



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 17 - DECEMBER 22, 2023

Bengals Music Department Update

A huge thank you to Mrs. Sawatzky and our Grade 1-3 students and staff for all of their efforts putting together our Christmas Concert! Once again, we received many appreciative comments on the performance. Take a peek at Page 3 for some photos!

Grade 7&8 VisCom Colouring Books

A huge thank you to our community for your support with our Grade 7 and 8 VisCom colouring books. We were able to raise just over \$200 for the South East Helping Hands.

Blumenort Community Library Christmas Holiday Story Hour

Parents/Caregivers are welcome to come on down with their children for story time at the Blumenort Community Library (in the Blumenort Community Church) to listen to some fun stories being read by members of our community. The dates are Wednesday, December 27th and Wednesday, January 3rd from 10:30-11:30am.

Grade 8 Farewell Committee Meeting

Our Grade 8 Farewell is held every June, but the planning needs to begin as soon as the new year arrives. We have had a couple of parents express interest in being on our committee so here is our official invitation to all Grade 8 parents. Please email Mrs. Benitez in our main office if you are interested.

Staffing Update

In early December, we announced a few changes to our staffing lineup that will take place after the Christmas Break. Today, we can share the following update with everyone. Mrs. Bryanna Berkowski will be our new counsellor for the remainder of this school year. Bryanna will be taking over from Mr. Curt Brandt and we are excited to be working with her in her new role. Our French Dept. will also see the return of Mrs. Janessa Roy. Welcome back Janessa! Mrs. Heather Messner will be our new Grade 5 homeroom teacher. She takes over for Mrs. Suppes. Welcome aboard Heather! Lastly, our Grade 6P homeroom position has not yet been filled. We would like to thank Mrs. Michelle Barkman who will step into 6P for the first couple of weeks after the break.

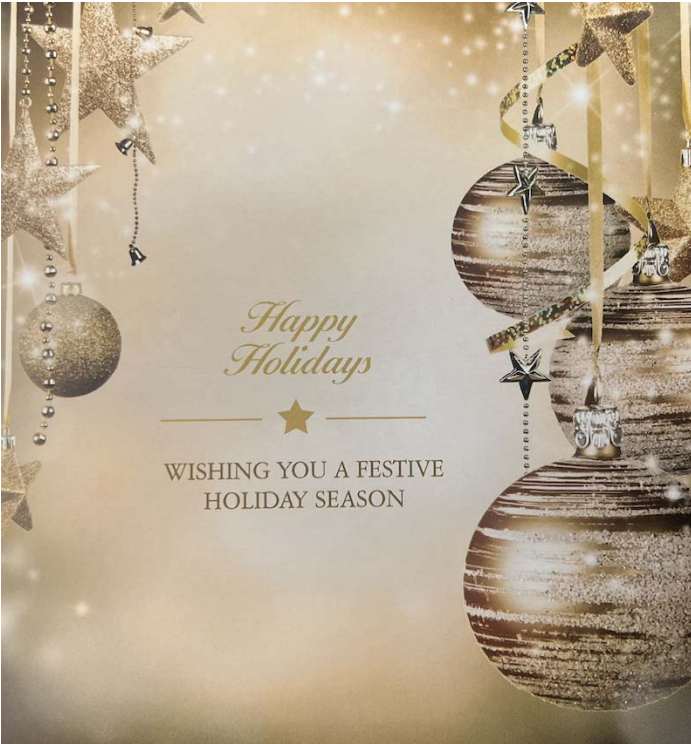
Umbrella Project - Dr. Jen

Is there a grain of truth? In the month of January, we focus on the skill of Authenticity. Let's face it - it often feels easier to shift the blame to someone or something else, rather than looking inside and owning up to our mistakes. In reality, the situations we find ourselves in are much more complex than that. There is often more than one factor involved in our mistakes/conflicts and almost always, some piece of it that we can accept responsibility for. The ability to do this is a big part of healthy relationship-building for your child.

The next time your child is facing a conflict, ask them if they can pick out a *grain of truth* in the situation: something little that they can take ownership and responsibility for. This can be especially effective for sibling conflicts, as well as peer and parent relationships. This strategy will help them start with small, manageable things and eventually to owning bigger pieces of their mistakes. The strategy shows your child the relief that comes with ownership and telling the truth.

Does your child often get upset at the suggestion that they may have something to do with the conflict they find themselves in? Working towards owning up to mistakes is a great way to build their authenticity, help them learn from those mistakes and prevent them from having to carry the burden of that mistake long-term. This can be a difficult skill for some to nurture, so make honesty the easiest option for your child by praising them every time they are able to find their piece of responsibility in the situation.

Merry Christmas from the Staff at Blumenort School!



Main Entrance Mural

Those using our Main Entrance will quickly see an amazing new mural that recognizes the past, the current and the vision ahead for our school. Thank you to Mr. Hutch for taking an idea and turning it into reality!



Grade 1-3 Christmas Concert Highlights





JANUARY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Happy New Year!	2 Christmas Break	3 Christmas Break	4 Christmas Break	5 Christmas Break
8 First Day of Classes <i>Day 2</i>	9 Umbrella Project Authenticity Assembly <i>Day 3</i>	10 <i>Day 4</i>	11 <i>Day 5</i>	12 <i>Day 6</i>
15 <i>Day 1</i>	16 <i>Day 2</i>	17 <i>Day 3</i>	18 <i>Day 4</i>	19 Grade 7 MYLO <i>Day 5</i>
22 <i>Day 6</i>	23 <i>Day 1</i>	24 <i>Day 2</i>	25 <i>Day 3</i>	26 Grade 8 MYLO <i>Day 4</i>
29 <i>Day 5</i>	30 <i>Day 6</i>	31 <i>Day 1</i>		

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