



Balmoral Bugle

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February 2022


Dates To Remember:

"I Love to Read Month" Read Around the World

- Feb. 02 - Groundhog Day
- Feb. 03 - Covid 19 Immunizations
- Feb. 03 - Dress like a Tourist
- Feb. 04 - No School-
Inservice Day
- Feb. 09 - Hot Lunch-Pizza
- Feb. 09 - Bookmobile Drop off
- Feb. 10 - Dress like an Olympic
Mascot
- Feb. 14 - Classroom Valentine
Celebrations
- Feb. 14 - Wear Red/White 
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 - Flag Day
- Feb. 18 - Dress like an athlete
- Feb. 21 - Louis Riel Day-
No School-Family Day
- Feb. 23 - Muffin & Fruit
at 1st break
- Feb. 24 - Progress Conversations
- Feb. 25 - Dress like a Hero



Looking Ahead:

- Mar. 02 - Bookmobile drop off
- Mar. 02 - Early dismissal
- Mar. 07 - No School, Inservice
- Mar. 16 - Virtual PAC meeting 6:30
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 18 - Gr. 8 Grad Pictures
- Mar. 24 - Term 2 Reports go 
home for Kindergarten
- Mar. 25 - Term 2 Reports go home
for Gr. 1-8
- Mar. 25 - Last day of classes
March 26-April 3
Spring Break
- April 04, Day 5 Classes Resume



Principal's Message:

Happy February!

Balmoral School is excited for February and I love to Read Month! Fostering the love of reading is important! If you would like to sign up as a guest reader please click on the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/7jVMgkNrcy>

There was some extreme weather in January! We are hoping for many days with great weather in February so that we can enjoy all of the snow outside!



Thanks to families for being diligent about self-screening and keeping students home when not well. Check out page 12 for information on isolation requirements.

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

Reading is the **KEY** to learning



I Love to Read - "Go for the Gold"

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 is "Go For the Gold", in honour of the 2022 Winter Olympics in China!

Your child will be encouraged to fill in daily book reports (in the shape of a trophy) for every book that they read in the month of February. Older students may read from chapter books and fill in a book report after 20 minutes of reading. There is no limit to how many book reports students can do in one day, however only fully completed forms will be accepted.

This year, the classrooms will be competing in a friendly competition each week to see which class can hand in the most book reports. Classrooms will be earning gold, silver, and bronze medals throughout the week. The goal is to earn as many gold medals as you can!

I Love to Read Activities

Feb. 3 Day 1 Dress like a Tourist

Students may come to school dressed like a tourist.



Feb. 10 Day 5 Dress like an Olympic Mascot

Students may be a panda or lantern.



Feb. 14 Day 1 Valentine's Day

Wear red and white



Feb. 15 Day 2 Canada Flag Day

Show your Canadian pride by wearing something that represents Canada.



Feb. 18 Day 5 Dress like an Athlete

Students may come to school dressed up as an Athlete.



Feb. 25 Day 3 Dress like a Hero












Students are encourage to dress as a Hero





Read Around the World - February 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Read a book about China in honour of Chinese New Year	2 Read a book about your favourite sport	3 Dress like a tourist 	4 - No School Read a book about pandas 	5 Read a book under a blanket with a flashlight
6 Read a book with a number in the title	7 Read a non-fiction book	8 Read a book about animals	9 Read a book about a place that you have always wanted to visit	10 Dress like an Olympic Mascot (panda or a red lantern)	11 Read a comic book or a graphic novel	12 Read a book with a grandparent or a relative
13 Read a book inside a blanket fort	14 Wear red and white Read your Valentines 	15 Flag Day Read a book about Canada 	16 Read under the table	17 Read a book about family	18 Dress like an athlete	19 Play a board game that requires reading
20 Read a book in your favourite place	21 - No School Read a Metis book in honour of Louis Riel Day	22 Read a book with a colour in the title 	23 Read a book about hockey 	24 Read a book about winter 	25 Dress like your hero 	26 Read a story that is recommended by your parents 
27 Read a book that was made into a movie	28 Read a story to your pet or a stuffed animal					



Kindergarten News:

The kindergartens were so excited to return to school in January! In January, we started the take-home reading program. The kindergartens are learning to recognize rhyming words. We have also been learning all about winter! We made snowflake art using shapes and painted pictures of ourselves enjoying our favourite winter activities. We wrote in our journals about our favourite things to do in winter, and worked together to write a poem about winter.

