



Balmoral Bugle

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March 2022

Dates To Remember:

- Mar. 2 - Bookmobile
- Mar. 2 - Early Dismissal
- Mar. 2 - Virtual Field Trip Gr. 5/6
Manitoba Museum
- Mar. 7 - No School, Inservice
- Mar. 16 - Virtual PAC Meeting
6:30 pm
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 18 - Grade 8 Grad pictures
- Mar. 18 - Subway Lunch
- Mar. 23 - Bookmobile
- Mar. 23 - Virtual Field Trip Gr. 4/5
Fun with Light
- Mar. 24 - Term 2 Reports go home
For Kindergarten
- Mar. 25 - Last day of classes
Reports go home Gr. 1-8
- March 26 - April 3 Spring Break

Looking Ahead:

- April 4 - Day 5 classes resume
- April 6 - Early Dismissal
- April 15 - Good Friday-No School
- April 17 - Easter
- April 18 - No School-Inservice
- April 20 - Bookmobile
- April 22 - Earth Day

March is Wellness Month

- Mar. 21 - Eating Healthy Day
Bring a healthy lunch
- Mar. 22 - Gratitude Day
Wear Neon colours or
Bright colours
- Mar. 23 - Be Unique-
Wacky Hair Day
- Mar. 24 - Fitness Day
Wear athletic clothing
- Mar. 25 - Comfy Cozy Day
Wear PJ's or comfy
clothes



Principal's Message:

Happy March!

Balmoral School had an excited February with I Love to Read Month, 100 Day, Valentines Day, Olympic events and many other activities!

The last week in March, the school will be hosting a Wellness 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



Grade 1/2 Floor Curling and skeleton racing!



Anna and Adree



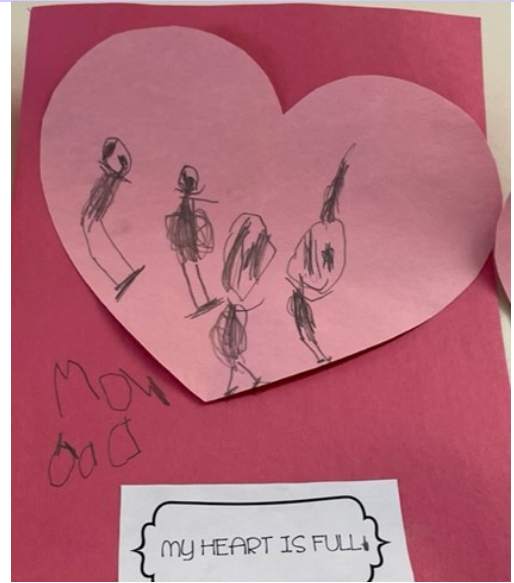


Kindergarten

February brought lots of fun in kindergarten! Valentine's Day was a highlight, which we celebrated with a party! We also wrote about people we love and made heart bears. I Love to Read month brought a chance to learn all about the Olympics! We watched some of the Canadian teams compete, read about winter sports, and wrote about our favourite sports. We also got to try out some sports for ourselves! We got to curl in gym with Mr. Lawson, and we had an indoor bobsled race! In March we look forward to learning all about Eric Carle, and 50 day!



Austin shows off his heart bear for Valentine's Day



We wrote about people we love



Bobsled
Race on
Scooters



Kindergarten

Dressing up as Bing Dwen Dwen



PAC NEWS

Next meeting is March 16 @ 6:30 p.m.

Hot lunch (Subway) is planned for March 18th

Back by popular demand - the PAC will be running another Pierogi and Kielbasa fundraiser - watch for more details coming out this month!

We need you!

The hot lunch program is looking for volunteers. Especially for when we are able to resume the regular hot lunch program again. Please contact the PAC at balmoralpac@gmail.com

The PAC is seeking more parents to join our group.

What you can expect:

We meet every second month, on the 3rd Wednesday (September, November, January, March, May) Meetings are kept around 1 hour in length.

For more Information about joining a meeting, the PAC etc. you can contact Rebekka Stemp (current Chair) at rebekkastemp@gmail.com or call/text (204) 223-1394.



