



# Balmoral Bugle

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## Dates To Remember:

- Oct. 01 - Picture Day
- Oct. 06 - Virtual PAC Meeting 6:30
- Oct. 07 - Cross Country -Teulon
- Oct. 08 - Inservice No School
- Oct. 11 - Thanksgiving-No School
- Oct. 19 - Covid-19 Youth  
Immunization Catch up
- Oct. 21 - Bus Evacuation drill
- Oct. 22 - No School - Inservice  
MTS PD Day
- Oct. 28 - Progress Conversations
- Oct. 29 - Halloween classroom events
- Oct. 31 - Happy Halloween

## Looking Ahead:

- Nov. 03 - Early Dismissal
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance day  
No School
- Nov. 12 - No School-Inservice Day
- Nov. 15 - Picture Retakes Day 1
- Nov. 17 - Virtual PAC Meeting  
(Bring a Buddy)



## 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.

It has been great to see student engaging in MY Sports. Cross-country and volleyball practices are underway.

Progress conversations are coming up at the end of the month. 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





# Kindergarten news

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What a wonderful start to our first year of school we have had so far! Our class has quickly settled in and created a wonderful classroom community. We are working on learning our school and classroom routines as well as learning to work and play together. Our class certainly enjoys making new friends and trying new activities. I hear many kind words and certainly enjoy all the amazing helpers we have in our class!

We are working hard on learning about the letters of the alphabet, the sounds those letters make, and have been practicing rhyming. We are practicing counting and patterns through our daily calendar activities. You can ask your student to tell you about AB patterns at home!

We have certainly enjoyed the beautiful weather we have been having and took the opportunity to learn about fall. We noticed not all trees are losing their "leaves" in the fall and the many beautiful colours the trees display for us in the fall. We collected some leaves to do a leaf rubbing art project and changed the leaves on our classroom tree to reflect the new season.

In October we look forward to practicing printing uppercase letters and learning more about patterns. We will also be looking forward to October's holiday celebrations!



Our class observing fall.



Recess fun!



Terry Fox Run



Practicing how we sit at our cappel area.



# Grade 4 First day of school:



# Grade 5 First day of school:





# Grade 6 First day of school:



## Bag it up!



In the month of October, Balmoral School will be participating in the Plastic Bag Round Up Challenge! The goal of this challenge is to promote reducing waste and to consider reusing, recycling, and remanufacturing options.

If you are able to participate, please collect plastic bags to send to school with your student. If possible, please group in 10s to aid in counting. This is a fantastic way to practice counting to 10, counting by 10s or practicing multiplication at home.

**Our last day to collect bags will be October 29.** The class that collects the most bags will earn a prize.



# ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

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On Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Balmoral School recognized Orange Shirt Day to show how “Every Child Matters”.



Grade 1-2





## Grade 1-2 news:

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The Grade 1/2 class has started to work on our ABCs of animals in Science. A is for alligator! We measured the length and weight of our pet alligator and can't wait to see how much he will grow after putting him into his tank full of water.



Mrs. Margetts



Brady



Liam



## Grade 1-2 news:

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As part of our Social Studies curriculum, the students will be exploring traditions and celebrations throughout the year. We talked about International Day of Peace (September 21st) and National Tree Day (September 22nd). After our discussion about trees and why they are so important to us, we headed outside to show our appreciation of trees by giving them a big hug!

Finn



Hanna



On Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 headed out to the playground to participate in our annual Terry Fox Run. The students met in their different cohorts to enjoy some wonderful weather, and have fun, as they completed laps around our course. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or participated. Donations and pledges are due back Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Mrs. Tervoort and Mrs. Margetts for speaking to the students about this special cause and helping to cheer the students on!



Kaycie & Maiti



Lennyn



Jacob & Mr. Lawson



# Terry Fox Run Grade 1-2

Mrs. Buchan



Mrs. Tervoort

# Terry Fox Run Grade 4-5







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## Terry Fox Run at Balmoral School

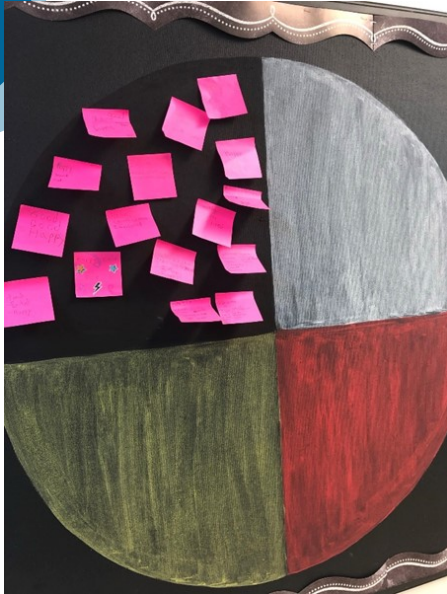


Over 24 incredible years, Balmoral School has done much to carry on Terry's dream of a world without cancer. To date, your school community has raised \$19,849.35 for cancer research in Terry's name.