In February, we are looking forward to a unit about Dr. Seuss, Valentines Day, and 100 Day!

A Cold and Snowy Day

By the Kindergartens

You have to clear the heavy snow.

You can ride snowmobiles in the snow!

I like to play outside with dad.

Presents came and I was glad!

I want to play inside an igloo.

I love winter and summer too!



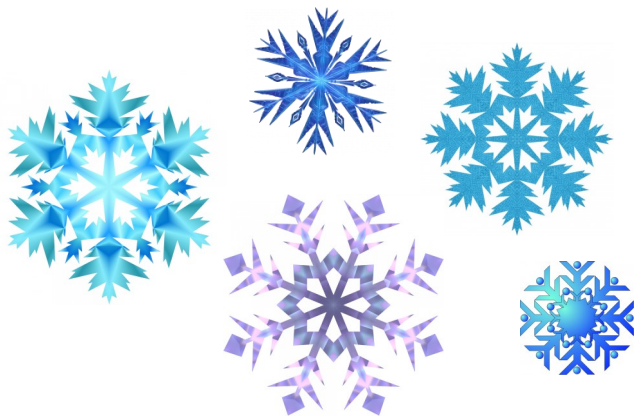
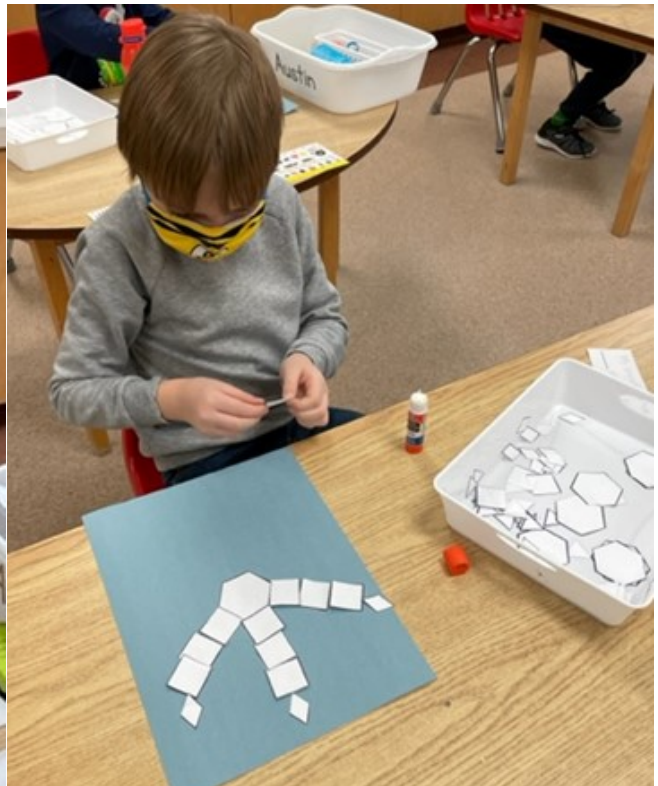
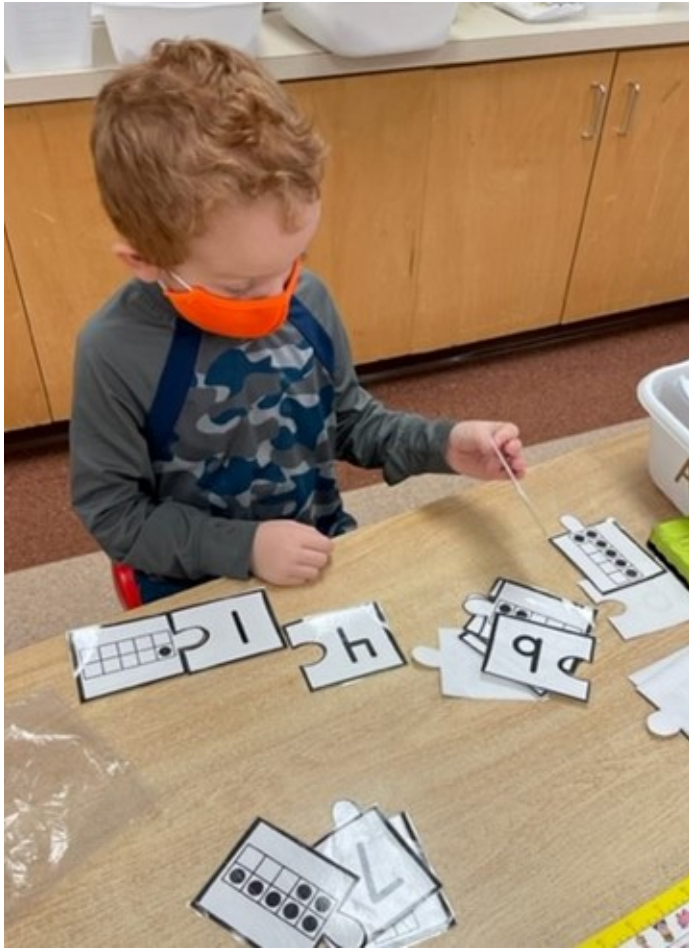
Mason wrote his name with Lego and crayons!



