



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 32 - APRIL 26, 2024

Staffing Updates

The past few weeks have brought about quite a few changes to our staffing, both to our current lineup and a few that will take place in the 2024-2025 school year...

- Ms. Emily Walker, Ms. Rachel Allard, Ms. Mallory Worsnop and Mr. Cam Hiebert are all currently on leave. We would like to wish them all the best. At the same time we welcome Ms. Rhonda Stobbe, Ms. Felicia Torchia, Ms. Sarah Stegne and Ms. Rebecca Wiens who have joined our staff for the short term.
- We also have Mr. Scott Hutchinson and Ms. Bryanna Berkowski who are heading to Stonybrook Middle School this fall. Thank you both for everything during your time with us and all the best in your new positions!
- Lastly, Ms. Jennifer Nairn, currently at Bothwell School, Ms. Krystin Dychko, currently at Stonybrook Middle School and Ms. Samantha Kinley, currently at Kleefeld School will all be joining us this fall. Welcome aboard!

2023-2024 Class Lists

Thank you to those who returned their online Class Placement Parent Request Form. Please note that your child's placement will be shared at the end of June.

The Umbrella Project @ Blumenort School

This month we are taking on a skill that will help us look on the bright side, even when winter oversteps its seasonal timelines. That skill is **Realistic Optimism**.

How will realistic optimism help my child? We often hear sayings about looking on the bright side of life. Turns out that looking on the bright side can actually improve your child's mental and physical health. Mix that with helping them have a realistic look at the obstacles they may face, and you have a strategy for success. Achieving goals can be challenging and a negative outlook can defeat children before they even get started. Learning to be realistically optimistic will help your child link their dreams to the steps they will need to take to achieve them and help them take on life with a positive attitude.

HELP YOUR CHILD ANTICIPATE AND PLAN FOR OBSTACLES by DR. JEN

Obstacles become less daunting when we have thought them through and have strategies to deal with them. When your child approaches challenging situations this month, help them think through some of the obstacles they may face and potential strategies they can use to deal with them.

For example, if your child has a test at the end of the month that they are quite worried about, think through what the stress points are and then help them actively build evidence that they will be able to handle those challenges...

- Busy schedule? Print out the calendar for the month and have your child block out some study times in advance so they can visualize the extra time they have to study.
- Classroom too noisy? Help them build confidence working in a noisy environment by taking them out to a coffee shop a few times to do their homework and practice that skill.
- Don't like multiple choice? Get them to study by making up a multiple choice exam for you from their material. Then have a good laugh together as you try to complete their test. By tying laughter and positive feelings to that style of test they are more likely to feel positive and optimistic when they experience another similar test.

There are so many ways to prepare for obstacles in life while building confidence for the next time we may face a similar challenge. When possible, make the preparation something that will encourage a positive mood. Help your child feel empowered and optimistic by anticipating and preparing for challenges.

Family Picnic Day - Thursday, June 27th

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 **Thursday, June 27th**. Classes will once again have the chance to contribute by making up a themed basket to be auctioned off on that day. **You or your child need to be present to win a silent auction 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 14th**. 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 & 3M

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)

Boston Pizza Partners in Reading

A note that May will be the final month to tally your reading. Please make sure your forms are turned in by June 3rd!

Kindergarten Orientation & Registration Reminder

Our annual Kindergarten Orientation is set for Thursday, May 23rd. If you have not already called the school to set up an appointment for your child, please do so as soon as possible. As well, 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/>

Blumenort PAC Rocco's Pizza Fundraiser - May 1st Pick-Up

Thank you to those of you who participated in the Rocco's fundraiser. We raised a total of \$1,272.50 to go towards the new play structure! The top seller is Ezra D. (KKAM) , winner of the scooter donated by Rocco's. The class that sold the most units and winner of the pizza party, is the Kindergarten AM class! Great job!! Details about the pizza party will be sent out to the parents/guardians of the KKAM class. **Please mark your calendars - For those that ordered, pizza pick up is scheduled for May 1st from 3:30pm-5:30pm in the back parking lot at the school.**

Bengals Phys. Ed. Dept.

- Jump Rope for Heart - This year's Grade 1-6 Jump Rope for Heart event is scheduled for Friday, May 10th. There will be an information letter sent home next week.
- Bengals Badminton - The round-robin portion of the HSD Grade 7 and 8 Badminton Tourney took place this past week and the Championship evening is set for this coming Tuesday at SRSS. Come out and cheer our Bengals on!
- Bengals Track & Field - Grades 5-8 students will soon be gearing up for Track and Field season. Stay tuned to our upcoming Bengals Updates for more details.

Grade 5-8 Spring Concert & Student Leadership Popcorn Fundraiser

Our Grade 5-8 Spring Concert is set for Thursday, May 9th!

- Two shows: 1:30pm and 7:00pm in the Blumenort School Gym. Everyone is welcome!
- Program Order: Grade 7 and 8 Band, Grade 5-8 Choir, a short intermission with a special event by our Student Leadership Team, followed by...THWACKED! A Fractured Fairy Tale
- Our Student Leadership Team will be selling popcorn for \$2 per bag and all proceeds will go to the new play structure.
- The entire cast and crew of the musical will have 2 after school practices -
- Monday, May 7th, 3:45pm - 6pm - tech rehearsal (with sound and lights)
- Tuesday, May 8th, 3:45pm - 6pm - full dress rehearsal with costumes
- Lastly, can you help us complete our props list? We are looking for a big log, about 3 or 4 feet in length, fairly wide around. If you have access to one - could you connect with Mrs. Sawatzky? Thanks!




Lastly, it is vital that all band and choir students are in attendance for the evening concert - students, please connect with your baseball and soccer coaches, etc. asap so that they know you are required to be at school that evening! Music performances really are team efforts, and we need all our players there! Thanks! See you at the show!



Blumenort Community Pick up and Walk April 27 at 9AM

meet at the Blumenort Community Church!
Bring your own boots, gloves & High Vis clothes if you have.
Garbage bags & snacks will be provided by the church.

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THEME DAYS:

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- Plants & Fungi
- Forensic Science
- Marine Biology
- Science of Sound

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MAY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 UP Assembly @ 910 Rocco's Pizza Pickup <i>Day 2</i>	2 <i>Day 3</i>	3 <i>Day 4</i>
6 <i>Day 5</i>	7 <i>Day 6</i>	8 <i>Day 1</i>	9 Spring Musical - Thwacked @ 1:30pm & 7:00pm <i>Day 2</i>	10 Grade 1-6 Jump Rope For Heart Event <i>Day 3</i>
13 <i>Day 4</i>	14 <i>Day 6</i>	15 <i>Day 6</i>	16 <i>Day 1</i>	17 Grade 7 MYLO <i>Day 2</i>
20 Victoria Day NO CLASSES	21 <i>Day 3</i>	22 <i>Day 4</i>	23 Kindergarten Orientation <i>Day 5</i>	24 Blumenort Grade 5-8 Track & Field Meet <i>Day 6</i>
27 <i>Day 1</i>	28 HSD Grade 7&8 1200m Run in Steinbach <i>Day 2</i>	29 Blumenort Grade 5-8 Track & Field Meet (Rain Date) <i>Day 3</i>	30 <i>Day 4</i>	31 Grade 8 MYLO <i>Day 5</i>

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