I LOVE TO READ MONTH

The 2022 Winter Olympics was the inspiration for this year's I Love to Read month. Students in Grades 1-5 kicked off the celebration by participating in their very own Olympic Torch Run...and it was a blast! Students were encouraged to Read for the Gold and had the opportunity to participate in many fun activities such as, dress up like a tourist, an Olympic mascot (panda or red lantern), and your hero. They were also challenged by daily trivia about the Olympics and they did a fantastic job answering the questions. Thank you to all students who filled out book reports and displayed their love of reading!

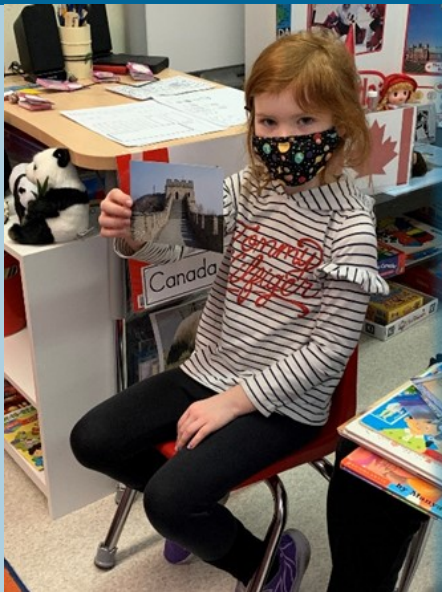
Mrs. Buchan's classroom Gr. 1/2





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The Olympics were just what our class was looking for...a chance to pack our suitcases and travel around the world! Our trip started in Beijing, China but we didn't stop there. We love learning about different countries, their flags, traditions, and where they are located on a map. The Olympics are a great example of what can happen when you set goals, pursue your passion, work hard, and don't let obstacles get in your way!



Evy is sharing pictures of when her mom visited China.

Finn is sharing the medal he won from hockey.



February 15th was National Flag of Canada Day. It was on this day in 1965 that Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. Students in Grade 1/2 celebrated this day by singing O Canada, waving the Canadian flag and getting their own Canadian flag pins.





Miss Poirier's classroom Gr. 4/5

We've had a busy month in Grade 4/5!

We were able to participate in an Olympic opening ceremonies torch run with the 1/2 and 2/3 classes at the beginning of the month. This helped kick start our focus on the Olympics for February. We graphed medal counts throughout the Olympics, wrote about Olympic dreams and researched different competing countries to learn more about their demographics.



Olympic torch and flag run

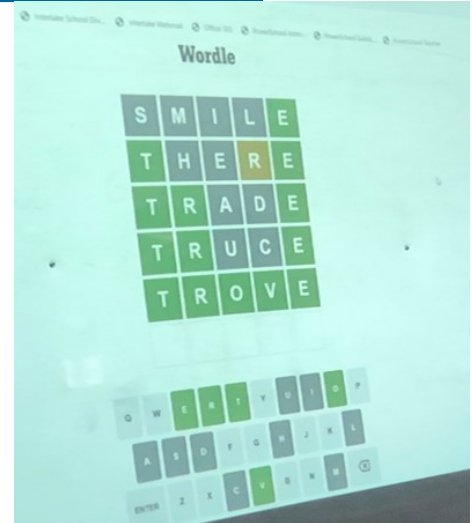


Whole class collaborative Lunar New Year poster.



Miss Poirier's classroom Gr. 4/5

Our class jumped on the Wordle bandwagon this month. We have been starting our mornings off by trying to solve each daily word. So far we have been very lucky and have a streak of wins going!



Braxton, Max and Colton's longhouse.



Kohen and Thomas



In social studies, we are learning about the Vikings! Recently, we started learning about their daily lives compared to ours. One major difference we learned about was how different our homes are. Vikings built their homes, called longhouses, using natural and easily found materials. Students worked in small groups to design their own realistic version of a longhouse.

