



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 17 - DECEMBER 19, 2025

Blumenort School Notes from the Music Room

A huge thank you to Mrs. Sawatzky and our Grade 1-3 students and staff for all of their efforts putting together our Christmas Concert, despite the cancellation due to the weather! Year after year we receive many appreciative comments on the performance and this year would have been no different! Thank you also to the Blumenort Community Church for your ongoing partnership! Check out Page 2 for some photos from our Dress Rehearsal!

Grade 8 Farewell Committee Meeting

Our Grade 8 Farewell is held every June, but the planning needs to begin as soon as the new year arrives. If you are interested in being on our committee, please email Mrs. Benitez in our main office.

Hanover Parent Child Community Program (HPCCP)

Do you have a child that is kindergarten-age or younger? Come and visit us for a program filled with laughter, songs, crafts, stories, and a snack! We have sites at Kleefeld Community Club, South Oaks, Southwood, Elmdale, Mitchell and Bothwell from September through June. We follow the same schedule as the divisional calendar. For more information, check our website: <https://studentservices.hsd.ca/pre-school/> We are a free drop-in program, no registration required! If you have any questions, please email Stacey Marcoux at smarcoux@hsd.ca

The Umbrella Project by Dr. Jen

We are excited to kick off this month with a new skill that will help your children feel good about who they are, boost their confidence and stand up for their beliefs. That skill is **Authenticity!** How will authenticity help my child? Authenticity is the ability to be our genuine selves, staying true to our values and beliefs even under pressure, while still adapting to the world around us. Authenticity comes from having actions that match the words we say and not trying to be someone else to impress others. It's very difficult to feel unconditionally loved and accepted without this critical skill.

Research shows that authenticity helps kids stand up for what they think is right, which reduces bullying and social stress. As parents, we can do a lot this year to work against the concerning trends in childhood mental health just by helping kids embrace and feel confident in their true selves. With increased authenticity also comes increased self-confidence and trustworthiness, characteristics that will help your children create strong and lasting friendships which we know to be critical to their long-term wellbeing.

Tap into your curiosity - We all want our children to be happy. In fact, we often want this so much that our own anxiety about their happiness takes over and leads us to push our kids into achievement in areas they may not care about. This pattern is usually done with the child's best interests at heart but often leads to increasing anxiety and a loss of that child's true passions and interest. Start the new year by slowing down and listening to your child with the purpose of understanding what it is like to be them. Look out for their strengths and interests and really check that you know them on an authentic level. Notice what games they are drawn to, what subjects catch their interest, and where they invest their free time. Kids naturally want to please their parents, friends and teachers and it's easy for them to lose a sense of what they really care about in exchange for all of this pleasing. Try to avoid having your child build their persona around what others want them to be and instead help them feel good about who they are.

Season's Greetings from the Staff at Blumenort School!



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Grade 1-3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal Highlights

Here are some highlights from our Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday, December 17th...



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JANUARY 2026

BENGALS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 <i>Christmas Break</i>
5 <i>Classes Resume</i> <i>Day 1</i>	6 <i>Umbrella Project Authenticity Assembly @ 910am</i> <i>Day 2</i>	7 <i>Day 3</i>	8 <i>Day 4</i>	9 <i>Day 5</i>
12 <i>Day 6</i>	13 <i>Day 1</i>	14 <i>Day 2</i>	15 <i>Day 3</i>	16 <i>Day 4</i>
19 <i>Day 5</i>	20 <i>HSD Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball Begins</i> <i>Day 6</i>	21 <i>Day 1</i>	22 <i>HSD Grade 7/8 Boys Basketball Begins</i> <i>Day 2</i>	23 <i>Day 3</i>
26 <i>Day 4</i>	27 <i>Day 5</i>	28 <i>Day 6</i>	29 <i>Day 1</i>	30 <i>Day 2</i>

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