



Balmoral Bugle



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March 2021

Dates To Remember:

- Mar. 3 - Bookmobile
- Mar. 8 - No School, Inservice
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 17 - Early dismissal
- Mar. 25 - Term 2 Reports go home
- Mar. 26 - Last day of classes
- Mar. 27 to April 4 - Spring Break
- April 5 - No School-Inservice
- April 6 - Gr 1-8 Classes Resume (day 2)
- April 6 - PAC Meeting 6:30 pm
- April 7 - K Classes Resume (day 3)
- April 21 - Early Dismissal
- April 21 - Bookmobile
- April 22 - Earth Day

Principal's Message:

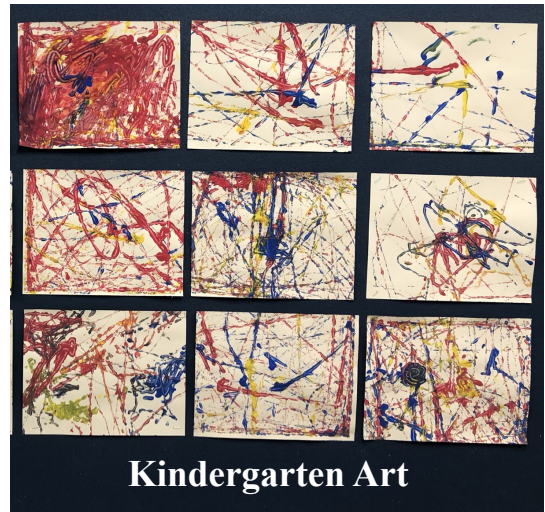
Happy March!

Balmoral School had an excited February with I love to Read Month, 100 Day, Valentines Day and many other activities! Thanks to folks who read virtually to classrooms.

March brings the 1 year anniversary of dealing with COVID in Manitoba Schools. Balmoral School has been fortunate when dealing with the pandemic. We hope folks take time to be kind to each other and to themselves during times of stress. The last week in March, the school will be hosting a Kindness Spirit Week.

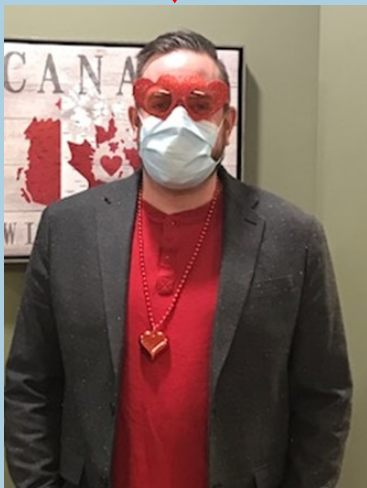
We are excited for March to bring spring weather. We hope that folk are able to have a restful spring break at the end of the month!

**Thanks,
Mark Lawson
School Principal**



Mr. Lawson participates in I Love to Read Activities. On Feb. 12th for Valentine's day celebrations, staff and students were to dress in pink and red.

Love the glasses
Mr. Lawson!





I LOVE TO READ MONTH

Hockey was the theme this year for I Love to Read month. Students were encouraged to Read for the Stanley Cup and had the opportunity to participate in many fun activities. Thank you to all students who filled out book reports and displayed their love of reading. Students were challenged by daily trivia about hockey. The classroom that had the most correct answers to the question had their team logo placed on the Stanley Cup. Congratulations goes to the Grade 7/8 classroom for answering the most trivia questions overall.

The top three readers from each classroom were working for a chance to shoot a puck and try to score a goal against a teacher. Mr. Lawson will be in net against the top three Kindergarten and Miss Poirier's Grade 3/4 class. Mr. McLean will be in net against the top three Grade 1/2 and 7/8 students. Mrs. Lowry will be in net against the top three Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students. This event will occur during the month of March!

- Feb. 3 Hat Day
- Feb. 4 PJ Day –every Thursday in February!
- Feb 9 Jersey Day
- Feb. 12 Wear Pink or Red for Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16 Dress like a coach or Referee
- Feb. 24 Dress like Mick E Moose



Lennyn's Mom reading Gr. 1/2 a story.



Mrs. Margett reading a story.



