



# BLUMENORT SCHOOL

**BENGALS UPDATE 18 - JANUARY 9, 2026**

## **Welcome Back and Happy New Year!**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! After an extended winter break, we hope that everyone is refreshed and ready to go for the next three months! January is a great time to remind everyone that at Blumenort School, we believe that 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 by email. Thank you again for your continued partnership! We also want to let you know that the Field Trip season is right around the corner so to find out how to become a certified volunteer, please check out Page 2!

## **Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Kindergarten Registration for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to register their children in January for September entry, as this will assist schools in planning and scheduling. Early registration also provides the opportunity to participate in upcoming orientation events in spring. To be eligible for September registration (2026-2027 school year), children must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2026. Students are required to attend the school within the catchment area where they reside, which ensures balanced enrollment across the division. For more information on school catchment areas and how to begin the online registration, please check out... <https://hsd.ca/schools/student-registration/>

## **Blumenort School Indigenous Merchandise Orders**

We will once again be offering Blumenort School Indigenous Merchandise. Our options are for T-Shirts, Hoodies and Toques in black, grey and orange. Stay tuned next week for more information!

## **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](mailto:smarcoux@hsd.ca)

## **The Umbrella Project by Dr. Jen**

**Is there a grain of truth?** Let's face it - it often feels easier to shift the blame to someone or something else, rather than looking inside and owning up to our mistakes. In reality, the situations we find ourselves in are much more complex than that. There is often more than one factor involved in our mistakes/conflicts and almost always, some piece of it that we can accept responsibility for. The ability to do this is a big part of healthy relationship-building for your child.

The next time your child is facing a conflict, ask them if they can pick out a *grain of truth* in the situation: something little that they can take ownership and responsibility for. This can be especially effective for sibling conflicts, as well as peer and parent relationships. This strategy will help them start with small, manageable things and eventually to owning bigger pieces of their mistakes. The strategy shows your child the relief that comes with ownership and telling the truth.

Does your child often get upset at the suggestion that they may have something to do with the conflict they find themselves in? Working towards owning up to mistakes is a great way to build their authenticity, help them learn from those mistakes and prevent them from having to carry the burden of that mistake long-term. This can be a difficult skill for some to nurture, so make honesty the easiest option for your child by praising them every time they are able to find their piece of responsibility in the situation.

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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 **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.

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PREMIER TEAM

# '26 SOCCER TRYOUTS

*U13 BOYS (BORN IN 2013)*

**SATURDAY, 24 JANUARY - 2:45 - 4:20**  
**SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY - 10:00 - 11:45**  
**SATURDAY, 7 FEBRUARY - 10:00 - 11:45**

SIGN UP HERE :



LOCATION: CLEARSPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

FEE: 30\$ TRYOUTS FEE APPLIES

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