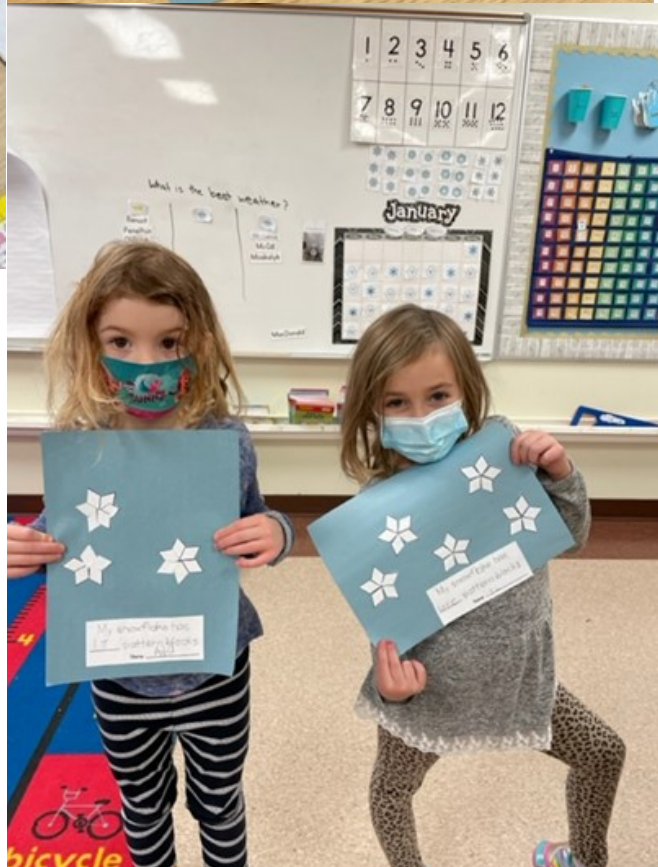
Kindergarten News:

Emmett makes a snowflake.

Austin works on a number puzzle.



