



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

**BENGALS UPDATE 41 - JUNE 27, 2025**

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## **Blumenort School/Blumenort PAC Play Structure Update**

As shared at our Family Picnic yesterday, we are so thrilled that our new play structure will begin to be assembled this August. Thank you to our PAC for your incredible efforts and to everyone who supported this amazing project!

## **Thank You from our PAC!**

On behalf of the Blumenort PAC we would like to send out many, many thanks to all of the parents, guardians, families, businesses, school staff and everyone else who supported the Family Picnic! With your help and generosity we raised over \$3,200.00 towards our fundraising goal. We are truly thankful. Have a wonderful summer!!

## **Thank You to our PAC!**

A big thank you to our Blumenort School Parent Advisory Council, consisting of Nicole Plett, Jill Plett, Julie Ellis, Vicki Hildebrand, Michelle Barkman & Renae Stover for all of your efforts this school year!!

## **Congratulations to our Grade 8 Grads!**

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students for all that you have done for our school! We wish you all the best as you head off to Grade 9!

## **Thank You from our Grade 8 Farewell Committee!**

Thank you to all the parents/caregivers who helped us fundraise for the Grade 8 Farewell party. We made more than enough to throw them a great party! Thank you! The remaining funds will be donated to the school for future projects.

## **Thank You to our Grade 8 Farewell Committee!**

A big thank you to our Blumenort School Grade 8 Farewell Committee, consisting of Lisa Moesker, Trish Ross, Leudy Dueck, Stacy Thiessen, Nicole Plett, Paula Plett, Sherry Plett and Cara Thiessen! Thank you for all of your hard work and putting on a wonderful evening for our students!

## **2024-2025 Blumenort School Yearbook**

Thank you to Mrs. Shumsky for organizing this year's yearbook! Thank you to all of our staff for sharing your wonderful photos! A link to the yearbook will be shared with you via the same email as you received this newsletter.

## **Supply Lists**

A reminder that the supply lists for each grade level will be posted on our website at <http://blumenort.hsd.ca>

## **HSD Transportation Department Reminder**

If you are planning to move during the summer, please contact the Transportation Dept. office. They are open all summer. It is always easier if they know before they send the bus drivers their packages of student lists so that new families and stops can be easily added. They can be reached at [hsdtransportation@hsd.ca](mailto:hsdtransportation@hsd.ca) or call 204-320-2347.

## **September Meet the Teacher**

A reminder that our first official event this fall will be our annual Meet the Teacher. It will take place on Wednesday, September 3rd from 4:00-5:30pm. See you then!

## **Thank You and Have a Great Summer!**

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support in making Blumenort School an amazing place to learn. Have a safe, healthy and relaxing summer break!

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

There are many events throughout the course of the school year that require parent volunteers. Those events include coaching, field trips, reading with students and helping at our school carnivals. In the past couple of years however, the process to become a parent volunteer has changed slightly, where we as a division require the checks to be completed **and** approved before anyone can volunteer.

As a result, we are strongly encouraging those who are interested in volunteering in the school year ahead, to start this process when we return in September so that we can avoid the scramble for approved volunteers that we have experienced throughout the year.

## **Here are the 4 simple steps...**

1. Pick up a **Volunteer Package** at our school office. We will provide a letter waiving the cost for the Criminal Record Check. (Please let us know when you will be coming in so that we can get the letter ready.)
2. Complete and return the **Volunteer Package** to the Blumenort School office in person. Be sure to bring the 2 pieces of ID used on the Child Abuse Registry Check.
3. Go in person to the Steinbach RCMP Detachment stating you need to do a **Criminal Record Check, including a Vulnerable Sector Search**.
4. Bring the original **Release of Results** from the Criminal Record Check to the school office.

Please note that It takes about 6-8 weeks to complete the volunteer process, once the paperwork is submitted. That is why we strongly recommend getting it completed well before the actual event you hope to volunteer for.

Once approved, the paperwork is valid for **5 years**. However, every year you will be required to sign off on an **Annual Declaration**, which will be sent via email.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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## **Blumenort School 2025-2026 Staff Line-Up**

Here is our 2025-2026 Staff Line-Up, as of June 27, 2025.

