



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 20 - JANUARY 24, 2025

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Kindergarten Registration for the 2025-2026 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 (2025-2026 school year), children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2025. 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/>

The Umbrella Project - Dr. Jen

Develop your child's capacity to practice. The ability to practice is one the most important pieces in persevering towards complex and long-term goals. Without the ability to sustain effort and practice over time, many big dreams go unrealised. Here are a few tips when it comes to making practice effective and sustainable for your child:

1. **Schedule practice and rest time to avoid burnout.** To perform at our best we need breaks, and teaching children this early on will really help them do their best. Determine how long your child can hold focus for and then set a timer for that amount of time while working or practicing something. Take short breaks between practice sessions to get some fresh air, run around, snack and recover for the next focused practice session. For example, you could do 15 minutes of practice, take a 5 minute break and then 15 more minutes of practice. Repeat this for the duration of their working time. Timed intervals will help your child stay on task and practice well.
2. **Find tasks that help your child work at the right level for their pre-existing ability.** This will help them achieve a state of engagement and concentration when practicing (otherwise known as a state of flow). To achieve this state of flow, think about what we often refer to as the Goldilocks effect. Tasks should be not too hard.. not too easy.. just right! Tasks that are too difficult tend to create anxiety and those that are too easy lead to boredom. Both those states are detrimental to our capacity to practice something. When practicing, tasks should be challenging enough to require your child to recruit many skills to accomplish the task but not so hard that they can't succeed.

Blumenort School Indigenous Merchandise



We are once again selling Blumenort School Indigenous Merchandise. Our options are for T-Shirts, Hoodies and Toques in black, grey and orange. The order form has been electronically sent to you. Paper copies are available at the office. Order Deadline is January 31st!



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Inspired to Learn for Life! Inquire, Include, Imagine. Go Bengals!

January 24, 2025,

Dear Families,

Our school's Scholastic Book Fair starts next week! It will be open January 29th and 30th. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend the book fair with their students at the time that the class is scheduled during the day. The schedule is below. For those who are unable to do so, you can send money with your student for them to make the purchase. As well, we will be open from 4-7 pm on Wednesday and 3:45-5 pm on Thursday. Kindergarten families are invited to shop between 11:30 and 1:00 both days.

As usual, there will also be boutique items available, including pens, pencils, journals and posters. Methods of payment will be cash, cheque, debit or credit cards. Any product that needs to be re-ordered should arrive within a week of purchase. Ballots will also be available for a draw that gives the winner \$25.00 worth of books for themselves and \$25.00 worth for their classroom.

Your investment in your reader also helps our whole school. All purchases earn rewards that can be redeemed for books and education resources for our school's library. This is the schedule with the dates and times each classroom is signed up for book fair shopping:

	January 29	January 30
Period 1	4M	
Period 2	1R	
Period 3	5F	7K/7P
Period 4	8S/8K	2P
Period 5	4A	6CD
Period 6	6H	1/2N
Period 7		5P
Period 8	2PL	1W
Period 9	3D	3M

Thank you,
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Parking Issues at Blumenort School

A few times throughout the school year, we need to remind our families of our Parent Parking, Drop-Off & Pick Up plan. The purpose of our plan is to reduce congestion and increase the safety of our students. To make that happen, we need your cooperation! So here are a few issues we are noticing that need to be addressed...

<p>1. Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups in areas other than what we have listed in our Parking Parking, Drop-Off & Pick-Up Handbook creates congestion and safety issues. Our plan avoids students crossing the road unattended.</p>	
<p>2. Our Staff Parking Lot is for staff only. The solid metal stand with the green and white sign we had in place was stolen late last year (as per our security cameras) and is in the process of being replaced. Students walking in our parking lot is a serious safety concern that we want to avoid.</p>	
<p>3. In what seems like an oxymoron, there are areas on Park Street where you simply can't park. Lately, we see a number of vehicles parked in areas, such as across from our Front Parking Lot, that are clearly designated as, "No Parking."</p>	
<p>4. Students walking unattended to meet their family vehicle on the west side of School Blvd is a big concern. Families are free to park there but we ask that you exit your vehicle and help them/meet them to safely cross.</p>	
<p>For the complete document, please check out the following link from our school website... https://blumenort.hsd.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2024/09/Parent-Parking-Drop-Off-and-Pick-Up.pdf</p>	