



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

Bengals' Update 23 - June 30, 2023

Staffing Update

In our final Bengals Update of the year, we would like to share some staffing updates. Mrs. Carla Burkert (EA) will be leaving us this fall as she has taken on a divisional EA position. Thank you Mrs. Burkert for all that you've done while at our school over the years and all the best in your new position! We would also like to congratulate Ms. Mallory Stang (EA) who is now permanent. Congratulations!

Parent Portal - September Strong Connections & Bengals Den (House) Colours

Stay Connected and Informed! The HSD Parent Portal is a communications tool designed to enhance and increase parent/guardian involvement in the education of their children. The portal provides parents/guardians with secure online access to our Student Information System. With a single username and password, parents/guardians can access information regarding attendance, school fees, payments, permission forms, report cards, parent-teacher meetings, and graduation/credit summary. Today we want to share with you that the day your child will attend Strong Connections in fall and the colour of your child's Den (House) can both be found on the portal. If you have any questions, let us know.

Supply Lists

A reminder that the supply lists for each grade level will be posted on our website at <http://blumenort.hsd.ca>

Congratulations to our Grade 8 Grads!

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students, who successfully made it through their final year at Blumenort School. Well done and best wishes as you move on to Grade 9!

Thank You from our PAC!

On behalf of the Blumenort PAC we would like to send out many many thanks to all of the parents, guardians, families, businesses, school staff and everyone else who supported the Family Picnic! With your help and generosity we raised \$3,090.00 towards our fundraising goal. We are truly thankful. Have a wonderful summer!!

Thank You to our PAC!

A big thank you to our Blumenort School Parent Advisory Council, consisting of Stephanie Karalash, Brittany Walker, Jess Barkman, Jill Plett and Chad Richardson, for all of their hard work in organizing this year's School Family Picnic and for all of your efforts this year!

Summer Contact

If there are any changes for your family during the summer break, please let us know via email or feel free to wait until our school reopens in the fall. As well, the HSD Transportation office is open all summer long so if you are planning on changing locations, please call them at (204)320-2347.

2023-2024 School Calendar

For the upcoming year, we will be continuing with our own school calendar. These calendars will be ready for distribution in the fall. For those who are currently in Grade 8, we will ensure that you receive a copy. Thank you to Mr. Hutchinson for all of your efforts!

Thank You and Have a Great Summer!

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support in making Blumenort School an amazing place to learn. Have a safe, healthy and relaxing summer break!



About Us

Blumenort School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with approximately 430 students and over 40 staff, including administration, teachers, office/library, educational assistants and custodial staff.

Our staff believes in the power of collaboration and collective efficacy and their effect on student achievement.

Blumenort School has a strong connection to our families, with many parents who volunteer their time.

Students at Blumenort School are exceptional in their care for others and their school.

Our school is highly committed to developing Literacy and Numeracy skills in every student.

We have unique learning spaces including a Learning Lab, Learning Lounge, Learning Commons and Learning Support Zone.

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Year-End Community Report for 2022-23

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Planning Priority #1

By June 2023, our students will develop an age appropriate understanding of the relationship between their emotions and behaviours and how it affects their learning.

Year-End Accomplishments

- We worked our way through Year 2 of the Umbrella Project, a teacher-led curriculum and school based program created to help teachers, students and parents reframe our perception of challenges and strengthen the skills of well-being to positively cope with the everyday stresses of life.

Planning Priority #2A

By June 2023, all Grade 1-5 students will achieve end of year grade level outcomes in reading or will have grown by one grade level in reading.

Year-End Accomplishments

- 86% of our students are reading at or above grade-level. This is up 9% from the previous year.

Planning Priority #2B

By June 2023, all Grade 6-8 students will be meeting end of year expectations in mental math.

Year-End Accomplishments

- 73% of our students achieved a 3 or a 4 on the provincial report card in Mental Math.

Planning Priority #3

By June 2023, we will increase our collective efficacy by 100% of teaching staff participating in and reflecting on two teaching sprints.

Year-End Accomplishments

- We improved our collective efficacy by participating in Teaching Sprints and Learning Walks.

Top Five Highlights for 2022-2023

- We completed our second year of the Umbrella Project.
- We created The Den (House) System that provides a sense of belonging for all students and staff.
- We began our Middle Years Learning Opportunities program for our Grade 7&8 students.
- We held our school-wide Thanksgiving Lunch after a two-year absence.
- Our Student Leadership Team was highly involved in numerous leadership opportunities including Sustainable Development, fundraising for local charities and service projects within our school.



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June 2023

Dear Parents,

Blumenort School has been working hard at creating a Makerspace/STEAM lab in our school. These rooms are designed to encourage students to create, explore and challenge themselves. It provides a safe place for students to make mistakes and learn from them!

The room will include a 'make and take' section in which students are encouraged to create something, guided by the teachers instructions, and take home at the end of the project. These make and take projects require a lot of recycled materials and we are looking for your support!

Starting in the 2023/2024 school year, each grade level will be in charge of supplying one material for the maker space room. In addition to that, we are looking for some materials that you may be throwing out! Don't throw them away, we need them to help build up our collection of materials!

2023-2024 Supplies Needed	
Kindergarten & Grade 1	Toilet/Paper Towel rolls
Grade 2 & Grade 3	Egg cartons
Grade 4 & Grade 5	Plastic containers
Grade 6 & Grade 7	Cardboard
Grade 8	Newspaper/magazines

Other items that we are looking for:

Puzzle pieces	Wrapping paper/tissue paper	Cards
Pipe cleaners/	Popsicle Sticks	Toothpicks
Pompoms	Beads	Fabric
Dixie/styrofoam/plastic (cups, bowls, plates, cutlery)	Tinfoil	Any other materials that could be reused!

We are also looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to come in twice a month to help us with organizing the bins and doing a quick inventory. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer!

Thank you for your support!

Makerspace/STEAM Committee

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SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Labour Day NO CLASSES	5 Administration Day NO CLASSES Meet the Teacher 4:00-5:30pm	6 First Day of Classes Kindergarten Interviews <i>Day 1</i>	7 Kindergarten Interviews <i>Day 2</i>	8 Kindergarten Staggered Entry <i>Day 3</i>
11 Kindergarten Staggered Entry <i>Day 4</i>	12 <i>Day 5</i>	13 <i>Day 6</i>	14 <i>Day 1</i>	15 Strong Connections <i>Day 2</i>
18 Strong Connections <i>Day 3</i>	19 <i>Day 4</i>	20 Picture Day <i>Day 5</i>	21 <i>Day 6</i>	22 <i>Day 1</i>
25 Orange Shirt Week <i>Day 2</i>	26 Orange Shirt Week <i>Day 3</i>	27 Orange Shirt Week <i>Day 4</i>	28 Orange Shirt Week <i>Day 5</i>	29 Orange Shirt Week <i>Day 6</i>