I Love to Read Activities

February 12-Wear Valentine Day Colours

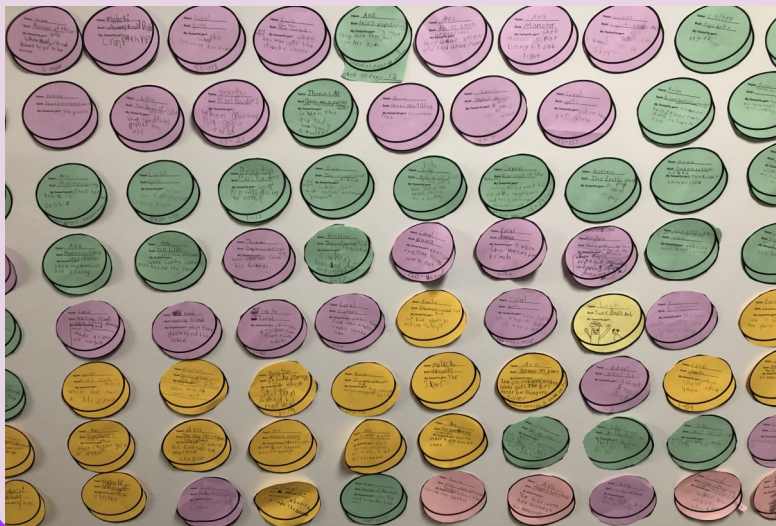


February 24-Dress like Mick E. Moose

Ms. Poirier, Mr. McLean and Mr. Lawson wearing their Moose antlers and jerseys. On display was Mrs. Kelpin's Manitoba Moose blanket.



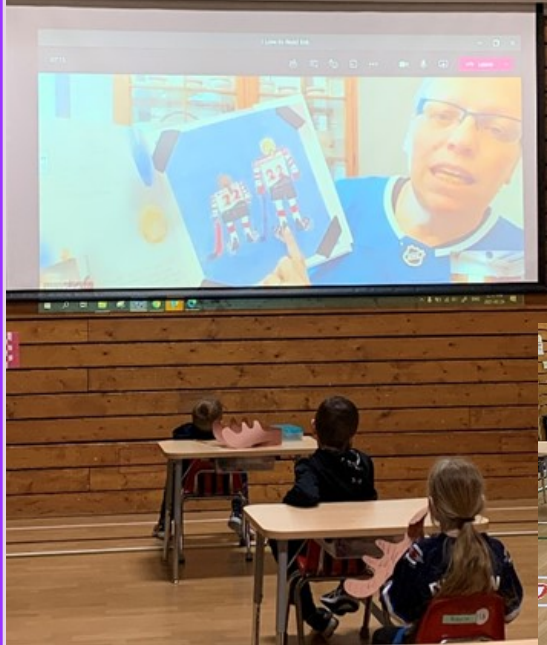
Hockey puck book reports on display in the hallway!





I Love to Read Activities

Mrs. Tervoort was a Guest Reader



Doyle's Grandpa John Morgan was a guest reader for Grade 1/2



Constable Ryan was a guest reader.



Kindergarten

In January, the Kindergarten class has been learning all about winter! We have enjoyed painting snowflakes and winter scenes, and in math we made snowflakes using shapes. In gym, the kindergartens got to go snowshoeing! They also wrote a poem about the five senses in winter.

Winter Cheer by the Kindergartens

I feel the snow like powder.

I see all white.

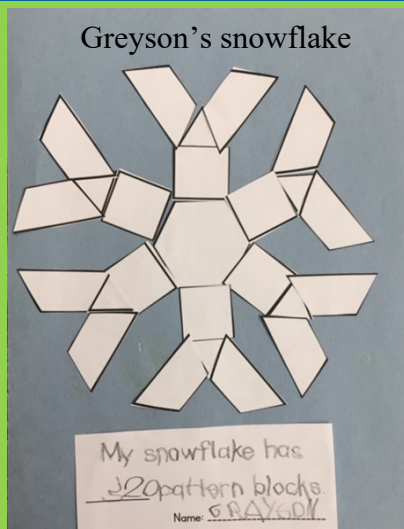
I smell good food.

I taste gingerbread.

I hear the blowing wind and crunchy snow and children playing in the snow.



