



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 26 - MARCH 8, 2024

The Umbrella Project @ Blumenort School

MAKE YOUR CHILD A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE FAMILY by DR. JEN

The ultimate goal of parenting is to help your child develop into a person who can independently self-regulate, make good decisions for their wellbeing and care for themselves without you. Like it or not, when your child becomes an adult, they will have the independence to make whatever choices they want for their lives. A big part of our role as parents is supporting the development of our child's capacity for good decision making.

One of the best ways to guide your child to healthy independence and purpose is to give them a voice in your family as early as you can. Here are some examples of how you can make their voices heard:

- **Ask them how to best solve the parenting difficulties you face.** Here's an example of this from my life: How can we get out the door in the morning without me having to give the kids so many reminders? Their solutions: No leisure reading until all morning tasks are complete, checklists on the fridge with everything that needs to be done, and getting dressed for the day before coming downstairs. By getting kids involved, they are learning to solve problems, are more likely to comply and feel more like participating members of our family.
- **Get them involved in travel planning.** This one can be a lot of fun. If you are a family who likes to travel, start to include your child in the decision making. Tapping into a kid's intrinsic curiosity about the world builds purpose and really helps them to feel engaged. You could alternate through each family member getting to pick your final travel destination (after narrowing down the list to reasonable options) or let them plan one of the days while you are away. If you don't travel, you can use this when planning out your weekend or weeknights when you have family time. Make sure everyone feels like they have a say.

Giving kids a voice is empowering and feeds the development of their sense of purpose. When everything is planned, scheduled and reinforced for them, they miss out on the development of some of these critical skills.

PAC Hot Lunch - Lunchbox Order for March 12th

We have been informed that there was a glitch in the Lunchbox ordering menu for Tuesday, March 12th, that has since been corrected. If you were intending on your child having a hot lunch for that day, we ask for our families to please double check that you did in fact order.

Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please keep the following dates and times in mind...

- Monday, March 18th - Report Cards will be available to view on the Parent Portal.
- Thursday, March 21st - Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences from 9:00am-6:30pm.
- Thursday, March 21st - Grade 1-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences from 4:10-6:30pm.

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to register their children in January for September entry, as this will assist schools in planning and scheduling. Early registration also provides the opportunity to participate in upcoming orientation events in spring. To be eligible for September registration (2024-25 school year), children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2024. Students are required to attend the school within the catchment area where they reside, which ensures balanced enrollment across the division. For more information on school catchment areas and how to begin the online registration, please check out...

<https://hsd.ca/schools/student-registration/>

Bengals Music Department

Here are some dates to make 🎵 of in the Music Department:

- **SOUTH EAST MUSIC FESTIVAL - TUESDAY, MARCH 12th**
 - Blumenort singers will be participating. Location: Grace Mennonite Church in Steinbach.
 - 4A and 4F perform together at 10:15 am.
 - Bussing will be provided, and singers will be back at school for lunch time.
 - Grade 4 students should wear black/dark bottoms, and plain black top. (Shirts with logos may be turned inside out, if necessary).
 - Grade 5-8 Noon Choir performs at 1:15pm. They will be leaving school at 12:20pm, and be back at school by approximately 2:45pm.
 - Noon Choir students should wear black/dark bottoms, and our black school Music shirts - which will be handed out that morning.
 - The Festival is open to the public, and we would love to have family members in the audience!
 - Admission is \$3 per session, \$20 family rate per session, or \$20 individual person festival pass.
- **BLUMENORT GRADE 5-8 SPRING CONCERT - THURSDAY, MAY 9th**
 - Location: Blumenort School Gym at 2:00pm and 7:00pm.
 - Featured in the concert will be our Grade 7 and 8 Band, Grade 5-8 Noon Choir, and...Thwacked! a Fractured Fairy Tale/Musical.
 - Please mark this date on your calendars, as it is very important that all Band and Choir members are able to make it!
 - Grade 5-8 students had the option to audition for parts in our Spring Musical, and the cast list has been set! Once the Music Festival is behind us, rehearsals will begin for the singing, dancing and acting will begin. If you are interested in helping with costumes, backdrop painting, or gathering props - please contact Mrs. Sawatzky in the Music Department!

World's Finest Chocolate Almond & Assorted Chocolates Fundraiser

Our annual, school-wide World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser has concluded! Next week we will announce our final tallies and our prize winners! Thank you again for your support!

Providence University College Spring Break Soccer Camp

Providence is excited to offer a 4-day soccer camp experience during Spring Break. Join Providence Women's Soccer Head Coach Tory Walker and Men's Soccer Head Coach Gio Benitez Friesen, along with their players for 4 days of soccer skills, games and more. Here are the details...

- Dates: March 25-28, 2024
- Location: Providence University College
- Ages: 8-12 Years Old
- Drop off: 8:30am in the gym & Pick up: 5:00pm in the gym.
- Cost: \$175 + GST
- Lunch in the cafeteria and snacks provided daily.
- Please bring indoor shoes/cleats, water bottle, and wear athletic clothing.
- Any questions please contact Tracy McDonald at tracy.mcdonald@prov.ca
- <https://my.prov.ca/forms/athletics/soccer-spring-break-camp/>

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March 2024

Southeast Open Judged Exhibit

Artist Callout for all ages & skill levels.
Submit your entry starting March 1st.

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