



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 09 - OCTOBER 23, 2025

MTS Professional Development Day - No Classes - October 24th

A reminder that there are no classes tomorrow, Friday, October 24th as our teachers will attend their annual MTS PD Day.

The Umbrella Project & The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Since September of 2021, we have held monthly assemblies that have focused on the eighteen social-emotional skills of The Umbrella Project. At the same time, as a staff and community we have been working to improve our focus on Indigenous Education. This year, something new! Our plan is to connect where possible, our monthly Umbrella Skills to the Seven Grandfather Teachings, which are as follows...wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth. These are core Indigenous values that provide guidance for living a good life and are often represented by specific animals, such as the beaver for wisdom or the bear for bravery. The teachings are meant to be used together, as one cannot have wisdom without all the other virtues. In the month of November, we will connect Growth Mindset and Wisdom. Developing a growth mindset means that we are willing to learn from our mistakes. It takes wisdom to be able to reflect on what we tried, and to think about what we can try next. Incorporating a growth mindset with wisdom means that we don't just strive to improve, but we also reflect on *how* and *why* we improve, adjusting our actions based on experience. Stay tuned as we continue on this journey!

The Umbrella Project by Dr. Jen

The Umbrella Project is offering a Parent Night session during the weeks of **November 3rd and 10th**. Dr. Jen will share practical, evidence-based strategies for parents to better understand their boys' development. She will discuss how to build strong communication skills that encourage boys to express themselves in healthy ways and to foster emotional well-being, academic success and long-term resiliency. Availability is limited, so she encourages you to secure your spot soon by checking out the Bright Arrow email that shared this week's Bengals Update.

Spirit Week - October 27th-31st

Thank you to our student leaders for organizing our upcoming Spirit Week. Here is the schedule...

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th	MONDAY - Movie (or Book) Star Monday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dress as your favourite movie character, movie star or book character!
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28th	TUESDAY - Teacher Tuesday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dress as a member of the Blumenort teaching staff!
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29th	WEDNESDAY - Western Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dress in your cowboy/girl boots, plaid and cowboy/girl hats!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th	THURSDAY - PJ Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come dressed in your cozies!
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st	FRIDAY - Costume Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's Halloween (on a Friday!!) Dress up in your Halloween costume!

CONTEST #1 - Participation for the Week!!

- Each day, our student leaders will come to your class at the top of period 1 to tally up who has participated on each day.

CONTEST #2 - Costume Contest on FRIDAY!!

- On Friday, student leaders will again come to classes at the top of period 1 to look for participation points/best costumes.

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Parent Parking, Drop-Offs and Pick-Ups at Blumenort School

With the seasons changing, now is a good time for a reminder about how we address the safety concerns that arise in front of our school. We all need to cooperate and follow some basic rules to ensure that we keep our children safe. Here are two important reminders, specifically for those driving.

1. Avoid dropping off/picking up your little ones on the west side of School Blvd.
 - The School Blvd - Park Road Intersection can be extremely busy and having our students cross unaccompanied to head into school or meet their ride is very concerning for many reasons.
 - A reminder that parent vehicles will need to use the east side of School Blvd or the front parking lot instead.
 - If spots are not available, feel free to make another loop and good chance a spot will open up for you to park.
2. Avoid stopping/parking in areas highlighted with bright yellow paint or with pylons.
 - These areas are clearly marked with signage for a reason.
 - When one stops/parks where they shouldn't, it creates an unnecessary backlog of vehicles.

For more information about where one can park, drop-off or pickup, please check out our website under the Parents tab.

Blumenort Parent Advisory Council - Annual General Meeting - October 22nd

The Blumenort PAC AGM was held on Wednesday, October 22nd. Congratulations to our new Volunteer Coordinator: Norie Chuckree and our new Staff Appreciation Support Coordinator: Jacqueline Morgan! Please note that the position of Fundraiser Coordinator is still open. Please let us know if that is something that interests you or you and a friend to share. Thank you as well to our PAC Exec who are returning for the upcoming year - Board Chair: Nicole Plett, Vice-Chair & Events Coordinator: Julie Ellis, Treasurer: Jill Plett, Secretary & Hot Lunch Coordinator: Vicki Hildebrand, and Social Media: Renae Stover!

Picture Retakes - October 28th

A reminder that our picture retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th! If parents want retakes, please notify the homeroom teacher or office.

Parent Portal Contact Info & Student Fees Reminder

As we make our way through this early part of the school year, we are encouraging everyone to ensure their contact information is up to date, especially if you have recently moved, changed occupations or have a new phone number. Please call or email our office to notify us of changes. 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.

Bundle Up & Share the Warmth!

It's that time of year again — let's help our friends stay cozy and comfy!



School Closet:

- We're collecting **gently used shoes** that are still in great shape. Big feet, little feet — all sizes welcome!



Koats for Kids:

- They need **gently used coats, ski pants, boots, mittens, and hats** to help kids stay warm this winter.
- You'll find **drop-off bins labeled "Koats for Kids"** at the **front of the school** — easy to spot and easy to use!
- Donations will be **delivered to Koats for Kids at the end of each week.**

Let's fill those bins and spread some warmth this season! ❤️

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WINTER CAMP 2025

**AGES
6-9**

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**DECEMBER 29TH & 30TH
AND JANUARY 2ND
9AM TO 4PM**
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Themes

29th - Wetland Wanderer

30th - Under the Ice

2nd - Busy Builders
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Members: \$38 per day

Non-members: \$45 per day

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