

# Blumenort School Newsletter

End of June 2017

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## HERE'S THE LATEST

**Staffing Update** - Since our last newsletter, we have had a few staffing changes. We would like to welcome Ms. Katie Peters (Gr. 7) and Ms. Michelle Plett (Gr. 8) to our staff for the fall. All the best in the school year ahead!

**Congratulations to our Grade 8 Grads!** - Congratulations to our Grade 8 students, who successfully made it through their final year at Blumenort School. Well done and best wishes as you move on to Grade 9! Thank you as well to our farewell committee for a wonderful evening.

**Bikes and Beyond and the Gr. 1-4 Bike Rodeo** - A big thank you to Jamie and Phil from Bikes and Beyond in Winnipeg for performing bike tune-ups for all of our riders. Thank you also to our organizing committee for all of your efforts to put on this special event.

**Community Report** - Please find our Community Report at the end of this newsletter. This report will feature the success of our school goals as well as an overview of the special events that have taken place in our school this year.

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

**2016-2017 School Yearbook** - New for this year is a free school yearbook that we have created here at our school. An email will be sent to all of our families with directions on how to get your free copy.

**PAC Update** - The PAC would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year---beginning with the M&M Meats Fundraiser in November, the monthly hot lunch program and our annual Family Fun Day BBQ & Silent Auction. To all the hot lunch volunteers---without your faithful monthly commitment, the hot lunch program would be non-existent! And for all the volunteers who helped make our Family Fun Day a success---thank-you! Have a wonderful and relaxing summer and we'll see you again next year!

**Thank You to our PAC!** - On behalf of our staff at Blumenort School, I would like to thank our PAC for all of their efforts in the numerous events they have been a part of this year. It has been greatly appreciated!

**Summer Contact** - If there are any changes for your family during the summer break, please let us know via email or feel free to wait until our school re-opens on August 23rd. As well, the HSD Transportation office is open all summer long so if you are planning on changing locations please call them at 320-2347.

**New Daily Schedule for 2017-2018** - In an effort to reduce the number of students in our gym and music room each period, we have made a switch to a nine-period schedule. The one change that might affect our families is that our lunch hour will begin at 12:05pm. More information will be shared with our families over the summer.

**Meet the Teacher Night** - Our Meet the Teacher Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (the night before school begins) from 4:00-5:30pm. Students and their parents are welcome to attend this special event, which includes an opportunity to visit their new classrooms and teachers.

**Strong Connections** - Shortly after we return from the summer break, our Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will once again be participating in our Strong Connections program. Students will be asked to attend school on either Friday, September 15th or Monday, September 18th, allowing our teachers an opportunity for assessment and relationship building early in the school year. The date that your child will be attending can be found on the year-end report card. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us during the summer at [blumenort@hsd.ca](mailto:blumenort@hsd.ca)

**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 and relaxing summer break!

# **BLUMENORT SCHOOL 2017-2018 STAFF LINEUP**

<b>UPDATED – JUNE 28, 2017</b>	
<i>Position</i>	<i>Teacher Name</i>
Principal	Dave Schettler
VP/Resource	Vince Hiebert
Resource	Rose Friesen
Counsellor	Curtis Brandt
Early Literacy AM	Rhonda Stobbe
Kindergarten AM/PM	Elaine Kauenhofen
Kindergarten PM	Ariana Neufeld
1	Amanda Ross
1	Ruth Lees
1/2	Julia Hiebert
2	Jenn Penner
2	Irene Plett
3	Celia Kellett
3	Brandy Ginter
4	Rachel Allard
4	Mallory Worsnop
4/5	Rebecca Friesen
5/6	Andrea Cuccaro
6	Cam Hiebert
6	Janette Suppes
7	Sarah Barton
7	Katie Peters
8	Monica Klassen
8	Michelle Plett
Gr. 1-6 PE	Kelly Tufford
Gr. 7-8 PE	Curtis Brandt
Gr. 1-6 Music & 7-8 Guitar/Art	Karen Johnson



## **Notice - Religious Exercises - Blumenort School, 2017-2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious exercises be held in Blumenort School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of a Bible passage or story from the Bible.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 60 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has authorized religious exercises, as specified above, to be held before the official instructional day, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m., in a designated common area of the school.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at [www.hsd.ca](http://www.hsd.ca).