Coral And Sawyer longhouse



Kolby and Ryder B. longhouse





Blue & Yellow for Ukraine

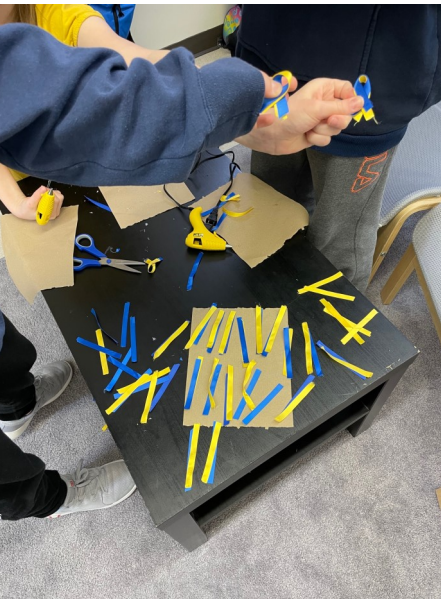
On March 4th the grade 5/6 classroom spent time making blue and yellow ribbons for the whole school to show our support for Ukraine. Wearing blue and yellow on Friday March 4th was an idea presented by middle years students.



Alexa, Bronsen, Jackson and Connor Gluing the ribbons together.



Caleb, Wyatt, Quinn, Owen, David and Duncan measuring the right lengths for all the ribbons.



Maci, Hadley, Malichi and Owen gluing the pins on the ribbons.

5/6 Virtual Field Trip

March 2nd the grade 5/6 class had a virtual field trip with the Manitoba Museum. The presentation was called "Strike 1919"





I LOVE TO READ MONTH:

The grade 7 & 8 got a new shipment of fresh books to pick from for a month-long reading project called "Buzz About Books". The students are also participating in the I LOVE TO READ events throughout the month as well. In the project, the students respond to focus questions about their book, using an online video making software called Flip Grid. At the end of their book, the students will complete a book report and a fun creative project to represent their book.

P.E. Olympic Unit – Integrated Math, Science, S.S., & ELA

The grade 7 & 8 are currently participating in a Olympic Unit as part of many of their classes. Students have grouped together and have picked a winter Olympic country to represent. The students will be participating in a series of mini Olympics events, (floor curling, speed skating, skeleton, luge, etc). Including the physical games, students will be researching the country they choose and the athletes that are competing for that country. Below are some of the medal winners so far:

Movie Making

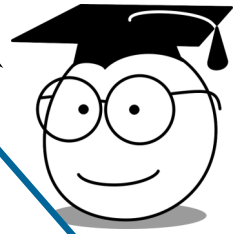
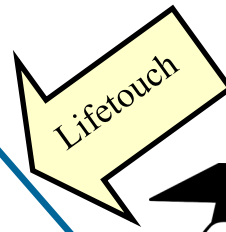
Using stop motion apps and clay, the students in Graphic Communications class are making short films. The students design the characters and settings. Two students are also using 360-degree software to create their own adventures that will be made into virtual reality experiences.





Grade 8 Grad Pictures

- Prior to photo day, students take home a reminder flyer that also lets families order a personal copy of the “Class of 2022” Composite. Orders for the composite 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 to be distributed to the 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.
- Completed portrait orders are shipped to the school.
- Retakes are **not available** for this program.



Grade 8 Grad Pictures



Thank you to Mrs. Cindy Spruyt for donating some reading books to our school Library. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness in donating them to our school!

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC AT SCHOOL

Balmoral School will be having another immunization clinic on: **Monday, April 4 in the afternoon.**

Also there is an afterschool clinic at the **Teulon Elementary** school the next day on **Tuesday, April 5th from 4-6 pm.**

March 28-April 1

SPRING BREAK!



