

# Balmoral Bugle

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## Dates To Remember:

### "I Love to Read Month"

- Feb. 2 - PAC Virtual Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 3 - Hat Trick Day- wear a hat
- Feb. 4 - PJ Day
- Feb. 5 - No School- Inservice Day
- Feb. 9 - Valentines to school
- Feb. 10 - Bookmobile Drop Off
- Feb. 12 - Classroom Valentine Celebrations
- Feb. 12 - Wear Red/Pink
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 - Flag Day
- Feb. 15 - Louis Riel Day- No School-Family Day
- Feb. 16 - Dress like a coach or Referee
- Feb. 17 - Progress Conversations
- Feb. 17 - Early Dismissal
- Feb. 18 - Progress Conversations
- Feb. 18 - PJ Day
- Feb. 24 - Dress like Mick E Moose
- Feb. 25 - PJ Day



February 2021

### Principal's Message:

#### Happy February!

Balmoral School is excited for February and I love to Read Month! Fostering the love of reading is important! Please let the school know if you have unique reasons to share with students about why reading is important!

The grade 5-8 students were each able to select a book to order from McNally Robinson for their classroom libraries. Most of the books have arrived just in time for I Love To Read Month! We hope that this increases the amount of material that the students are excited about!



Progress conversations are coming up this month. They will once again be held virtually. Information will be coming out shortly about booking appointments.

Thanks,

Mark Lawson  
School Principal



## Looking Ahead:

- Mar. 3 - Bookmobile drop off
- Mar. 8 - No School, Inservice
- Mar. 12 - Grade 8 Grad pictures
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 17 - Early dismissal
- Mar. 24 - Bookmobile
- Mar. 25 - Term 2 Reports go home
- Mar. 26 - Last day of classes
- March 27-April 4 Spring Break
- April 6, Day 2 Classes Resume



# I Love to Read - 2021

## "Hockey Themed Month"

During the month of February, our students will be participating in "I Love to Read Month", an entire month dedicated to promoting a love of reading. This year's theme revolves around hockey as we exercise our minds and "Read for the Stanley Cup".

Your child will be encouraged to take home book reports (in the shape of hockey pucks) to fill in for every book that they read in the month of February. There is no limit to how many book reports they can do, however all completed book reports handed in this year will help their class score a goal. Our classrooms will be competing in a friendly competition each week to see who can hand in the most book reports and score the most goals!

Students have also been given a reading challenge calendar.



## I Love to Read Activities

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| Feb. 3  | Day 2 | <b>Hat Trick Day</b>                    | Students may come to school and wear a hat. They are encouraged to wear a hockey themed hat. |
| Feb. 4  | Day 3 | <b>Pajama Day Thursday</b>              | Students may wear their pajamas to school.   |
| Feb. 9  | Day 5 | <b>Jersey Day</b>                       | Students may come to school dressed up in their favourite hockey jersey .                    |
| Feb. 11 | Day 1 | <b>Pajama Day Thursday</b>              | Students may wear their pajamas to school.   |
| Feb. 12 | Day 2 | <b>Wear Valentine's Day Colours</b>     | Students are encouraged to wear colours seen on Valentine's Day. Like red and pink.          |
| Feb. 16 | Day 3 | <b>Dress up like a coach or referee</b> |  |
| Feb. 18 | Day 5 | <b>Pajama Day Thursday</b>              | Students may wear their pajamas to school.   |
| Feb. 24 | Day 3 | <b>Mick E. Moose</b>                    | Students may come to school dressed up like our Winnipeg Jets mascot, Mick E. Moose.         |
| Feb. 25 | Day 5 | <b>Pajama Day Thursday</b>              | Students may wear their pajamas to school.   |





### Grade 1-2 News:

The Grade 1/2 class is enjoying their new Science unit about position and motion. We have been talking about force, friction, and simple machines like inclined planes. It was fun to explore with different objects to see what would roll down an inclined plane. We also tested to see how the slope affects the distance an object will travel.



Science

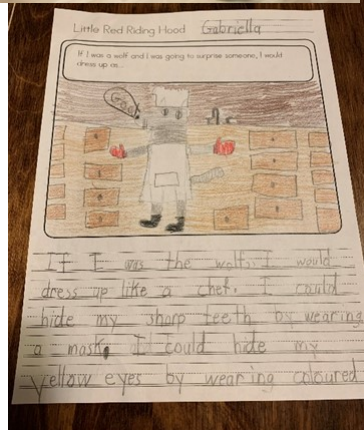


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We are also enjoying listening and doing a variety of activities with fairy tales. We have used Venn Diagrams to compare different versions of the story, and wrote about different ways we could disguise the wolf from Little Red Riding Hood. We even had a couple of grade two reading groups perform the plays The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood to the class. We can't wait to see which fairy tale we will be working on next!









## Grade 3-4 Ms.Poirier News:

This month our class participated in a variety of snow activities during our gym classes including snow shoeing, snowball target throwing, and skiing!



Snowball target practice



Sawyer, Rhiannon, Kylie and Ryder snowshoeing.



