



Balmoral Bugle



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December 2021

Dates To Remember:

Candy Grams Dec. 6-Dec. 10th.

Dec. 01-Early Dismissal
Dec. 09-Report cards go home for K.
Dec. 10-Report cards go home
Gr. 1-8
Dec. 10-Last day for Cheerboard
donations
Dec. 16-Dress like a Christmas
character
Dec. 17-Formal Day-dress fancy
Dec. 17-Hot Lunch second break
Dec. 20-Wear Red and Green
Dec. 21-Wear ugly Christmas sweater
Dec. 22-Wear your Pajamas!
Dec. 22-Last day of classes

Dec. 23-January 6—Christmas Break

Looking ahead:

Jan. 06-Classes Resume
Thursday (Day 5)
This is a PJ Day
Jan. 12-Early Dismissal

**Every Thursday in January will be
Pajama Day!!**



Principal's Message:

We made it to December!

Be on the lookout during the last week of school in December as we will be sending a link to Balmoral School's Holiday Video Celebration. The video will be sent out in place of a traditional in person concert and will contain holiday messages, skits, music and art.

In January, there will be a few staffing changes. Mrs. Loehmer will be coming back to the Kindergarten room at Balmoral School. Mrs. Williams will be moving to a different position in Interlake School Division.

Enjoy December and all of the festivities that you are able to safely take part in.
Happy Holidays everyone!

Best Wishes,

Mark Lawson





Bag it up Campaign



Thank you to everyone who brought in their plastic bags to add to the campaign! Balmoral School did an awesome job by recycling the bags and not having those plastic bags sent to the landfill! Thank you everyone.
Mrs. Wilson & Mrs. Williams



Grade 5/6 came in first place, with the most bags collected per classroom.



These were all the bags collected by the entire school.





Kindergarten Mrs. Williams



This month we learned about Remembrance Day and why it is an important time in Canada. We learned that poppies are an important symbol of Remembrance Day and made poppy art to honour Remembrance Day. We learned a poem called *Little Poppy*.

To spread peace and kindness in our classroom we are working hard to fill buckets in our classroom. We are learning that when we fill others' buckets our own bucket is filled as well. Many of the kindergartens are being extra mindful to include others when they are playing and asking others if they would like to join them. We are filling buckets by helping others and using kind words.

We have opened our paint centre and hope you are excited to see your student's painting creations. We also have a winter village as part of our dramatic play during centres.

December is always an exciting month to look forward to with all the holiday celebrations. We have many fun holiday themed art, literacy and numeracy activities to look forward to. As we work on many holiday activities, we will begin to explore colour mixing.

Mrs. Williams

**Enjoying the first snowfall
at school.**



**Filling up buckets
in our classroom.**

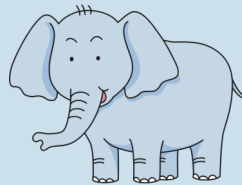
**Andie's cinnamon bun
from hot lunch is almost
as big as her head!**





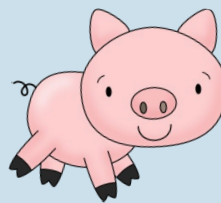
Grade 1-2 Mrs. Buchan

The Grade 1/2 class had a blast reading some of our favourite stories from author Mo Willems. After reading numerous Elephant and Piggie stories, the class created a graph where they needed to pick their favourite story. The students had the opportunity to write about their favourite character and why they liked that character.

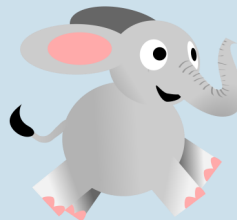


Lincoln

Danika



Maverick



Wyatt B.



Speed Stack World Record Day

Grades 1 to 8, along with the help of Mrs. Tervoort, participated in the annual Stack Up Day in November. The students had the opportunity to learn how to stack properly, as well as take part in a few activities. This was Balmoral School's 14th year to participate in this event. Way to go!