# Grade 4-5 news:

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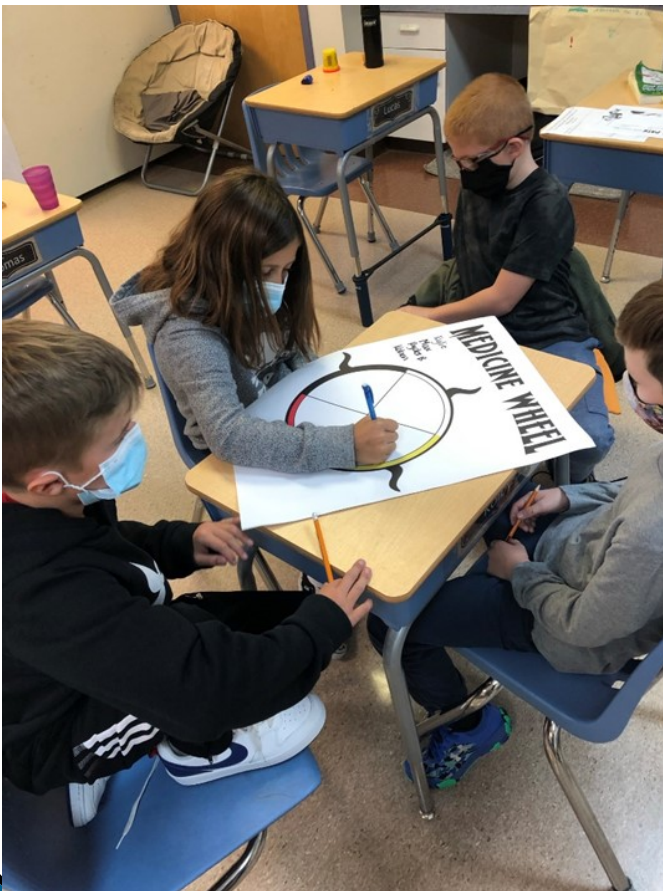
Our class has been learning about the four quadrants of the Circle of Courage and its importance in our daily lives. Belonging, Independence, Mastery, and Generosity are the four quadrants that complete each and every one of us. When our circle is complete, we experience harmony. However, when our circles are incomplete, we experience the opposite. We learned about each quadrant separately and discussed how each would make us feel. Once all four quadrants were complete, we created our Respect Agreement for the school year!

Students wrote down what feelings they have when they experience Belonging. We then used those words to create a Wordle.



The final result of our Circle of Courage that includes all Wordle's of the feelings we experience when we experience belonging, independence, mastery, and generosity.

Students worked together in small groups to write down what they think is important to include on our Respect Agreement in each quadrant.

