



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 29 - MARCH 27, 2026

Staffing Update

We have a couple of staffing announcements to share with everyone today. Congratulations to Joyce Waldner and Jeremy Plett, who both will be permanent at our school in the fall! Stay tuned for more announcements as the school year moves along!

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser...Continues!

As mentioned last week, we are going to extend our fundraiser. If you can help us sell a little bit more, please contact our office!

Outstanding Fees on Parent Portal

While you are checking out your child's Term 2 report card, please be sure to also check your child's account and make any outstanding fee payment accordingly. You can also pay fees in our office with cash or cheque.

Blumenort School Talent Show

Thank you to Mrs. Sawatzky and to all of our performers for another incredible Talent Show!

2026-2027 Class Lists

The process for creating our 2026-2027 class lists is set to begin. Stay tuned after the break for more information!

Save The Date!

We would like our families to save the date...

K-4 Family Folk Dance Night
THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd - 6:30pm - Blumenort School Gym

The Umbrella Project by Dr. Jen

This month our focus is on building **Cognitive Flexibility**. What will cognitive flexibility do for my child? Life doesn't always follow a predictable pattern; cognitive flexibility helps our children navigate this uncertainty and feel like they have more options when faced with challenges. As things change around them, they need to change in order to maintain their wellbeing. With cognitive flexibility your child will be better able to change strategies when faced with new and unexpected situations, make sense of the unfamiliar and thrive in uncertainty. Cognitive flexibility is important for innovating, coming up with new ideas and solving problems, and is essential to creativity. It will also help them understand people and situations that are different from theirs and improve their relationships. This month we can't wait to walk you through this cool skill and help you find ways to flex this part of your child's brain.

Use picky eating to build Cognitive Flexibility - Cognitive flexibility is all about having an open mind and being able to shift our perception of something. Nothing could be better practice for this than eating. Kids are notoriously stubborn when it comes to ruling foods in or out in a very *black and white fashion*. Instead of accepting these decisions as the food rules you will obey, instead help them think flexibly about food. There are millions of ways to prepare each food. In fact, there is an entire industry built around new ways to prepare the same foods. Even the foods we love can be prepared in ways we don't like and likewise, you can find preparations of most foods that can shift your child's perception of a food from *black and white to grey*.

Here's an example in my house: my kids will often profess to dislike zucchini. While they don't like it stir-fried, they love the zucchini chocolate chip muffins we make. When they try to rule out zucchini forever, I remind them that they just don't like zucchini prepared that way but they do like zucchini in our muffins (i.e.: it's about preparation, not the food itself). This way, when we encounter a new preparation of zucchini they are much more likely to put it in the *grey* category and open-mindedly give the new dish a try. The best part is, the more new things they try, the more cognitive flexibility they will build. The more cognitive flexibility they have, the more new things they will be willing to try, and the cycle continues. As a parent, you just have to get the snowball rolling and it will gain its own momentum, even when you step out of the equation. The eventual goal of parenting is to create adults that can make good decisions for themselves and this is a great place to start when it comes to food and flexibility.

Blumenort School PAC Fundraiser



The Blumenort PAC will be doing a La Cocina Chip Fundraiser in the month of April.

Forms have been handed out to our students.

Please bring completed forms and payment**

to Mrs Benitez in the office by April 30th.

(Cash or cheque made out to “Blumenort Advisory Council”)**

Order pick up will be May 6th!

We will send out another update to you with the pick up time.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Grade 8 Farewell Hot Lunches

The Grade 8 Farewell Committee will be continuing their Hot Lunch Fundraiser in support of the Grade 8 Farewell Event, which will be taking place on Friday, June 12th.

For the month of April, our Hot Lunch Days will be on..

Wednesday, April 15th - Taco in a Bag

Order Form & Money for this lunch needs to be handed in to your teacher by:

End of day on THURSDAY, APRIL 9th, 2026!

&

Wednesday, April 29th - Chicken Burgers

Order Form & Money for this lunch needs to be handed in to your teacher by:

End of day on FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 2026!

Canteen will be closed on these two days.

Order Forms for the April 15th Lunch will be sent home on April 6th.

Order Form and Exact Money (Sorry! No Cheques.)

We thank you for your support in celebrating the hard work these kids have put in throughout their years here at Blumenort School!



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BENGALS



BLUMENORT BENGALS CANTEEN UPDATE!

NOW OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK!

Your canteen is now open every school day!



MICROWAVE ACCESS FOR ALL STUDENTS

No more rotations!

- ✓ Available Monday–Friday
- ✓ Located by the canteen
- ✓ All students welcome to use



MICROWAVE GUIDELINES

- ⌚ 1 minute per item
- 👏 Be respectful of others waiting
- 🧼 Keep the area clean



Enjoy hot meals every day!





APRIL 2026

BENGALS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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SPRING BREAK - CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026				
6 <i>Welcome Back!</i> Day 3	7 <i>Umbrella Project Cognitive Flexibility Kickoff & Earth Month Assembly @ 910am</i> Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6	10 <i>Professional Development Day NO CLASSES</i>
13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 <i>Grade 8 Farewell Hot Lunch Fundraiser</i> Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5
20 Day 6	21 <i>HSD Grade 7&8 Badminton Round-Robin</i> Day 1	22 <i>Administrative Professional's Day Earth Day & Town Cleanup</i> Day 2	23 <i>Walk, Ride or Roll to School Day Family Folk Dance Night @ 630pm</i> Day 3	24 Day 4
27 <i>Grade 6&8 Immunizations</i> Day 5	28 <i>HSD Grade 7&8 Badminton Finals</i> Day 6	29 <i>Grade 8 Farewell Hot Lunch Fundraiser</i> Day 1	30 <i>PAC La Cocina Fundraiser Deadline</i> Day 2	

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BLUMENORT COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Need a little something extra to
keep busy over Spring Break?