Grade 1-2 Mrs. Buchan

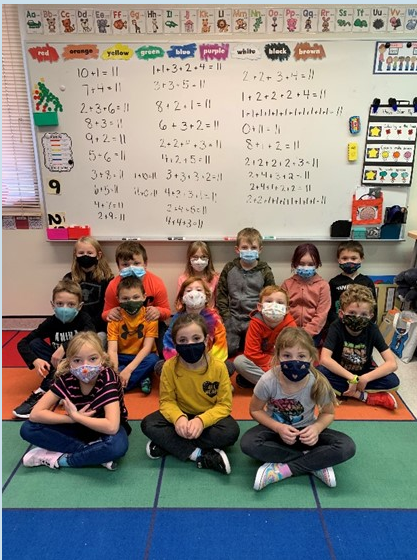


During the month of November, the Grade 1/2 students participated in **November Numbers**. November Numbers is an entire month dedicated to promoting a love of Math. Each day at school, we celebrated the number of the day by reading a Math story and then doing an exciting numerical activity to go along with the book.

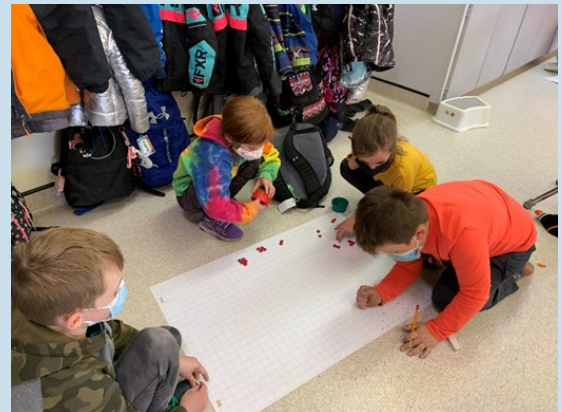
Evy, Finn and Lennyn are working on Scrambled Square puzzles



12 Ways to Make 11 is one of the Math stories that we read. The students worked in groups to see if we could think of more than 12 ways to make 11.



Kenna, Brady, Grayson, Lincoln and Wyatt, Finn, Danika, and Evy are some of the math groups working on coming up with as many different ways that they can think of to make 11.



Number Shirt Day

The students stood in order according to their numbers from least to greatest.



Grade 1-2 Mrs. Buchan



Adree is interviewing Lennyn about her shelter.



Eva with her shelter



Liam with his shelter

The students in Grade 1/2 had the opportunity to design and build a shelter for Science. Their shelter needed to protect an animal from the elements as winter is approaching. They also needed to incorporate the five senses into their design project. We were very excited to share our shelters with the Grade 2/3 class.