<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Position</b></i>	<i><b>Name</b></i>
Principal	Dave Schettler	Gr. 1-8 PE	Nathan Giesbrecht
VP/Learning Support	Jerrah-Lee Broesky	Gr. 1-8 Music/Band	Shannon Sawatzky
Learning Support	Pam Barkman	Admin. Secretary	Landis Benitez
Learning Support	Rhonda Stobbe	Secretary	Holly Reimer
Literacy	Kayla Dupont	Librarian	Ellie Friesen
Counsellor	Samantha Kinley	Educational Asst.	Gillian Dueck
Kindergarten AM/PM	Elaine Kauenhofen	Educational Asst.	Tracey Giguere
Grade 1N	Jennifer Nairn	Educational Asst.	Cindy Horrock
Grade 1W	Emily Walker	Educational Asst.	Stephanie Karalash
Grade 2P	Jenn Penner	Educational Asst.	Irina Komarova
Grade 2PL	Irene Plett	Educational Asst.	Val Konrad
Grade 3M	Heather Messner	Educational Asst.	Jessica Martens
Grade 3R	Amanda Ross	Educational Asst.	Jodi Moorey-Gamaldo
Grade 4A	Rachel Allard	Educational Asst.	Crystal Nordine
Grade 4M	Celia McKee	Educational Asst.	Uliana Shtoiko
Grade 5P	Julian Penner	Educational Asst.	Angela Thiessen
Grade 5W	Joyce Waldner	Educational Asst.	Michelle Wiens
Gr.6C/P & Gr.5-8 French	Andrea Cuccaro	Head Custodian	Pet Ballares
Grade 6C/P PM	Jeremy Plett	Asst. Custodian	Betty Funk
Grade 6H	Cam Hiebert	Asst. Custodian	Mary Penner
Gr.7K & Gr.7&8 Social	Krista Kubanek	Bus Driver	Sacha Barkman
Grade 7JP AM	Jeremy Plett	Bus Driver	Jackie Goertzen
Gr.7MP & Gr.7&8 Drama	Michelle Plett	Bus Driver	Mary Ann Lupky
Gr.8R & Gr.7&8 Science	Kayla Rosenthal	Bus Driver	Leanna Reimer
Grade 8S AM	Kristy Shumsky		

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## Blumenort School

### Year-End Community Report for 2024-25

*Inspired to Learn for Life! Inquire. Include. Imagine.*

#### **About Us**

Blumenort School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with approximately 420 students and over 40 staff, including administration, teachers, office/library, educational assistants and custodial staff.

#### **Our Core Values (GRRR!)**

Our Bengals staff, students and community embrace the following...

##### Growth Mindset

- Open Minded
- Perseverance
- Striving to be Better
- Challenging Yourself

##### Relationships

- Support
- Empathy
- Connection
- Communication

##### Resilience

- Grit
- Patience
- Not Giving Up
- Positive Mindset

##### Respect

- Trust
- Value Others
- Don't Assume
- Understanding

#### **Contact Us**

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#### **Planning Priority #1**

By June 2025, our students will develop an age appropriate understanding of the relationship between their emotions and behaviours and how it affects their learning.

##### **Year-End Accomplishments**

- We worked our way through Year 4 of the Umbrella Project, a teacher-led curriculum and school based program created to help teachers, students and parents reframe our perception of challenges and strengthen the skills of well-being to positively cope with the everyday stresses of life.

#### **Planning Priority #2A**

By June 2025, all Grade 1-5 students will be meeting end-of-year expectations in Reading.

##### **Year-End Accomplishments**

- 71% of our students are reading at or above grade-level.

#### **Planning Priority #2B**

By June 2025, all Grade 6-8 students will be meeting end-of-year expectations in Writing.

##### **Year-End Accomplishments**

- 68% of our students achieved a 3 or a 4 on the provincial report card in Writing.

#### **Planning Priority #3**

By June 2025, all Grade 1-8 students will be meeting end-of-year expectations in Problem Solving.

##### **Year-End Accomplishments**

- 77% of our students achieved a 3 or a 4 on the provincial report card in Problem Solving.