Anyone is welcome to check out our
collection of Books, DVDs and Audiobooks
for ALL AGES!

We have Puzzles and Magazines too - no
need to sign out - just return when done!

Check out our collection online at:
libib.com/u/blumenortcc
or in person at 59 Center Ave

Open Sunday mornings and during
Blumenort Community Church office
hours: Tues-Friday 9-5

Steinbach Arts Council - Spring Break Camp

An exciting Spring Break awaits! From March 30 to April 2, 2026, children aged 5-8 and 9-12 can explore their artistic talents in a fun, safe environment at the Steinbach Arts Council.

This 4-day camp offers a diverse range of activities, including music, theater, visual arts, culinary arts, and dance. Experienced instructors will guide campers through engaging projects, fostering creativity and new skills.

To register, visit SteinbachArts.ca/SBC or call 204.346.1077.

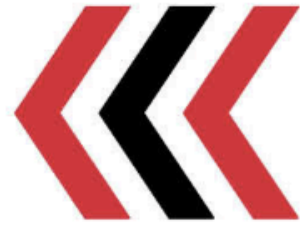


The graphic features a background photograph of an instructor in a pink shirt standing at the front of a classroom, holding a piece of paper, while several children sit at tables working on projects. Overlaid on the image are several text and logo elements:

- SAC** logo (Steinbach Arts Council) in the top left.
- CANADIAN TIRE** logo in the top center.
- SPRING BREAK CAMP** in large, bold, teal letters in the center.
- AT THE STEINBACH ARTS COUNCIL** in smaller teal letters below the main title.
- A pink button with the text **FOR KIDS 5-8 & 9-12** at the bottom left.
- A circular button with a hand icon and the text **REGISTER NOW** in the bottom right.



REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN



BLUMENORT HAWKS
BASEBALL AND
SOFTBALL
REGISTRATION

FOR AGES 2007-2020
REGISTER AT: BLUMENORTHAWKS.CA

FIND US ON INSTAGRAM
[@BLUMENORTHAWKSBALL](https://www.instagram.com/BLUMENORTHAWKSBALL)

MORE INFO OR QUESTIONS?
BLUMENORTHAWKS@GMAIL.COM



BLUMENORT SOCCER REGISTRATION OPEN!!

CLOSING MARCH 31

EARLY BIRD ENDS FEB 28

SEASON RUNS MAY-JUNE 17

Mini Soccer U5-U9

Mon & Wed early May - June 17

\$45 per player / Earlybird - \$40

Youth Soccer U11-U18

U 13 & U18: Mon/Wed

U 11 & U15: Tues/Thurs

U 11 & U13: \$80 / Earlybird \$75

U 15 & U18: \$85 / Earlybird \$75

**Mini Soccer needs a coordinator!
Please consider volunteering so
we can run Mini Soccer!**

Registration Link

blumenortsoccer.eventbrite.ca

More info or questions: Contact blumenortsoccerpresident@gmail.com

Jake Epp Library - Spring Break Program Schedule

Spring Break is right around the corner and we have a full week of fun planned at the Jake Epp Library!

Monday, March 30

- 10:00–10:45 — Junior Builders (ages 5–8)
- 11:00–11:45 — Junior Builders (ages 9–12)
- 1:00–2:30 — Mario Kart (ages 7–9)

Tuesday, March 31

- 10:00–10:45 — Improv Club (ages 5–8)
- 11:00–11:45 — Improv Club (ages 9–12)
- 1:00–2:30 — Family Board Games + Puzzles

Wednesday, April 1

- 10:30–11:00 — Story Corner
- 11:15–12:00 — Crafty Critters (ages 1.5–5)
- 1:00–2:30 — Mario Kart (ages 10–12)

Thursday, April 2

- 2:00–3:30 — Family Board Games + Puzzles
- 4:30–6:15 — Mario Party Jamboree (ages 7–12)
- 6:30–7:00 — Bedtime Stories

The following programs are drop-in and do not require registration:

- Family Board Games + Puzzles
- Story Corner
- Bedtime Stories

All other programs require registration.

Click here to register: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/spring-break--2026-3>

*Registration will open on March 23rd at 9:30am

Family Movie Night — Friday, March 27

Join us for a cozy evening featuring The Wild Robot

- Doors open: 6:45pm
- Movie starts: 7:00pm
- Location: Children's Section
- Free popcorn + water (while supplies last)
- Optional \$1 concession from 6:45–6:55

No registration or age limit—everyone is welcome!

All library programs are free and open to both Steinbach and non-Steinbach residents. No library membership required.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at lcollins@jakeepplibrary.com.



Hanover Summer Camps

July 13-16: Zoo Week (Mitchell)

July 20-23: Around the World Week (Blumenort)

July 27-30: Pirate & Treasure Week (New Bothwell)

Aug 10-13: Wild Wild West Week (Grunthal)

Aug 17-20: Superhero Week (Kleefeld)

Ages 5-12 | \$120.00+GST

Register online by going to the
RM of Hanover Website → Parks &
Recreation → Register for a Program →
Filters → 2026 Summer → Youth
→ Summer Camps

Questions? Email us at rec@hanovermb.ca
or call us at 204-346-7825

Scan to Register!



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