Doyle is interviewing Grayson about his shelter



Randi with her shelter



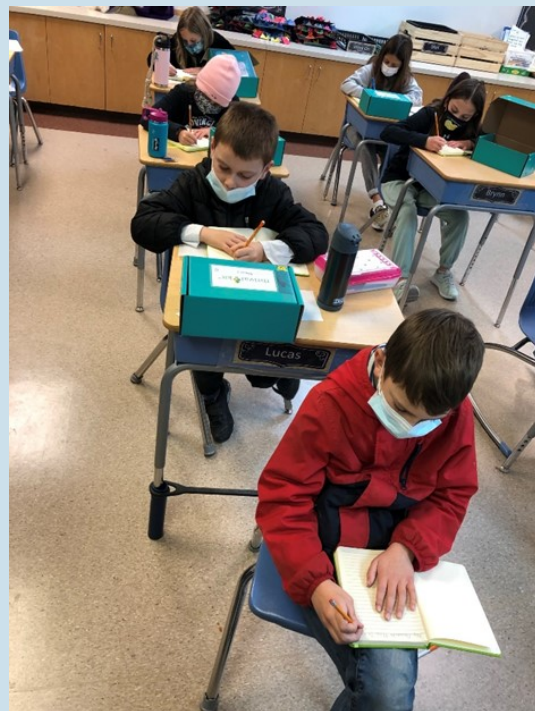
Grade 4-5 news Ms. Poirier

This month, our class started using our Thrival Kits! Just as we often carry first aid kits to help with physical injuries, we also need kits to assist with our mental health, too. These kits were created to offer students with a variety of tools to aid in mental wellbeing. Over a variety of themes and activities, students will learn to become more self aware of their mental wellbeing in order to help provide them with coping strategies that will be helpful throughout their life. Our first theme has been “Understanding the Importance of Mental Health”. To start, students created their own kits using blue shoe boxes and decorated them to express themselves. Their kits are for their eyes only and at the end of the year will contain a variety of tools that they can use for their mental wellbeing. Through activities, students have practiced mindful eating, mindful breathing, and body scan exercises. These activities were meant to be simple yet effective everyday mental health promotion activities that students can use anywhere. Each student also received their own journal so that they can keep track of any of their thoughts during our lessons as well as reflect on life experiences. As we continue working through our Thrival kits throughout the school year, we will cover five major themes:

1. Respecting Yourself and Others
2. Empowering Yourself with Knowledge of Your Human Rights
3. Celebrating My Gifts, Talents, and Strengths
4. Feeling Grateful for the Present and Planting Dreams for the Future
5. Living Mindfully



Creating our Thrival Kits.



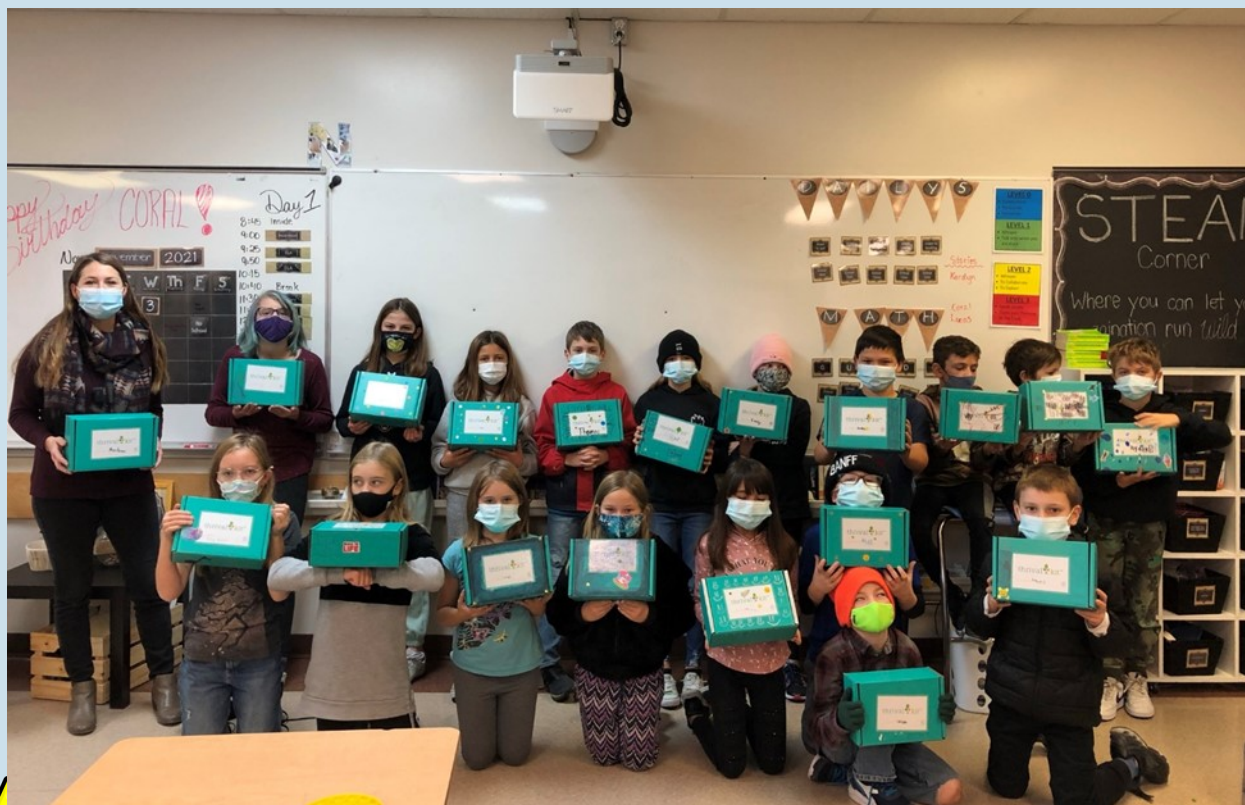
Creating our first journal entry.

