



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

**BENGALS UPDATE 22 - FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

## **February @ Blumenort School**

Our busy month continues...

DATE/EVENT	DATE/EVENT
12th - Steinbach Pistons - Class Visits & Floor Hockey Game	20th - Grade 8 SRSS Orientation in the afternoon
18th-21st - Festival du Voyageur Week	24th-26th - Kindness Week
19th - Grade 5&6 Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Field Trip	26th - Pink Shirt Day with Pancake Breakfast & PJ Day

## **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/>

## **Scholastic Book Fair Update**

A huge thank you to our community for your support with our Scholastic Book Fair. Mrs. Friesen, our librarian, let us know that just over \$3000 was raised for our library! That is incredible! Thank you again!

## **The Umbrella Project - Dr. Jen**

**Help your child face their fears!** Avoiding our fears may be the easiest road in the short term but doesn't help us build resilience. What we actually need is small, repeated exposure to the things that scare us. Over time, small successes over these fears help us slowly build the confidence to navigate adversity. Here's an example from my family. When my daughter was young, she didn't like to be the centre of attention. This became glaringly obvious the day she wore a fancy dress to school for the first time in years, received at least 5 compliments in the first minute and proceeded to burst into tears and beg me to take her home. It seemed like a small thing but it pushed a big fear button inside her. Parenting dilemma...take her home to change or make her stay in a state of clear distress?

Actually there is a third choice. We had time to go home and change but only with the following condition; she was going to have to work on being the centre of attention. That was the deal. I explained that life will present her with many similar circumstances and I want her to have the skills to deal with those situations. While this current challenge was too big for her, we were going to choose smaller opportunities for her to practice. She agreed and we have since helped her practice this skill in many contexts until she is now more comfortable when she finds herself pushed this way. In fact, last year she made it to the school finals for a speech competition. A huge change from the girl crying in the hallway over some positive attention. This is how resilience is built. Not avoidance, not full immersion, but repeated small fears faced and defeated over time.

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# Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week



PROVINCE OF MANITOBA

## PROCLAMATION

### Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week February 9 to 15, 2025

- WHEREAS The Manitoba government values the contributions of Kindergarten to Grade 12 teachers and staff toward advancing the Department of Education and Early Childhood Learning's vision that from every part of Manitoba, from every background, all children and youth matter, belong, are respected, successful, and safe
- WHEREAS Teachers and staff work to create safe and inclusive learning environments, where every student has a voice and feels safe and supported
- WHEREAS The hard work and dedication of teachers and staff to fostering learners' curiosity and critical thinking skills, helps to prepare Manitoba learners to be active and responsive in their communities and to provide new solutions to complex economic, social, and environmental problems
- WHEREAS The leadership and kindness modeled daily by teachers and staff help to build learners' capacity to understand and engage with diverse perspectives, act on issues of global significance, and contribute to a more equitable, compassionate and sustainable world
- WHEREAS Teachers and staff encourage students to learn with and from others, providing safe spaces to exchange ideas respectfully and effectively and to collaborate toward common purposes and goals
- WHEREAS Teachers and staff walk with students on the path toward Truth and Reconciliation, raising awareness and fostering understanding and unity for the healing and success of all Manitoba communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I, Tracy Schmidt, Acting Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning for the Province of Manitoba, do hereby proclaim February 9 to 15, 2025, be designated as

#### TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

in Manitoba and commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our province.



Honourable Tracy Schmidt  
Acting Minister  
Education and  
Early Childhood Learning

# BLUMENORT WINTER FUN DAY

Monday, February 17

12-3 - Fire-Pits, Canteen,  
Skating, Dexter's Mini  
Donuts

12 - Candy Scramble

1-3 - Sleigh Rides

1 - Boot Hockey  
Tournament (teams of 3,  
ages 12-15), Snow  
Creation Contest

2 - Sled Racing (ages 6-11)

Prizes for all contests!