Dom, Rhiannon, Ryder B. skiing

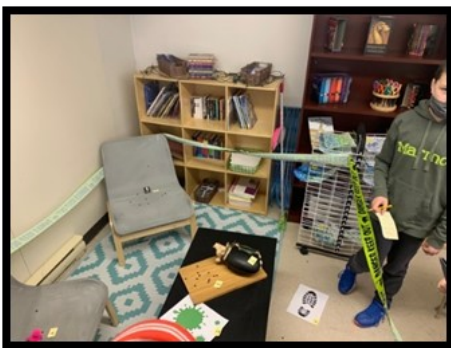
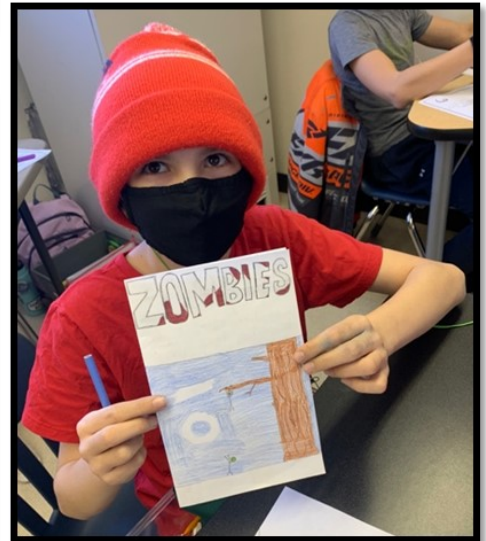
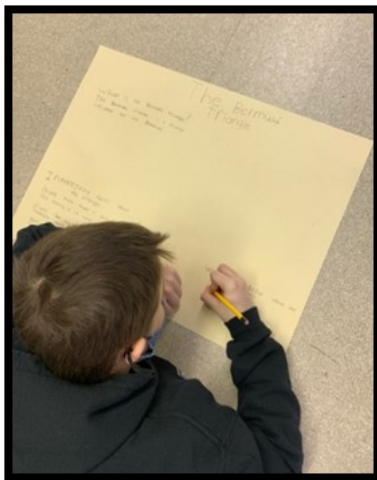
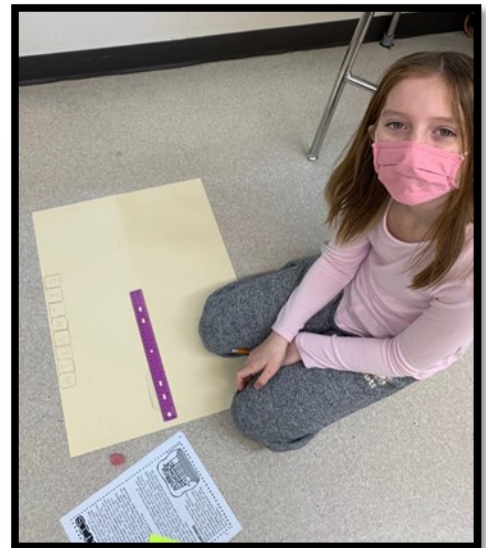


Macey, Kardyn, Allison and Addison skiing

# Grade 5/6 MYSTERY UNIT

In January the grade 5/6, dived into a Mystery Unit in E.L.A. Students completed daily mystery pictures where they had to make observations and inferences based on the image. They have become very good at creating unique and accurate inferences. We also had a crime scene in our classroom one morning where students needed to identify what happened to Chris P. Bacon (our family pig).

Students were interested in learning about real-world mysteries during the unit, some that have been solved and some that are unsolved, such as the loch ness monster, crop circles, bigfoot, and Atlantis. The grade 5/6's, wrapped up the unit by researching a mystery of their choice or writing a zombie manual.







## Grade 5-6 Mrs. Rody News:



### DISCOVER OWLS

On February 18th the Grade 5/6 classroom will have an live on-line owl presentation with Dr. James Duncan-Discovery Owls.

They will have owl pellets to dissect and compare to a bone chart as to what they find.

## Lifetouch Grad Picture Day-scheduled for March 12, 2021

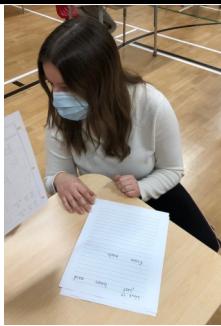
- Prior to photo day, students take home an order envelope that lets families order a personal copy of the "Class of 2021" Composite. Composite Order Envelopes should be given to the photographer on photo day.
- Four different poses are taken of each student, however there is no obligation to purchase.
- A week after Picture Day, proofs will be shipped to the school for distribution to families.
- There will be an **Order Due Date** indicated on the proof sheet. Orders should be placed online or returned to the school prior to this date to avoid shipping or late charges.
- Any portrait orders will be part of the Lifetouch "My Family Rewards" program.
- Completed photo packages are shipped to the school for distribution to families.

### Cancellations Due to Extreme Cold

Brrrr....it's chilly out there. A reminder that school closures occur when the temperature observed is -40 degrees or colder and/or the windchill is -45 degrees at 6:00 AM.

Please listen to the radio, watch the new, check the divisional website and twitter for cancellation information. Also, families will receive an automated phone message from the division. **If you have changed your contact number, please inform the office so that we can update your contact information** so that you will receive these messages.





We have the pleasure of having **Emma Stafford** here at Balmoral School doing her practicum for the Educational Assistant course at Red River College. She has been a great asset to the school and has helped us out. We wish her well in her future plans.

### Kindergarten Registration Fall 2021

If you have not registered your child for Kindergarten or know a family that has a child ready for Kindergarten please call our school office at 204-467-2501.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. A document providing proof of age is required.



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