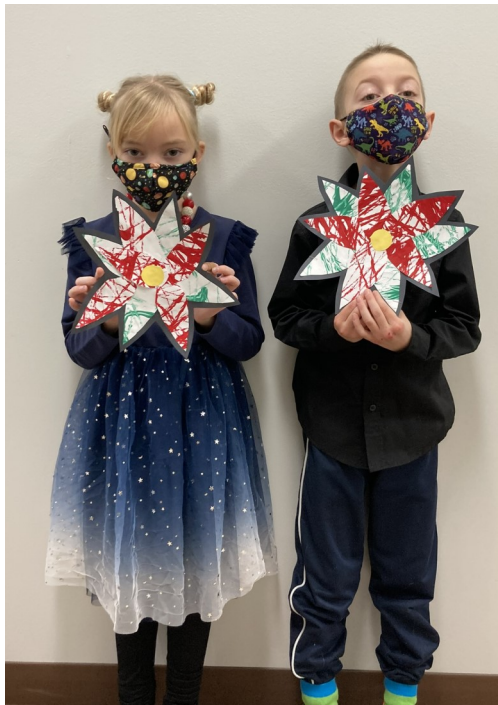
Ada and Andie with their snowflake art.





Grade 1-2 News:

The Grade 1/2 class went on a wonderful adventure in December by exploring a variety of Christmas traditions from around the world. Every country had a fun way to celebrate with festive treats and customs that are just as varied as our own. Our tour began in Canada, then we visited Mexico, Germany, England, Sweden, and Italy. In February we look forward to do 'Reading Around the World' as we celebrate the Olympics for I LOVE TO READ Month!



Hanna
and
Greyson



Kenna
and
Lennyn





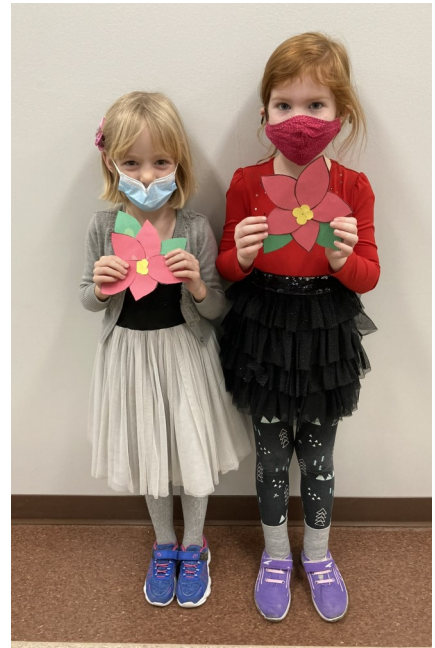
Grade 1-2 New continued



Joey
and
Randi



Maiti
and
Evy



The Grade 2s were very excited to perform the fairy tale, The Three Little Pigs as part of our Reader's theater. Reader's theater gives students a different opportunity to read aloud with expression, build reading confidence, and promote fluency. Thanks for a fantastic performance! We are looking forward to seeing your next play, Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Mrs. Buchan



Wyatt B, Joey, Lennyn and Kenna





Grade 4-5 News

Our classroom is in the gym! We have been enjoying having the extra space to complete lots of activities while still staying as safe as possible.



We are currently learning about Light in science. Recently, our class learned the difference between refraction and reflection through experiments. Students learned about refraction by noticing what happens when they placed objects inside cups filled with water. The objects became much larger and looked like they were broken! This showed how refraction is when light is being bent.



Hayden and Kardyn experimenting.



Sawyer and Colton experimenting



Grade 4-5 New continued

In gym classes, on days when we were inside due to cold weather, after completing some fitness challenges, our class was able to challenge themselves to create neat Speed Stack creations. When weather was good, we were able to go out and snowshoe!

Lucas and Kolby snowshoe



Dom,
Kohen and
Elliott
snowshoe

Having fun Snowshoeing - Pictures taken by Mr. Lawson





Grade 4-5 New continued

Ryder R. and Elliott's
speed stack Tower



Thomas' Speed Stack creation



Colton and Jaylene
snowshoeing

Kindergarten Registration 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 31st, 2022 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. A document providing proof of age is required.



Lifetouch Grad Picture Day Scheduled for March 18, 2022

- Prior to photo day, students take home an order envelope that lets families order a personal copy of the "Class of 2022" 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.
- Retakes are not available for this program.

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.



Isolation Requirements

Please see the following information about isolation requirements. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html>

For Positive Cases

Public health orders require Manitobans to isolate if they have tested positive for COVID-19 either through PCR or rapid antigen testing.