Snowshoeing with Mr. Lawson



Greyson's snowflake

My snowflake has 20 pattern blocks.
Name: GREYSON



Danika and Maiti paint winter pictures



Eva made a fox with hearts and Liam made a heart pattern.

Grade 1-2 celebrate 101 days of school

Hooray for 100th Day! The Grade 1/2 class celebrated 100th day this year with One Hundred Hungry Ants. In the story, one hundred hungry ants march off single file to sample a picnic, but when the going gets too slow, they divide into two rows of fifty, then four rows of twenty-five, and finally ten rows of ten...until they take so long that the picnic is gone!

We couldn't have a picnic without any food...so the students made their own pizzas with 100 different pieces of toppings. Of course, once we put our food onto our blankets along came 100 hungry ants. We had so much fun counting to 100 in many different ways.

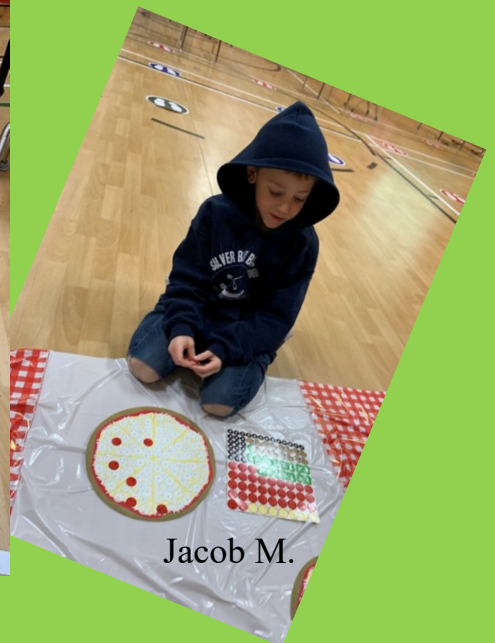
Other activities included trying to paint 100 ants in five minutes, and making one big ant that we could take marching. Just like the song, we marched two by two, three by three, etc.



Kylie



Thomas



Jacob M.



Anna painting ants





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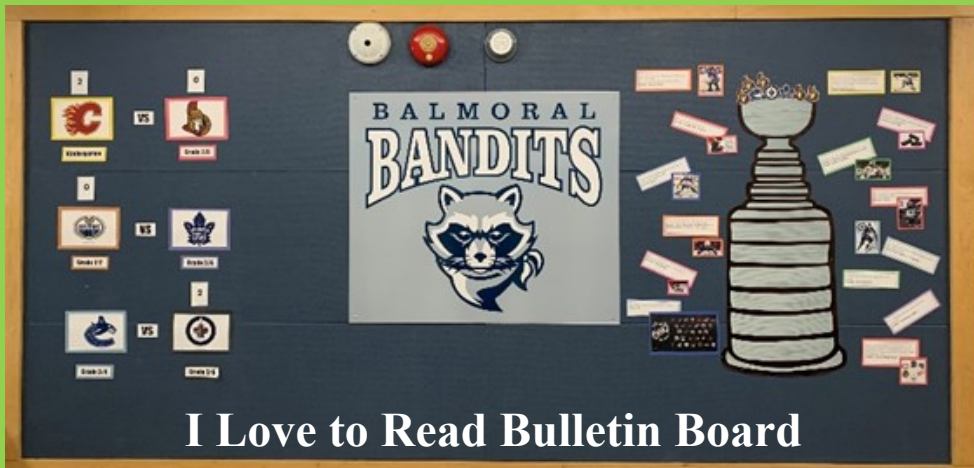
The students also listened to a wonderful book called Hey, Little Ant. In the story a boy tries to decide if he should squish an ant, and the ant makes a compelling case for his survival. The ending asks the reader to decide on the outcome: "What do you think that kid should do?". The students did a wonderful job explaining why to squish or not to squish the ant in their opinion writing piece.



