



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 32 - APRIL 25, 2025

2025-2026 Class Lists - Deadline Extended!

The process for creating our 2025-2026 class lists is well under way. There are a number of factors that need to be considered when developing these lists such as achievement, behaviour, group dynamics, learning styles, etc. We believe that our parents are active partners in their child's education and thus we are asking you to forward information you feel is important for us to know about your child. Although we are not always able to guarantee all of your requests, your input is valuable. A link to a Google Form was sent to our families a few weeks back. Please take a few moments with your child to complete it by the new deadline of **Wednesday, April 30th**. A reminder to complete one form per child. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Staffing Updates

This past month has brought about a few staffing changes for the upcoming year. We begin by congratulating Ms. Heather Messner and Ms. Krista Kubanek, who both accepted permanent teaching positions here at our school. Congratulations! Then this fall, we welcome Mr. Jeremy Plett to our staff for a term, Middle Years position. Stay tuned in the weeks ahead as we will have a few more staffing updates to share.

I Walk to School Day

Wednesday, April 30th is I Walk to School Day. This is where we encourage everyone to walk, roll or bike to school. A letter will be emailed to our families today outlining the event as we conclude our focus on Earth Month.

Save The Dates!

A reminder of two very important events coming up in the next few weeks and we encourage you to save the dates!

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th - K-Grade 4 Family Folk Dance Night @ 6:30pm.
- THURSDAY, MAY 8th - Grade 7&8 Drama Night @ 6:30pm.

Kindergarten Orientation & Registration Reminder

Our annual Kindergarten Orientation is set for Thursday, May 22nd. More info to follow next week! If you however have a child or are aware of someone who has a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 31, 2025, 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/>

Scheduling Changes for 2025-2026

This September, we will be making a few changes to our schedule as we continue to find ways of engaging our students. More information will be shared as we get closer to the end of the year, but here is an overview for now.

- Tech Ed. - Our Grade 7&8 students will be returning to Tech Ed. classes at Mitchell Middle School in September. Tech Ed. takes place for 4 periods, once a cycle.
- French - Our Grade 5-8 French will now be offered every other day. Currently, it is offered everyday.
- Music - Our Grade 7&8 Band Program will continue to be an option. Currently those not in Band will take Music. In the fall, we will have a different option for them and that will be announced later.
- Red Rock - Our Grade 7&8 students have headed to Red Rock Bible Camp every two years and this fall was to be the next scheduled visit. Rather than go on a three-day/two-night event, we will be organizing a couple of day trips in its place and avoid the extra fundraising and everything else associated with taking that many students away for that long a period.

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The Umbrella Project - Dr. Jen

This month at the Umbrella Project we are excited to be focusing our energy on **Integrity**. Integrity is when we have a set of positive values and our actions in life match that set of positive values. If you look up integrity in the dictionary, it also means 'wholeness', when the things that we say and do match up with what we value. Having integrity means that we can feel good about our choices all throughout life. It helps to bring the other Umbrella Skills together as well.

Find models of integrity. Many studies have shown that humans learn through modeling others. One great way to build integrity in your child is to help them find positive role models who help them believe that it is possible to succeed without compromising our values. Having positive role models helps our children learn strategies for achieving their goals, decide what is socially acceptable and make a difference in the world. That's why the Umbrella Project is filled with stories and examples of people using all of the Umbrella Skills to take on life.

Examples of integrity are everywhere so when you notice them in books, movies and stories be sure to talk about it with your kids. Look for examples of integrity in the people your children already admire and discuss them. Make integrity something that has value in and of itself. For example, there is value in not cheating on a test even though your friends did and got a better mark because of it. It's choices like that that can make integrity difficult to use and it's important that children see those they admire making these difficult decisions. Making choices with integrity is not always the easiest choice and our kids need lots of examples of integrity to understand why it is the better choice.

Blumenort PAC Playstructure Update

Our Blumenort School / Blumenort PAC Play Structure Project has been progressing very nicely and the dream of a new play structure is getting very close to a reality. The picture you see below will be posted in our school and updated often until our goal of \$75,000 is reached! If you would like more information about how you can donate, please contact us!.