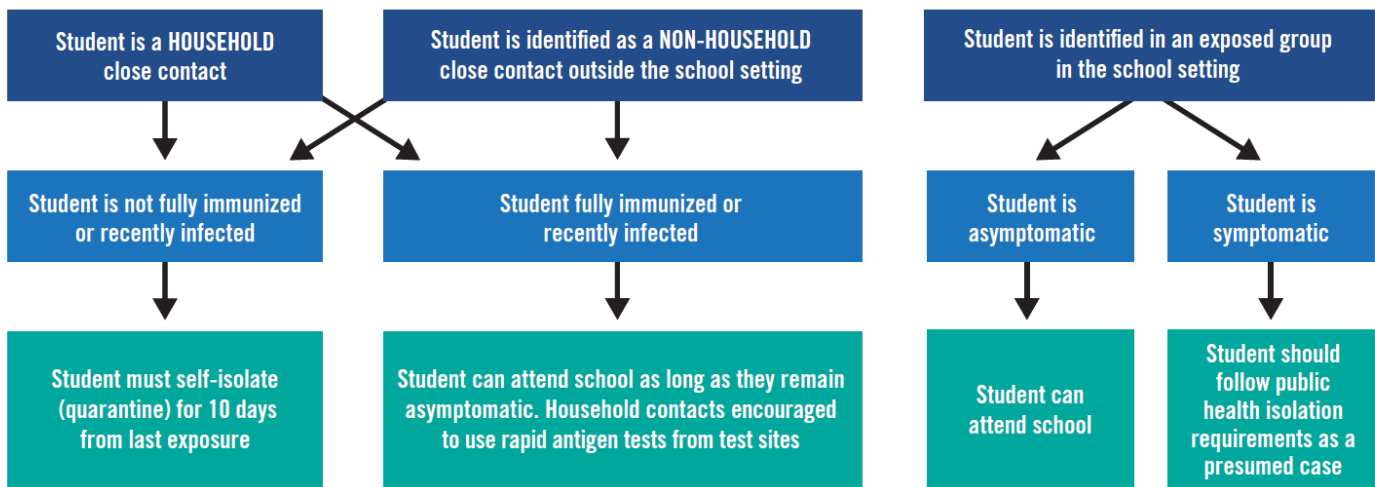
- An asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individual who tests positive is required to isolate for five days from the date of their positive test. A medical mask must be worn in public for an additional five days.
- A symptomatic, fully vaccinated individual who tested positive is required to isolate for five days since the date symptoms started appearing or the date of the test, whichever is later. They may end isolation after five days as long as their symptoms are improving and they do not have a fever. A medical mask must be worn in public for an additional 5 days.
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to isolate for 10 days after the date of their test. They may end isolation after 10 days as long as their symptoms are improving and they do not have a fever.
- Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 who chooses not to be tested should consider themselves a case, and isolate and notify their close contacts.

Staff and students who suspect they have COVID-19, are required to follow public health isolation protocols and are strongly encouraged to notify the school and close contacts outside the school setting.

For Close Contacts

Please see the diagram below which illustrates the isolation requirements for close contacts.

Isolation, Self-Isolation (Quarantine) Requirements for Close Contacts and Household Members





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INTERLAKE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION EDUCATORS



**What Parents & Caregivers
need to know about
Sexual Exploitation**
Virtual presentation via Zoom

**Wednesday March 9, 2022 from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.
Thursday March 10, 2022 from 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.**

About The Presentation

The Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators (ISEE) committee would like to acknowledge Stop Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week by providing a **FREE** virtual presentation to parents & caregivers.

The one and a half hour session will explore the various ways that children & teens can be exploited virtually. Parents learn the dangers of popular social media and how it can put kids at risk for sexual exploitation and affect their mental health. By providing information and strategies, we hope to empower caregivers to help keep kids safe. Awareness is key!

A device with a camera is required to participate
Attendees have a chance to win a \$50.00 Mastercard gift card!

To register: <https://bit.ly/3JimqH1>



For more info: www.interlakesee.ca or Instagram at [iseeinterlake](https://www.instagram.com/iseeinterlake)