 or more will receive a tax deductible receipt. Cheques should be made out to Blumenort PAC. All donations are due **FRIDAY, JUNE 9.**
- **PICNIC DAY PIZZA LUNCH** - You can already pre-order full pizzas or pizza slices for June 23rd using the LUNCHBOX site. Please place your pizza orders by **SUNDAY, JUNE 18 @ 11am.** Remember to order under your OLDEST CHILD's name to ensure smooth distribution.

### **Lunch Hour & JT's Reminders**

Here is a little reminder for our families. 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.

### **Umbrella Project Awards**

In late May, the Umbrella Project Awards were held, live on Instagram, and our very own Mr. Scott Hutchinson was a recipient of a 2023 Umbrella Project Award in the category of *Staff Choice*. The Umbrella Project Awards recognize and celebrate amazing people across Canada who are actively strengthening their coping skills and bravely taking on the challenges we all face. Congratulations Mr. Hutch!

## **Blumenort School 2023-2024 Teacher Line-Up**

Here is our updated 2023-2024 teacher lineup as of June 7, 2023.

| <b><i>Position</i></b>    | <b><i>Teacher Name</i></b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Principal                 | Dave Schettler             |
| VP/Learning Support       | Vanessa David              |
| 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                   | Cam Hiebert                |
| Grade 6                   | Julian Penner              |
| 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          |

## **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 9th**. 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)



**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**



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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.

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9am-3pm

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