



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 10 - OCTOBER 31, 2025

Term 1 Report Cards & Parent-Teacher Conferences

In a few short weeks, our students will have completed the first term of the school year and that will be followed by our Parent-Teacher Conferences. A letter will be sent home next week outlining the options for making an appointment to see your child's teacher. Please keep the following dates in mind...

- **Monday, November 17th @ 3:45pm – Report Cards available to view on the Parent Portal****
- **Thursday, November 20th – K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**Please be reminded that paper copies of Report Cards will not be sent home. To view report cards on-line you will need to log onto the parent portal. On the left hand menu click on Report Card. Then select "Switch to Electronic Report Card".

The Umbrella Project Parent Night Sessions

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 was shared in last week's Bengals Update.

The Umbrella Project by Dr. Jen

This month our focus is to build a **Growth Mindset**. To briefly summarize, in a fixed mindset we believe that our intelligence and talent are something we are born with and can't change. This leads us to the false assumption that talent alone, without hard work, will lead to success. Extensive research has shown that children with this mindset give up easily and often avoid challenges. In a growth mindset, we see ourselves as growing and developing. We believe we can build any skill with effort and this can help us create a love of learning and an excitement around new challenges. We see the brain like a muscle, the more effort we put in, the bigger it grows.

Praise Your Child For Effort Instead of Talent - The most important thing we can work towards as parents is to praise our children for effort, not talent. Our words tell children how to think about themselves and with best intentions when we say things like, 'Great job, you got perfect without even trying. You're so smart!' we send our child the message that trying hard means you aren't as smart. Research shows that children praised for outcome will choose easier tasks to prove they are smart and gain our approval. Praising children for effort on the other hand, is what leads them to choose harder tasks because they know we value effort. This is why children with a growth mindset ultimately reach higher levels of success.

To support the growth mindset of our school community, please give praise freely for these growth mindset builders:

- Things accomplished through practice: studying, use of effective strategies, perseverance, and concentration
- Choosing challenging projects
- Trying different strategies
- Making improvements
- Passion

When your child does something very quickly and easily, recognize that the task didn't challenge them and say, "Sorry about that. I guess that was too easy. Next time let's choose something that will really help you grow." Try to avoid praise that judges their intellect, talent and speed rather than effort. Praising these qualities unintentionally has an adverse effect when our child faces difficult tasks, as it can create a fear of failure, increased procrastination and cause our children to quit when things get difficult.

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Remembrance Day Assembly - Friday, November 7th @ 11am

Please join us for our Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday, November 7th at 11am in our gym. Together, we will honour and remember the veterans, active members, and all who have served and sacrificed for peace in Canada and around the world. Families and community members are welcome. Please wear a poppy and arrive a few minutes early for a respectful start.

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 School Fall Fundraiser - Bengals Discount Card

A reminder once again of our current Bengals Discount Card fundraiser that is on now and continues until November 14th.

Here is how it works:

- Bengals Discount Cards are \$20 each.
- Our families will use the attached Pre-Sale Sheet to collect their orders.
- Please make sure the seller's name is on the top.
- Input the information required and collect payment to finalize your order.
- Once complete, please come to our office and submit your order form and cash.
- When the discount cards arrive, the office will give them to the seller
- Sellers will then deliver the Discount Card(s) to the people who purchased them.

This year, the money we raise will continue to go towards our new and improved Maker Space and Phys.Ed/Music Departments. We will also subsidize field trips and learning opportunities that are above and beyond the regular classroom routine. Thank you once again for supporting the fundraising that we do at Blumenort School. Your involvement makes such a difference in what happens at our school!

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

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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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