

BENGALS UPDATE 02 - SEPTEMBER 05, 2025

Our First Week

It's hard to believe but our first week back together is now over. We hope that everyone was able to get settled in and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead! A reminder to everyone that at Blumenort School, we believe it is important to keep the lines of communication open between your home and our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at 204-326-1757 or at one of the email addresses listed on our website. Thank you again for your continued partnership!

Blumenort School Staff for 2025-2026 - UPDATES

We have a couple of staffing updates for you that we would like to share today. First off, Mrs. Leanna Reimer has rejoined our Bus Driver lineup. She will be taking care of our Kindergarten Run at 11:30am. We would also like to share that Ms. Gillian Dueck (EA) will now be listed as Ms. Gillian Sawatzky.

Strong Connections - Friday, September 12th & Monday, September 15th

Our annual Strong Connections program is planned for <u>Friday</u>, <u>September 12th and Monday</u>, <u>September 15th</u>. Half of our students will be asked to attend on Friday and the other half on Monday. This will allow our teachers an opportunity to focus on collecting our students and building relationships. An email has been sent reminding you of the date that your child will attend. You can also check the parent portal to view your date. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our school.

Permissions

Here's a reminder to everyone about leaving our school at lunch. Students are only allowed off school grounds for lunch if...

- Town students have a note at the beginning of the year saying they will be going home for lunch during that school year.
- Students who do not regularly go home for lunch bring a note on the specific day.
- Parents have made arrangements with the office.

Student Fees

Student fees for supplies and agendas, along with Grade 7&8 Band/STEM courses have been charged to the student accounts. Fees for extra-curricular sports will depend on whether or not your child participates. Please log into your Parent Portal account to make payment. Be sure to check the balance before making payment as many accounts had a credit on them from last year. If you are unable to make the payment online please submit a cheque or cash to the office.

<u>It's Ready!!!</u>

A huge thank you to our Blumenort PAC and to everyone who supported this incredible project!

We will be sharing more information in the days ahead recognizing everyone involved and also about our official grand opening! Stay tuned!





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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 <u>and</u> 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 <u>in person</u>. 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.



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Please check out our updated Calendar of Events as of **September 3rd**!

BLUMEN	IORT SCHOOL 2025-2026 (CALENDAR OF	EVENTS AT A GLANCE
SEPTEMBER 2	Administration Day - No Classes	JANUARY 5	Classes Resume
SEPTEMBER 3	Admin Day / Meet the Teacher Event	FEBRUARY 2	PD Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 4	First Day of Classes	FEBRUARY 3-5	Book Fair
SEPTEMBER 4&5	Kindergarten Interviews	FEBRUARY 16	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 8&9	Kindergarten Staggered Entry	FEBRUARY 27	PD Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 12&15	Strong Connections	MARCH 13	Admin Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 26	Picture Day	MARCH 23	Report Cards Issued
SEPTEMBER 29	Orange Shirt Day	MARCH 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences
SEPTEMBER 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day - No Classes	MARCH 27	Last Day before Spring Break
OCTOBER 13	Thanksgiving Day – No Classes	MAR 28-APR 5	Spring Break
OCTOBER 24	MTS PD Day – No Classes	APRIL 6	Classes Resume
OCTOBER 28	Picture Retakes	APRIL 10	PD Day – No Classes
NOVEMBER 7	Remembrance Day Assembly	MAY 18	Victoria Day – No Classes
NOVEMBER 10	Admin Day – No Classes	JUNE 26	Awards Day
NOVEMBER 11	Remembrance Day - No Classes	JUNE 26	PAC Family Picnic
NOVEMBER 17	Report Cards Issued	JUNE 26	K-3 Carnival & Grade 4-8 Fun Day
NOVEMBER 20	Parent-Teacher Conferences	JUNE 26	Last Day before Summer Break
DECEMBER 19	Last Day before Christmas Break	JUNE 29	Administration Day - No Classes
DEC 20-JAN 4	Christmas Break	JUNE 30	Admin Day / Report Cards Issued

Please note that this calendar is as of SEPTEMBER 3rd, 2025.



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