



Balmoral Bugle

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October 2020

Dates To Remember:

Oct. 20 - Bus Evacuation drill
Oct. 20 - PAC Online Meeting @ 6:30
Oct. 21 - Early Dismissal
Oct. 23 - No School - Inservice
Provincial MTS PD Day
Oct. 27/28/29 - Progress
Conversations
Oct. 31-Halloween parties in
classrooms

Looking Ahead:

Nov. 03-Picture Retakes Day 2
Kindergarten welcome
Nov. 11-Remembrance day
No School
Nov. 20-No School-Inservice day



Principal Message:

Happy October!

There has been lots of excitement and learning at Balmoral School. It is great to see people healthy and happy.

The start of the school year has brought about new changes and routines. Our public health situation continues to evolve and changes are being made when necessary. Balmoral School thanks families for their cooperation and for continuing to self-screen.

Staff have determined their focus for professional learning communities (PLC), which takes place during early dismissal. Some topics include guided math, well-being, and early literacy development.

The Balmoral School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) are planning to meet virtually on Tuesday October 20, 2020 at 6:30pm. A video conference link will be sent out to all Balmoral School Families.

Progress conversations are coming up shortly. We are planning to have these appointments done virtually through MS TEAMS or via phone calls.

The school hopes everyone is staying healthy and well.

Thanks,

Mark Lawson





Bus Safety Week October 19-23

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BUS EVACUATION DRIL

The entire school will be doing a fall bus evacuation drill on Tuesday, October 20 at 9:15 a.m. This drill reminds students what to do in case of an emergency.

Kindergarten news

The kindergarten class has had an excellent start to the year! We have enjoyed making new friends and learning all about being at school. We have started to learn about the letters of the alphabet, and we have been learning lots about fall. We enjoyed the nice weather and made leaf rubbings. In art, we painted self-portraits. In October, we look forward to learning about pumpkins, Thanksgiving, and Halloween!



Kindergarten



Eva paints a picture



← Maverick
Randi →
Lincoln create
leaf rubbing
pictures.





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ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

On Monday, Sept. 30th, Balmoral School recognized Orange Shirt Day to show how “Every Child Matters”. The grade 3/4’s in Mrs. Soutter’s classroom wore orange in honor of orange shirt day.





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Kaycie



Liam



Ryder H.



The Grade 1/2 class participated in Orange Shirt Day on September 30th. We learned about Phyllis Webstad, who attended her first day of residential school wearing an orange shirt. Her new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, was taken away from her. We wore our orange shirts to acknowledge that “Every Child Matters”.

Grade 1/2

The Grade 1/2 classroom is learning about the three states of matter (solids, liquids, and gas). We are also working through our ABC's of Science, where B is for Bubble. The best way for us to study bubbles was to go outside and observe them in action. There were a variety of stations for the students to explore, but our favourite was the big bubble station. The class discovered that a bubble is just air wrapped in a liquid.





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Balmoral School Library news

Save The Date!

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place **NOVEMBER 2 - 13, 2020**.

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5149442>

Link operational during bookfair dates Nov. 2-13

SCHOLASTIC IS OFFERING FREE SHIPPING ON ORDERS PLACED ON NOV.4th BETWEEN 6-8PM.

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

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Progress Conversations

On October 27/28/29, 2020 you will be invited to Progress Conversations with Balmoral School staff. This year these conversations will happen virtually or by phone. This gives students, parents and teachers an opportunity to talk about the learning that takes place. The conference will be about 10 minutes and the purpose is to support learning by talking about strengths and areas of progress, discuss work samples and to do some goal setting. We look forward to seeing all the parents/guardians.