Deacon, Thomas, Anna, Liam marching



Anna, Liam and Thomas marching

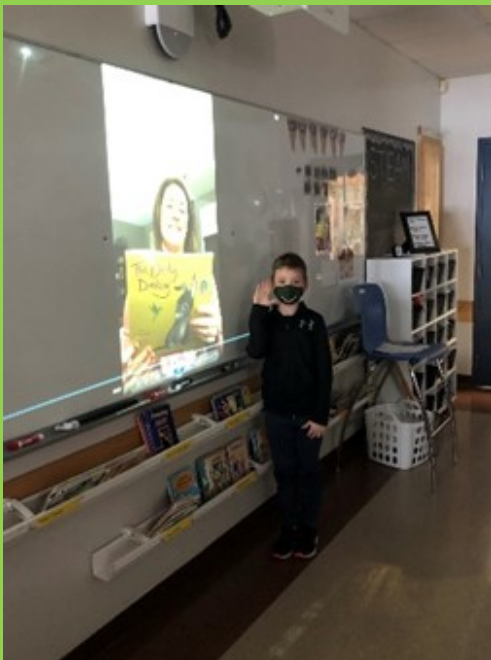


I Love to Read Bulletin Board



Grade 3/4 Ms. Poirier news:

In the spirit of spreading love and kindness on Valentine's Day, the grade 3/4 classroom created Heart Trees together in order to boost one another's self love and happiness. We discussed how important it is to lift each other up and fill each other's buckets. Each student chose five random hearts from around the classroom, which were labelled on the back with other classmate names. Students then had to write a friendly, uplifting message on their heart before handing it to that specific student for their tree. The outcome was incredible. It was heartwarming to see all of the kind messages that were shared with one another. We truly do have such a caring and supportive class. Each student was able to take their tree home so they could have a constant reminder of why they are so amazing!



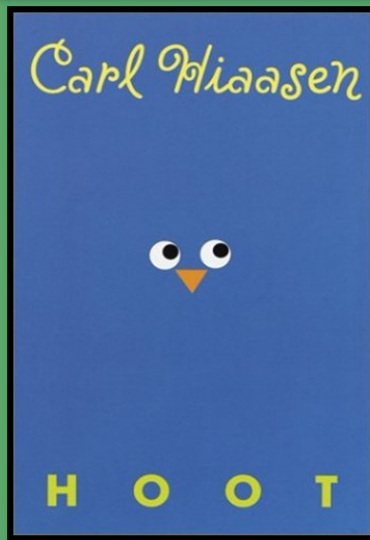
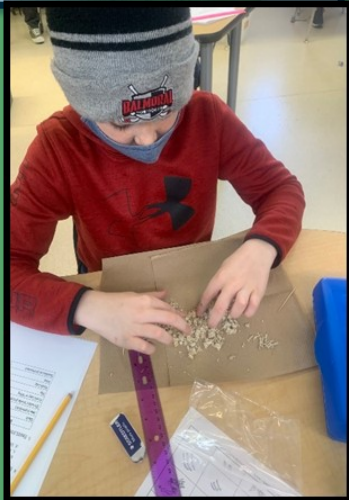
“Our class enjoyed listening to our two very special guest readers this month! Thank you to Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Reimer for sharing two great stories with us!”





Grade 5/6 classroom news:

The grade 5/6's have been busy learning about owls in their *Hoot* novel study this month. Students were excited to have Mrs. Margett in our classroom to share some of her knowledge about owls. Each student had the opportunity to see how their arm span compared to owls of North America. We also need to thank Jim Duncan for providing our class with owl pellets for our owl pellet dissection. Students were excited to dissect individual owl pellets and determine different bones and animals their owl ate. Lastly, we had Jim Duncan present using Microsoft Teams. He showed us some of the work he has done for the past 30 years with owls. The grade 5/6's were a fantastic audience with some great questions. As we continue to read our novel, we will refer back to the information we have learned.

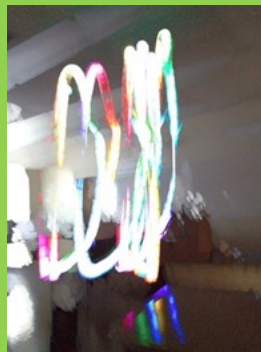
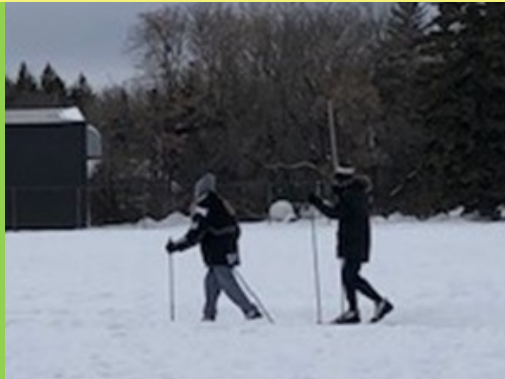


The Buzz in the Grade 7 & 8 classroom:

Here are a few highlights from the past few months in the Grade 7 & 8 room:

Physical Education:

It was a great month of snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.