Grade 4-5 news Ms. Poirier

Thrival Kits continued.....

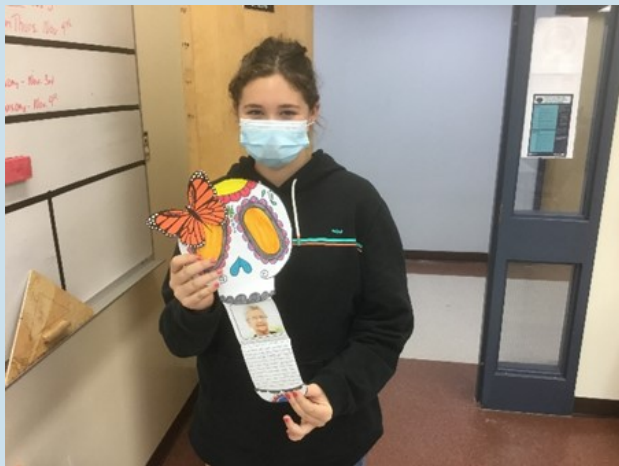


Braxton, Dominic, Rhiannon, and Jaylene practicing journal writing.

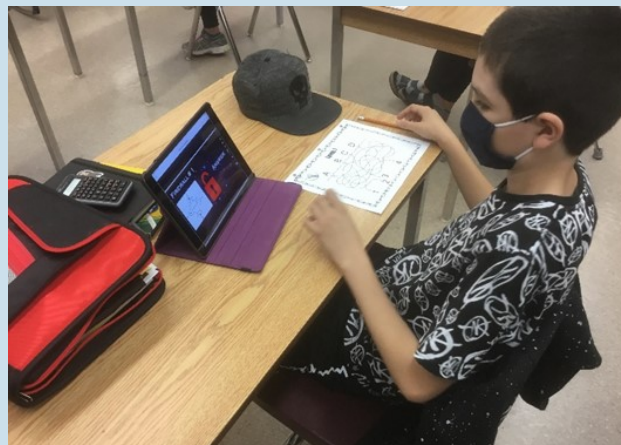


Our assembled and designed Thrival Kits.

Grade 7-8 Mr. McLean



Day of the Dead by: Kristin



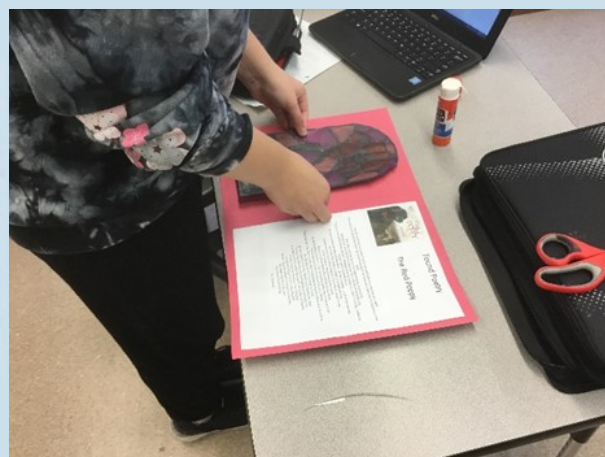
"Escape Math" with Paul



Every Child Matters



Skeleton Cookies



Found Poetry and Stained Glass
by: Summer



Paper Mache
Masks-Day
of the Dead
by: Carson S.