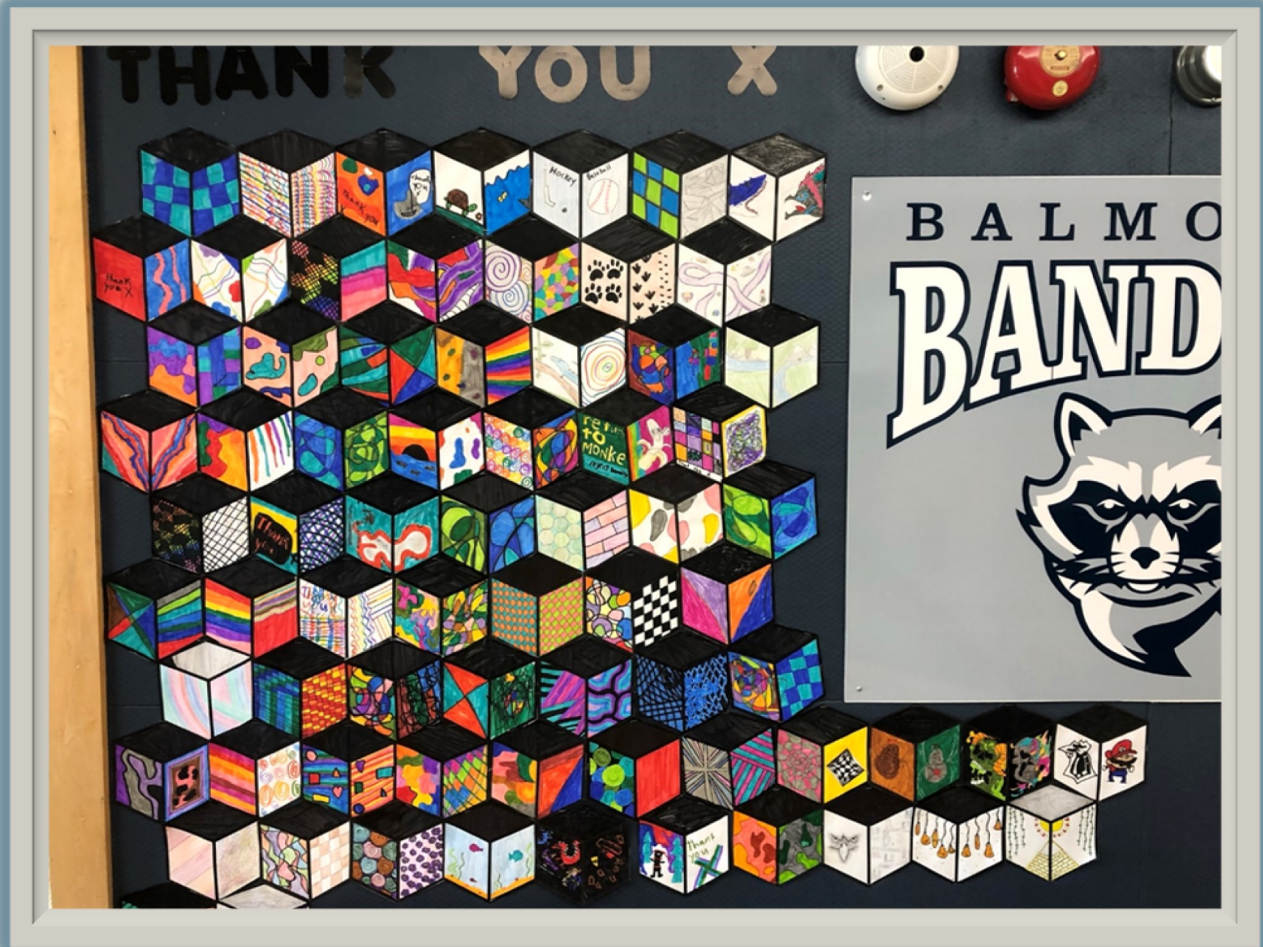




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# Artwork

The grades 4 to 8 art classes created a collaborative mural based on inspiration from artist, Thank You X. Miss Poirier and Mr. Chin.



## Bus Safety Week October 19-23

### BUS EVACUATION DRIL

The entire school will be doing a fall bus evacuation drill on Thursday, October 21. This drill reminds students what to do in case of an emergency.



## Honoring Truth and Reconciliation Week at Balmoral School

This year, students at Balmoral School took part in a variety of activities during the week leading up to the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Each class-

room had discussions about Residential Schools which lead to each student creating an orange heart that highlighted what they imagine it would have felt like if they had to attend such a school. These hearts were our way of honouring the memories of sur-



vivors and those who didn't make it home. Students then had discussions about reconciliation and what it means. They each created a flower that showcased what hopes or dreams students have for future generations and the treatment of all people, regardless of their background. On Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Balmoral School had their Orange Shirt Day. We also took a moment of silence to honour survivors and reconciliation.

**Our 'Honouring Memories' bulletin board with messages on how students imagine it would have felt to attend a Residential School.**



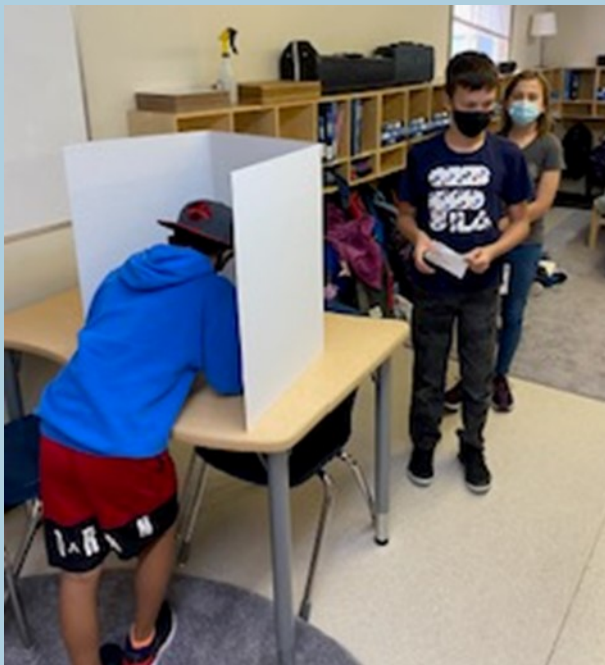
**Our 'planting dreams' bulletin board where students created flowers that highlighted their hopes for reconciliation/their dreams for how people should be treated.**



