



BLUMENORT SCHOOL

BENGALS UPDATE 41 - JUNE 30, 2026

Staffing Update!

We would like to wish Ms. Richelle Dorinko all the best as she is heading to Woodlawn School this fall. Thank you for being an important member of our school team this past year!

Term 3 Report Cards

Our Term 3 Report Cards have been issued at 9am today. This is a change from previous years due to the fact that after 4pm today, families will lose access to seeing the report card again until July 4th. Please email if you have any questions.

Thank You from our PAC!

On behalf of the Blumenort PAC we want to say a huge thank you to all the parents, families and local businesses that supported our Family Picnic this year! We raised just over \$2600.00 which will go towards various projects such as school yard improvements. We couldn't do it without your generosity and support! We hope you have a wonderful summer!!

Thank You to our PAC!

A big thank you to our Blumenort School Parent Advisory Council, consisting of Nicole Plett, Jill Plett, Jacqueline Morgan, Norie Chuckree & Renae Stover for all of your efforts this school year!!

Congratulations to our Grade 8 Grads!

Congratulations to our Grade 8 students for all that you have done for our school! All the best as you head off to Grade 9!

Thank You Grade 8 Farewell Committee!

We would like to thank the Grade 8 Farewell Committee for their time and efforts in making the celebration kickoff for our Grade 8s a success! Our Grade 8s had a ball and the evening was a hit! Thank you Laurie Funk, Angela Thiessen, Lisa Sahlin, Rhonda Koop, Catherine Hofer, Stephanie Karalash and Jennifer Friesen, along with all the parents who contributed to our fundraising goals!

2025-2026 Blumenort School Yearbook

Thank you to Mrs. Shumsky and Mr. Plett for organizing this year's yearbook! Thank you to all of our staff for sharing your wonderful photos! A link to the yearbook will be shared with you via the same email as you received this newsletter.

Supply Lists

A reminder that the supply lists for each grade level will be posted on our website at <http://blumenort.hsd.ca>

HSD Transportation Department Reminder

If you are planning to move during the summer, please contact the Transportation Dept. office. They are open all summer. It is always easier if they know before they send the bus drivers their packages of student lists so that new families and stops can be easily added. They can be reached at hsdtransportation@hsd.ca or call 204-320-2347.

September Meet the Teacher

A reminder that our first official event this fall will be our annual Meet the Teacher on Wednesday, September 9th. For our Grade 2-8s, it will be from 4:00-5:30pm, while for our Grade 1s it will take place from 3:00-5:30pm. See you then!

Thank You and Have a Great Summer!

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for your continued support in making Blumenort School an amazing place to learn. Have a safe, healthy and relaxing summer break!

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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.

If you have any questions, please let us know.



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Blumenort School 2026-2027 Staff Line-Up

Here is our 2026-2027 Staff Line-Up, as of June 30, 2026.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>
Principal	Dave Schettler	Gr. 1-8 PE	Nathan Giesbrecht
VP/Learning Support	Jerrah-Lee Broesky	Gr. 1-8 Music/Band	Shannon Sawatzky
Learning Support	Pam Barkman	Admin. Secretary	Landis Benitez
Learning Support	Amanda Ross	Secretary	Holly Reimer
Learning Support	Rhonda Stobbe	Librarian	Ellie Friesen
Counsellor	Samantha Kinley	Educational Asst.	Tracey Giguere
Kindergarten AM/PM	Elaine Kauenhofen	Educational Asst.	Cindy Horrock
Grade 1N	Jennifer Nairn	Educational Asst.	Stephanie Karalash
Grade 1W	Emily Walker	Educational Asst.	Val Konrad
Grade 2P	Jenn Penner	Educational Asst.	Jessica Martens
Grade 2PL	Irene Plett	Educational Asst.	Jodi Moorey-Gamaldo
Grade 3M	Heather Messner	Educational Asst.	Crystal Nordine
Grade 3W	Joyce Waldner	Educational Asst.	Lorevie Pilapil
Grade 4A	Rachel Allard	Educational Asst.	Gillian Sawatzky
Grade 4M	Celia McKee	Educational Asst.	Uliana Shtoiko
Grade 5P	Julian Penner	Educational Asst.	Angela Thiessen
Grade 5PL	Jeremy Plett	Educational Asst.	Michelle Wiens
Gr.6D/R & Gr.5-8 French	Krystin Dychko	Educational Asst.	Rachelle Willison
Grade 6D/R PM	Kristy Rempel	Head Custodian	Holly Edwards
Grade 6H	Cam Hiebert	Asst. Custodian	Betty Funk
Gr.7DG & Gr.7&8 Science	Cameron De Groot	Asst. Custodian	Mary Penner
Gr.7P & Gr.7&8 Drama	Michelle Plett	Bus Driver	Jackie Goertzen
Grade 8B AM	Bryanna Berkowski	Bus Driver	Mary Ann Lupky
Gr.8K & Gr.7&8 Social	Krista Kubanek	Bus Driver	Tom Dacey
Grade 8S AM	Kristy Shumsky	Bus Driver	T.B.A.

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Year-End Community Report for 2025-26

Inspired to Learn for Life! Inquire. Include. Imagine.

About Us

Blumenort School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with approximately 415 students and over 40 staff, including administration, teachers, office/library, educational assistants and custodial staff.

Our Core Values (GRRR!)

Our Bengals staff, students and community embrace the following...

Growth Mindset

- Open Minded
- Perseverance
- Striving to be Better
- Challenging Yourself

Relationships

- Support
- Empathy
- Connection
- Communication

Resilience

- Grit
- Patience
- Not Giving Up
- Positive Mindset

Respect

- Trust
- Value Others
- Don't Assume
- Understanding

Contact Us

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Planning Priority #1

By June 2026, our students will develop an age appropriate understanding of the relationship between their emotions and behaviours and how it affects their learning.