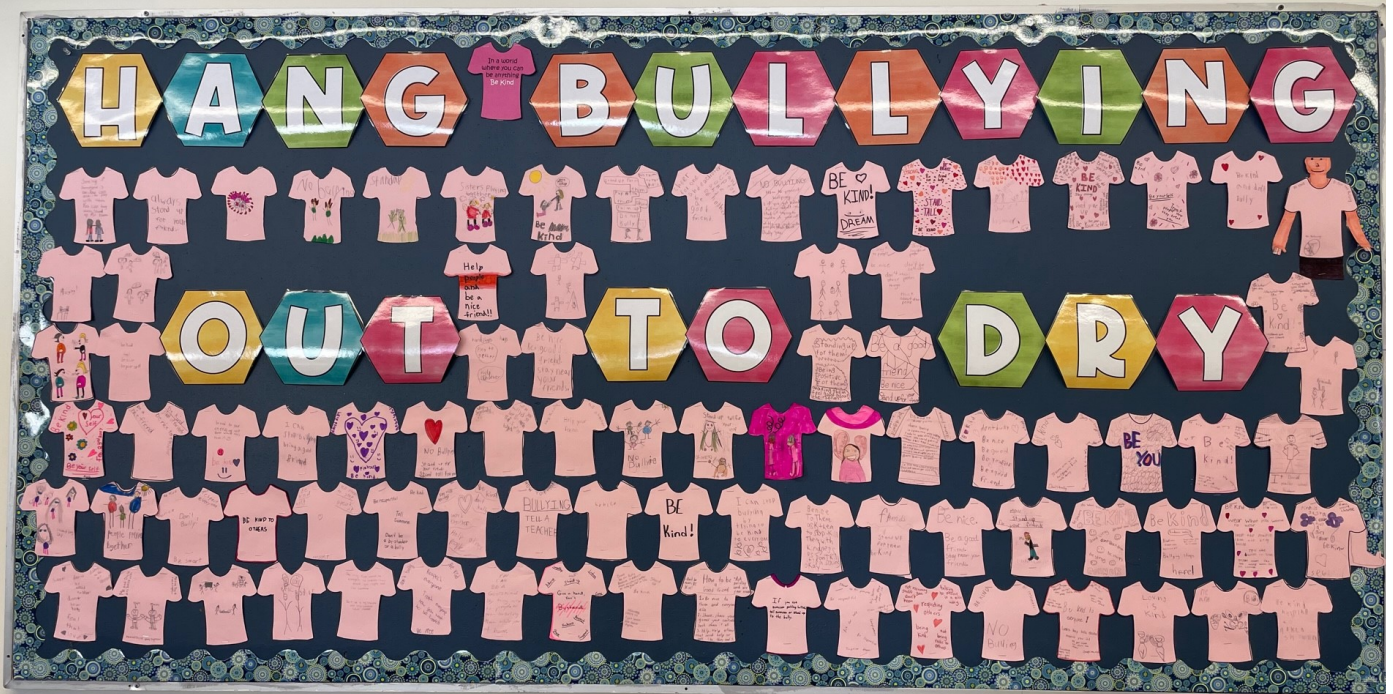
Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying day was on Wednesday February 23, 2022. This was a national pink shirt day, that included students wearing pink as well as classroom lessons on anti-bullying, respect and kindness.

Balmoral will also participate in the International Pink Shirt Day in April. There will be continued lessons and working being done on respect and anti-bullying.



This pictures shows grade 1 & 2 students dressed up for Pink Shirt Day.



The above bulletin board was completed as student brainstormed and learned about strategies to deal with bullying.



MY Basketball Schedule

Week 1: Feb 28th – Mar 4th:

Monday February 28th combined practice after school (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Tuesday March 1st Boys practice 2nd Break

Tuesday March 1st Boys game @Stonewall Centennial

Thursday March 3rd Girls practice 2nd break

Week 2: Mar 7th – Mar 11th:

Tuesday March 8th combined practice 2nd break

Tuesday March 8th both Boys and Girls game @Balmoral vs Woodlands (New Date)

Thursday March 10th combined practice after school (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Week 3: Mar 14th – Mar 18th:

Monday March 14th combined practice after school (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Wednesday March 16th Girls Practice 2nd break

Thursday March 17th Boys Practice 2nd break

Thursday March 17th both Boys and Girls games @Warren Elementary

Week 4: Mar 21st – Mar 25th:

Monday March 21st combined practice after school (4:00pm – 5:00pm)

Tuesday March 22nd Boys Practice 2nd break

Wednesday March 23rd Girls Practice 2nd Break

Wednesday March 23rd both Boys and Girls game @Teulon Elementary

Thursday March 24th Girls game @Balmoral vs Stony Mountain