



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 08 - OCTOBER 19, 2023

Blumenort Parent Advisory Council Annual General Meeting

Our Blumenort PAC AGM was held this past week. Thank you to all who attended! First off, we would like to let everyone know that Mr. Chad Richardson, our PAC president, has resigned. We want to thank Chad for the incredible amount of time and effort he poured into our school. For the 2023-2024 school year, here are our PAC members...

• Jess Barkman	• Nicole Plett	• Renae Stover	• Jill Plett	• Julie Ellis
• Stephanie Karalash	• Michelle Barkman	• Vicki Hildebrand	• Lili Wiens	

Blumenort School Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our Momentum Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser is into its final week. Here are a few last minute reminders...

- All orders and money should be turned into the school by **Friday, October 27th**.
- Any cheques should be made payable to Blumenort School.
- There will be great prizes available to our top sellers.
- The product is typically delivered two to three weeks after all the order forms are collected (subject to change).

Grade 7&8 MYLO - Middle Years Learning Opportunities

Our Grade 7&8 MYLO is now in full swing. This month, MYLO continues with two separate events - one for our Grade 7s and one for our Grade 8s - both on Friday, October 27th. Our Grade 7s will be heading to the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach for a full day of activities, which will include Vis Com. Our Grade 8s will be off to the Bio Lab and Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg. Our teachers will be in touch with more information, including the permission forms.

Picture Retakes

A reminder that our Picture Retakes are scheduled for Monday, October 30th, in the morning. Please take note that our Grade 7P homeroom will have their class photo taken at this time.

Hearing Screening

Our annual Hearing Screening for all Kindergarten, Grade One and new/referred students will take place November 6th & 7th. Those who are away or who did not pass the first time will be reassessed on November 28th. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Umbrella Project - Dr. Jen

Help kids see what they have in common with others. Having high empathy is linked with increased happiness and scholastic achievement. To build this important skill, help kids see what they have in common with others. One of the biggest predictors of prejudices and a failure to empathize with members of other groups, is having little or no contact with people who aren't like you. Research shows that schools can boost empathy by fostering an inclusive, warm attitude towards cultural diversity and you can do this at home too. Take stock of how often your kids play with others who are different from them. Do your girls play with boys and vice versa? What about other cultures? What about the adults around them? How wide is your child's perspective? Encourage diversity to learn about and empathize with others. Until next time, Dr. Jen, The Umbrella Project