"Oak Leaf"
by: Nikki



Grade 7-8 Mr. McLean



It has been a busy couple of months since the start of school in September. This report is long overdue, but we are excited to share all of the great things the students in Grade 7 & 8 have been doing all these months.

Project: Every Child Matters - Everybody Needs a Rock:

Students painted messages of hope and remembrance of the tragedies that occurred at residential schools and that Every Child Matter after reviewing the book "Everybody Needs a Rock". Students took their rocks home and placed them somewhere in their yard.

Project: Order of Operations Digital Escape Math:

Students using iPad, google slides, and google forms, participated in a fun math escape game. The game involves students solving a series of puzzle based on math concept they are learning. This game was based on order of operations.

Project: Day of the Dead - Remember our Ancestors:

Students created many different projects that allowed them to learn about the holiday called "dia de los Muertos" - known as the Day of the Dead. A celebration of family and ancestors. The students painted paper mache masks, decorated skull cookies, created calavera poetry, and created a special presentation of one of their ancestors and shared their stories with the class. The students presented these stories to the class and celebrated their ancestors by taking home marigold flower seeds to plant at home.

Project: Vimy Ridge & The Story of Vimy Oaks:

Students did a research project involving the battle of Vimy Ridge and the resulting development of Vimy Oaks in Ontario by a veteran of the Vimy Ridge battle. The students learned about the battle through a 360-degree tour through the CBC News Network.

Project: 100 Years of the Poppy:

Students used a story called "The Red Poppy" to spark this unit, and each student created a found poetry project that provides an impactful summary of the story. As well, students created an artistic poppy picture designed in a stained-glass effect.

It has been a great start of the year, and I hope to have more to share in the upcoming months.

Thanks

Grade 7 & 8 Class





World Stack Up Day!



Grade 1-2



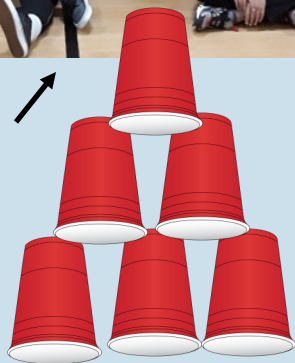
Grade 2-3



Grade 4-5



Grade 5-6



Grade 7-8





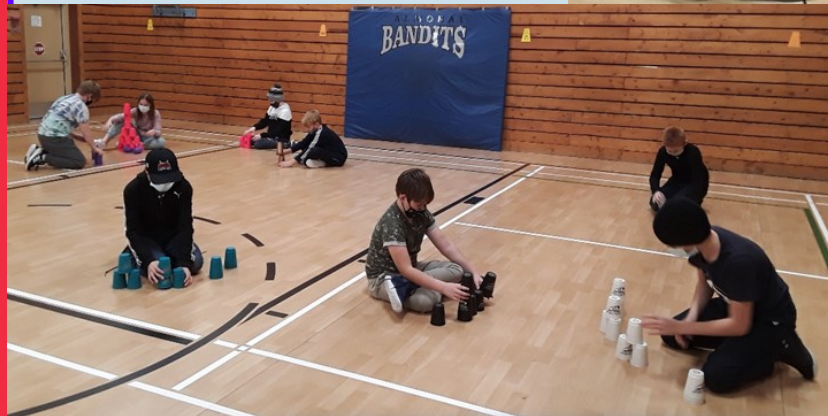
World Stack Up Day!



Random shots of groups activities



Mrs. T



Congratulations to
Connor P., he won first prize
-a set of stacking cups.

Presented by: Mrs. Tervoort
who ran the event.

Thank you.



Social Justice Club Spirit Week

Social Justice club has come up with some special days in December. We have been planning our activities for December, so please mark the following events on your calendar:

Thursday	Dec.	16	Dress like a Christmas Character
Friday	Dec.	17	Formal Day-dress fancy
Monday	Dec.	20	Wear Red and Green
Tuesday	Dec.	21	Wear an ugly Christmas sweater
Wednesday	Dec.	22	Pajama Day-wear your comfy cozies!