Year-End Accomplishments

- We worked our way through Year 5 of the Umbrella Project, a teacher-led curriculum and school based program created to help teachers, students and parents reframe our perception of challenges and strengthen the skills of well-being to positively cope with the everyday stresses of life.

Planning Priority #2A

By June 2026, all Grade 1-5 students will be meeting end-of-year expectations in Reading.

Year-End Accomplishments

- 71% of our students are reading at or above grade-level.

Planning Priority #2B

By June 2026, all Grade 6-8 students will be meeting end-of-year expectations in Writing.

Year-End Accomplishments

- 70% of our students achieved a 3 or a 4 on the provincial report card in Writing.

Planning Priority #3

By June 2026, all Grade 1-8 students will be meeting end-of-year expectations in Problem Solving.

Year-End Accomplishments

- 70% of our students achieved a 3 or a 4 on the provincial report card in Problem Solving.

Top Five Highlights for 2025-2026

- Our school canteen relocation/renovation project was completed thanks to a gracious grant from Access Credit Union and the wonderful work of our Maintenance Dept.
- We completed our fifth year of the Umbrella Project and connected our monthly skills to our Indigenous Grandfather Teachings, where possible.
- Our students returned to Tech Ed. and Home Ec. at Mitchell Middle School after a switching back from our in-house MYLO Program.
- We started our new Grade 7&8 Graphic Communications program this year and are looking forward to its continued success and growth.
- Our Grade 5-8 Choir was invited as featured artists with the Eastman Male Choir and Accent Community Choir, as well as singing the national anthem for the Manitoba Moose and Steinbach Pistons.



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2026-2027

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 8	Administration Day - No Classes	DEC 19-JAN 3	Christmas Break
SEPTEMBER 9	Admin Day / Meet the Teacher Event	JANUARY 4	Classes Resume
SEPTEMBER 10	First Day of Classes	FEBRUARY 5	PD Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 10&11	Kindergarten Interviews	FEBRUARY 8-10	Book Fair
SEPTEMBER 14&15	Kindergarten Staggered Entry	FEBRUARY 15	Louis Riel Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 18	Picture Day	FEBRUARY 26	HTA PD Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 21	PD Day – No Classes	MARCH 12	Admin Day – No Classes
SEPTEMBER 25&28	Strong Connections	MARCH 22	Report Cards Issued
SEPTEMBER 29	Orange Shirt Day	MARCH 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences
SEPTEMBER 30	Truth & Reconciliation Day - No Classes	MARCH 25	Last Day before Spring Break
OCTOBER 12	Thanksgiving Day – No Classes	MAR 26-APR 4	Spring Break
OCTOBER 23	MTS PD Day – No Classes	APRIL 5	Classes Resume
NOVEMBER 4	Picture Retakes	APRIL 16	PD Day – No Classes
NOVEMBER 10	Remembrance Day Assembly	MAY 19-20	Kindergarten Orientation
NOVEMBER 11	Remembrance Day - No Classes	MAY 24	Victoria Day – No Classes
NOVEMBER 16	Admin Day – No Classes	JUNE 29	Awards Day
NOVEMBER 23	Report Cards Issued	JUNE 29	PAC Family Picnic
NOVEMBER 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences	JUNE 29	K-3 Carnival & Grade 4-8 Fun Day
DECEMBER 3	Grade 4-8 Christmas Concert	JUNE 29	Last Day before Summer Break
DECEMBER 17	Grade 1-3 Christmas Concert	JUNE 30	Admin Day - No Classes
DECEMBER 18	Last Day before Christmas Break	JUNE 30	Admin Day - Report Cards Issued

Please note that this calendar is as of JUNE 30, 2026.

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SEPTEMBER 2026

BENGALS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7 <i>Labour Day NO CLASSES</i>	8 <i>Administration Day NO CLASSES</i>	9 <i>Administration Day NO CLASSES</i> <i>Meet the Teacher Gr. 1 - 3:00-5:30pm Gr. 2-8 - 4:00-5:30pm</i>	10 <i>First Day of Classes Kindergarten Interviews</i> <i>Day 1</i>	11 <i>Kindergarten Interviews</i> <i>Day 2</i>
14 <i>Kindergarten Staggered Entry</i> <i>Day 3</i>	15 <i>Kindergarten Staggered Entry</i> <i>Day 4</i>	16 <i>Day 5</i>	17 <i>Day 6</i>	18 <i>Picture Day</i> <i>Day 1</i>
21 <i>Day 2</i>	22 <i>Day 3</i>	23 <i>Day 4</i>	24 <i>Day 5</i>	25 <i>Strong Connections</i> <i>Day 6</i>
28 <i>Strong Connections</i> <i>Day 1</i>	29 <i>Orange Shirt Day</i> <i>Day 2</i>	30 <i>National Day for Truth & Reconciliation NO CLASSES</i>		

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SUMMER SAFETY

SÉCURITÉ EN ÉTÉ

QUICK TIPS

- Stay hydrated
- Check weather & air quality
- Protect your skin
- Be prepared for emergencies

QUELQUES CONSEILS PRATIQUES

- hydratez-vous bien
- vérifiez la météo et qualité de l'aire
- protégez votre peau
- soyez prêt à faire face aux situations d'urgence





SUMMER MEMBERSHIPS

AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 16, 2026

Keep reading all summer long!

Valid June 16-August 31, 2026

One card per household

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for the whole
summer!

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