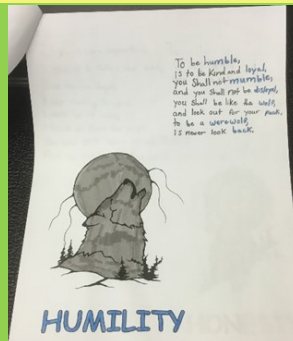
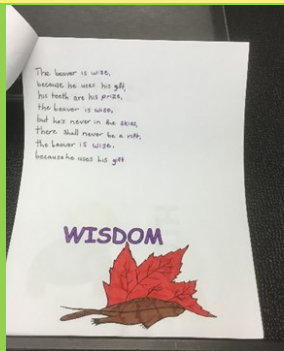
Graphic Communications:

Here is a picture on our digital art work. Students used long exposure camera settings to make art with light!

ELA:

We focused on the Seven Sacred Teachings and created some great poetry using the animals and the character traits to inspire us.

We also enjoyed the new books we ordered for I Love to Read month.



Science:

We have been exploring density and flow rate in two hands on experiments. We compared the flight of airplanes using paper and aluminum foil to see how density affected their flight. As well, we looked at the viscosity of different liquids to understand how it can have affect on flow rate.





Grade 7/8 French - Festival du Voyageur Beard Competition



Balmoral Staff would like to thank the Balmoral PAC for treating us during the week of Feb. 8-12 to treats and a lunch on February 11th. We truly appreciate their efforts dealing with

Covid and following the guidelines. What a lovely treat! Thank you so much for your kindness.

On Line BOOK FAIR

JUST A REMINDER THAT
BALMORAL SCHOOL WILL
BE HAVING
ANOTHER VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR ON
APRIL 5, 2021 TO APRIL 18TH
LETTER WILL BE SENT OUT.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONINTUED SUPPORT!

Attention Balmoral Youth Softball/Baseball families!

The Balmoral Baseball Club is now accepting registrations for the 2021 season.

Families are asked to register now and pay later. Fees will be collected once the upcoming season guidelines have been set. Deadline to register is **Wednesday, March 10.**

Please register online using the following links:

Learn to Play & Softball – <http://BalmoralSoftball.rampregistrations.com>

Baseball – <http://BalmoralBall2.rampregistrations.com>

Questions? Email: balmoralbaseballclub@gmail.com



Kindness Spirit Week Activities

Our Kindness Spirit Week will run the week before Spring Break from March 22nd to March 26th. Our week will include daily kindness challenges, spirit dress up days, and a school-wide appreciation board. It will be so great to go into a break lifting each other up in Balmoral fashion!

Important Dress Up Days:

Monday, March 22 nd	Tuesday, March 23 rd	Wednesday, March 24 th	Thursday, March 25 th	Friday, March 26 th
Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
“Bully Free from Head to Toe” Wear silly socks and rock wacky hair.	“Bullying is Bad, Wear your Plaid” Wear any type of plaid.	“Just Bee Kind” Wear black and yellow (bee colours).	“Let’s Paint the Whole World Kind” Wear blue and green (Earth colours).	“Dreaming of Kindness” Wear your pajamas.

PAC NEWS:

Do you want to be involved in what is happening at your child’s school?

We would love to have more parents come to our meetings. The PAC meets every second month for about an hour. The next meeting will be held over Zoom on **Tuesday, April 6 at 6:30**. On the agenda for our April meeting, we will determine our next fundraiser, as well as discuss the PAC’s purpose and goals.

Watch your email - the Zoom link is emailed out from the school to all families.

We would love to see you there!

If you have any questions regarding PAC feel free to email the PAC President, Bekki Stemp, at rebekajstemp@gmail.com