Candy Grams

During the **week of December 6 to December 10** we will be selling full sized Candy Canes for 50 cents each. All money raised will go to the Stonewall Christmas Cheer board



Stonewall District Cheer Board

Balmoral School is once again participating in helping collect non-perishable food items or any unwrapped toys for the Cheer Board. This program is on now until December 10th. Thank you.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

December 1st-15th, 2021

INTERLAKE SCHOOL DIVISION requests that all parents/guardians of children eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2022/2023 school year

contact their local school between December 1st -15th, 2021 to register their child.

There will be no in-person registrations at this time.

Please call or email the school to initiate the registration process.

Please visit our website for school contact information - www.interlakesd.ca

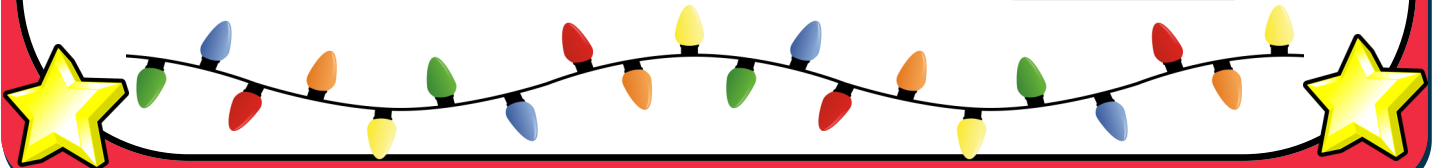
Kindergarten programs are offered at Teulon, Balmoral, Stony Mountain, Rosser, Argyle, Warren, Woodlands, and École R.W. Bobby Bend School in Stonewall.

Brant-Argyle School offers a divisional Multi-level Learning program with all day Kindergarten every day. Please contact the Brant-Argyle School (204-467-2683) for details regarding this program.

French Immersion Kindergarten is offered at École R.W. Bobby Bend School.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2022 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2022/2023 school year.

Proof of age and residency/address are required.



Season's Greetings

Outside Activity Breaks

Students will have outdoor recess when temperature is -25°C or a 15 minute short recess when temperatures are between -25 to -29°C .

Indoor recess is at -30°C or colder.

These are Environment Canada and divisional policy guidelines for schools.

Remember to dress for the weather.

Bus Cancellations Due to Extreme Cold

Should the temperatures reach the extreme cold of -45°C school buses may be cancelled. Please listen to CJOB or check the divisional website 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 you will receive the automated messages.

First Snowman of the Season
November 10, 2021

Hanna P, Lennyn, Anna, Kenna
and Kylie S.



**Merry Christmas and a Happy
Healthy New Year from the
staff of Balmoral School**

Be Safe and Enjoy!

PAC News



The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is thrilled to announce a very successful fundraiser! With the Family Foods gift card sales we were able to raise \$1,158.50! Special thank you to Stonewall Family Foods for supporting the Balmoral Elementary school again this year! As well, a big thanks to PAC Treasurer, Kelly Farmer for organizing this fundraiser, and Mrs. Kelpin and the school for helping spread the word with the students, and families.

Hot Lunches are back! Huge thank you to Cindy Schaeffer and the team for organizing our hot lunch program. The kids (let's be honest, the parents too) missed this program!

The next PAC meeting is **January 19 at 6:30 pm**, via zoom again. Agenda will be posted closer to the date, although you can expect to hear reports from the principal, and some teachers, and have input on how the funds raised will be used to support the school and students.

Come to the meeting, bring a buddy, and hear the results of the recent survey and provide input on how we use this information to improve the PAC/School experience for our students and families.

Planning on travelling over the holidays?



For guidance on current travel requirements please visit:

[Travel.gc.ca](https://travel.gc.ca)

and

[Manitoba.ca](https://manitoba.ca)

Safe travels and happy holidays!