# Student Vote

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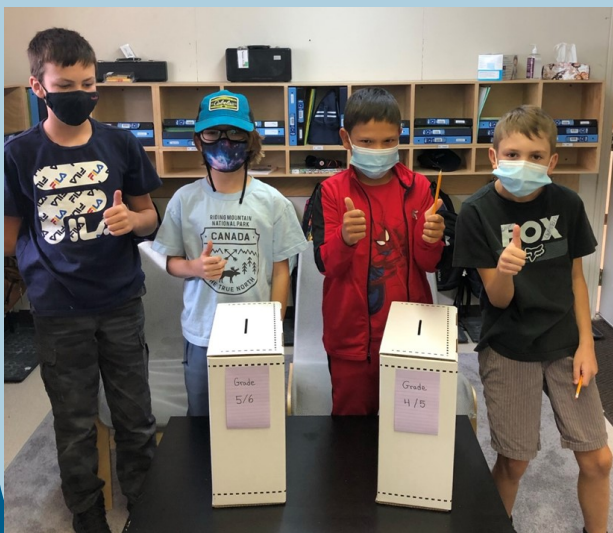
The grade 4/5 and 5/6 classes participated in this year's Student Vote program leading up to our national election. Students learned about the meaning of democracy and how important voting is. They had the chance to listen to questions from Canadian students and answers that leaders of political parties sent in response. All of these discussions and opportunities to learn about politics provided students the chance to develop their own opinion on who they would like to vote for on September 20<sup>th</sup>, students had the chance to place their own vote!



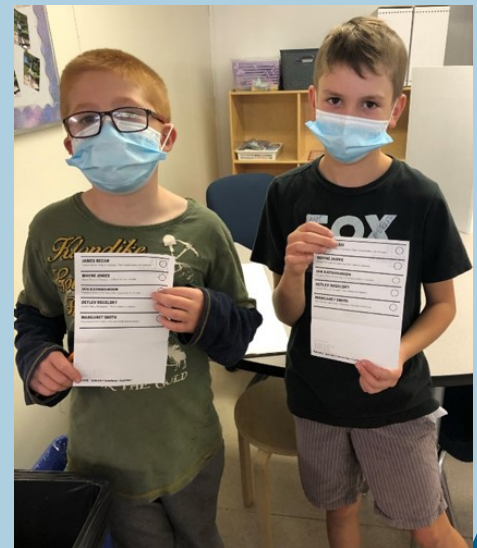
Sebastian votes while James and Maci wait in line.



Kade votes while Allison waits in line.



James, Quinn, Braxton, and Thomas beside the voting boxes.



Max and Thomas holding their ballots.





# Student Vote

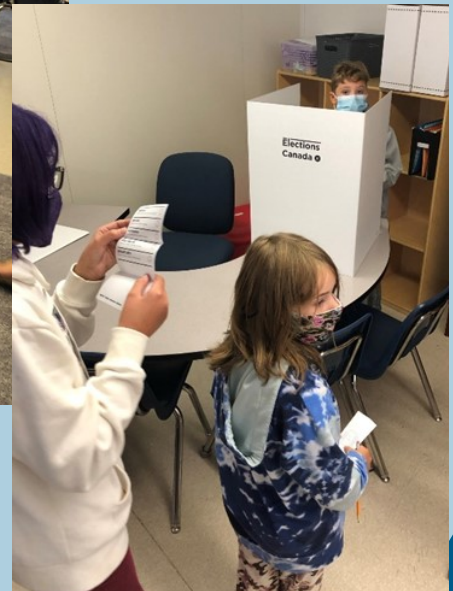
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Classes coming together to compare Student Vote results.



Elliott placing his vote while Coral and Rhiannon wait in line.



Classes coming together before placing their votes.



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# Virtual Book Fairs

## Reminder: Virtual Book Fair is Coming!

Dear families,

Don't forget, our school is hosting a **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** from **November 1st - 14th**.

The **Virtual Book Fair** is a fantastic way to continue to give our students access to the books they want to read. We're excited that you will be able to shop together, selecting the books that inspire your readers, from the comfort of home.

All purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and Education Resources for our school's classrooms and library.

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

: <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5164854>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

**SAVE it** to your browser

**WATCH** videos of popular new titles

**PREVIEW** our Featured Books

\*NEW THIS YEAR- Scholastic will be using a consolidated free shipping method. All orders will be shipped to our school and can be picked up or sent home with students. Orders will be identified for pick up by the order number given at time of online purchase.

Happy reading!





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## Progress Conversations

On Thursday, October 28, 2021 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.

### Parent Advisory Council-PAC

The next Virtual PAC meeting will be on  
Wednesday, November 17 at 6:30

PAC Members are asking to bring a buddy!



**Agenda Items Include:**

**School Updates!**

**Teachers Sharing Classroom Updates!**

**Q&A with the Principal!**