#### **Top Five Highlights for 2024-2025**

- We completed our fourth year of the Umbrella Project.
- We completed our final year of the Middle Years Learning Opportunities program for our Grade 7&8 students.
- Our Student Leadership Team was highly involved in numerous leadership opportunities, including fundraising for local charities and various service projects within our school.
- We started our new Grade 7&8 Drama program this year and concluded with a very successful showcase.
- Our Grade 5-8 Choir sang "O Canada" at the first ever Steinbach Pistons hockey game in the new SouthEast Event Centre.
- Our school re-opened our canteen and it was very successful.



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## BLUMENORT SCHOOL 2025-2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b>	Administration Day - No Classes	<b>JANUARY 6</b>	Classes Resume
<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b>	Admin Day / Meet the Teacher Event	<b>FEBRUARY 2</b>	PD Day – No Classes
<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b>	First Day of Classes	<b>FEBRUARY 3-5</b>	Book Fair
<b>SEPTEMBER 4&amp;5</b>	Kindergarten Interviews	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
<b>SEPTEMBER 8&amp;9</b>	Kindergarten Staggered Entry	<b>FEBRUARY 27</b>	PD Day – No Classes
<b>SEPTEMBER 12&amp;15</b>	Strong Connections	<b>MARCH 13</b>	Admin Day – No Classes
<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b>	Picture Day	<b>MARCH 23</b>	Report Cards Issued
<b>SEPTEMBER 29</b>	Orange Shirt Day	<b>MARCH 26</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences
<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b>	Truth & Reconciliation Day - No Classes	<b>MARCH 27</b>	Last Day before Spring Break
<b>OCTOBER 15</b>	Thanksgiving Day – No Classes	<b>MAR 28-APR 5</b>	Spring Break
<b>OCTOBER 24</b>	MTS PD Day – No Classes	<b>APRIL 6</b>	Classes Resume
<b>OCTOBER 28</b>	Picture Retakes	<b>APRIL 10</b>	PD Day – No Classes
<b>NOVEMBER 7</b>	Remembrance Day Assembly	<b>MAY 19</b>	Victoria Day – No Classes
<b>NOVEMBER 10</b>	Admin Day – No Classes	<b>JUNE 26</b>	Awards Day
<b>NOVEMBER 11</b>	Remembrance Day - No Classes	<b>JUNE 26</b>	PAC Family Picnic
<b>NOVEMBER 17</b>	Report Cards Issued	<b>JUNE 26</b>	K-3 Carnival & Grade 4-8 Fun Day
<b>NOVEMBER 20</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences	<b>JUNE 26</b>	Last Day before Summer Break
<b>DECEMBER 19</b>	Last Day before Christmas Break	<b>JUNE 29</b>	Administration Day - No Classes
<b>DEC 20-JAN 4</b>	Christmas Break	<b>JUNE 30</b>	Admin Day / Report Cards Issued

**Please note that this calendar is as of JUNE 27, 2025.**



# SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>  <i>Labour Day</i> <b>NO CLASSES</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>Administration Day</i> <b>NO CLASSES</b>	<b>3</b>  <i>Administration Day</i> <b>NO CLASSES</b> <i>Meet the Teacher</i> <b>4:00-5:30pm</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>First Day of Classes</i> <i>Kindergarten Interviews</i>  <b>Day 1</b>	<b>5</b>  <i>Kindergarten Interviews</i>  <b>Day 2</b>
<b>8</b>  <i>Kindergarten Staggered Entry</i>  <b>Day 3</b>	<b>9</b>  <i>Kindergarten Staggered Entry</i>  <b>Day 4</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Day 5</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Day 6</b>	<b>12</b>  <i>Strong Connections</i>  <b>Day 1</b>
<b>15</b>  <i>Strong Connections</i>  <b>Day 2</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Day 3</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Day 4</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Day 5</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Day 6</b>
<b>22</b>  <b>Day 1</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Day 2</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Day 3</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Day 4</b>	<b>26</b>  <i>Picture Day</i>  <b>Day 5</b>
<b>29</b>  <i>Orange Shirt Day</i>  <b>Day 6</b>	<b>30</b>  <i>National Day for Truth &amp; Reconciliation</i> <b>NO CLASSES</b>			

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