Only children of parents who have signed or joined the petition may participate. Parents may join the petition by forwarding a signed note to the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division (forward to Blumenort School), indicating the name and the grade of the students they are signing for.

## **Notice - Religious Instruction - Blumenort School, 2017-2018**

The Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has received petitions requesting that religious instruction be held in Blumenort School during the 2017-2018 school year.

The petitioners have specified their desire for the Discovery Time program offered by Child Evangelism Fellowship.

As the petitions bear the signatures of parents representing more than 25 students in the school, the Board of Trustees of the Hanover School Division has passed the required by-law permitting religious instruction, as specified above, to be offered by volunteers during designated half-hour per week classes.

Provincial and divisional guidelines will be followed. These guidelines are available from the school office, the divisional administration offices, or on the web site at [www.hsd.ca](http://www.hsd.ca).

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## **Practice of Religion in Hanover School Division**

As a Manitoba public school division, The Hanover School Division is obligated to comply with the provisions of *The Public Schools Act* and provincial guidelines governing the implementation of religious exercises and religious instruction. *The Public Schools Act* states that public schools must be non-sectarian. Religious exercises and religious instruction in public schools may only be implemented by school boards in a manner consistent with the Act and departmental guidelines after a parent petition is presented to the school board. Petitions must be submitted annually. The Hanover School Division will continue to provide for appropriate religious exercises and instruction consistent with provincial and divisional guidelines.

### About Us

- Blumenort School is a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with approximately 400 students and close to 40 staff, including administration, teachers, office/library, custodial staff, and educational assistants.
- Blumenort School has a strong connection to our families, with many parents who volunteer their time. Students at Blumenort School are exceptional in their care for others and their school.
- Our school is highly committed to Literacy and Numeracy, each with a support teacher. We have a vibrant library, wide support for guided reading, and a brain fitness program called Fast ForWord.

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### Planning Priority #1

By June 2017, all teachers will have a better understanding of the relationship between Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Data.

#### Year-End Accomplishments

- Building upon last year's staff collaboration, a closer look at our Mental Math instruction and assessment was needed and completed.
- All staff successfully implemented the new Fountas and Pinnell Reading Assessment program.
- The Professional Development portion of our staff meetings were also used to "Bengalize" Deeper Learning within our school.

### Planning Priority #2

By June 2017, 80% of our students will have an achievement level of 3 or higher for Mental Math and Estimation on their report card.

#### Year-End Accomplishments

- Our teachers took part in math-focused professional development sessions and were supported by HSD Learning Coaches.
- Our teachers focused their instruction on Mental Math strategies as discussed in their PD.
- Year-end data shows that close to 70% of our students met or exceeded the level of 3 for Mental Math and Estimation. This shows we have more work to do.

### Planning Priority #3

By June 2017, our entire Blumenort School community will continue to foster positive relationships, which will in turn enhance our learning environment.

#### Year-End Accomplishments

- Our October focus was on "All Hands In".
- Our Thanksgiving Lunch and March Nutrition Breakfast continued to emphasize our connecting as a school community.
- Our school features a number of cross-curricular buddy connections that strengthen those relationships.

### Top Five Highlights for 2016-2017

- Our two, new Kindergarten classrooms were officially opened.
- Our Grade 6-8 students participated in their traditional trip to Camp Cedarwood.
- "All Hands In" was the theme of our school-wide relationship focus. The month capped off with a community cleanup.
- Our Bengals athletic programs, as well as our grade-level music and band concerts were very successful.
- Our Grade 5-8 students and staff received hands-on training in a new divisional program called, "myBlueprint."