



# Balmoral Bugle

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## Dates To Remember:

April 4-Classes resume Gr. K-8  
April 4-Balmoral in school  
Immunization clinic in pm  
April 6-Early Dismissal  
April 13-Day of Pink  
April 14-Owl Presentation K-8  
April 15-Good Friday-No School  
April 17-Happy Easter  
April 18-In Service-No School  
April 20-Bookmobile  
April 22-Earth Day

## Looking Ahead:

May 4-Early Dismissal  
May 11-Bookmobile  
May 16-Inservice Day no school  
May 23-Victoria Day-No School



## Principal's Message:

Happy April!

I hope folks had a relaxing spring break! March flew by and there were many exciting activities that occurred through out "wellness week" at the end of the month. This extended into April with our Day of Pink activities.

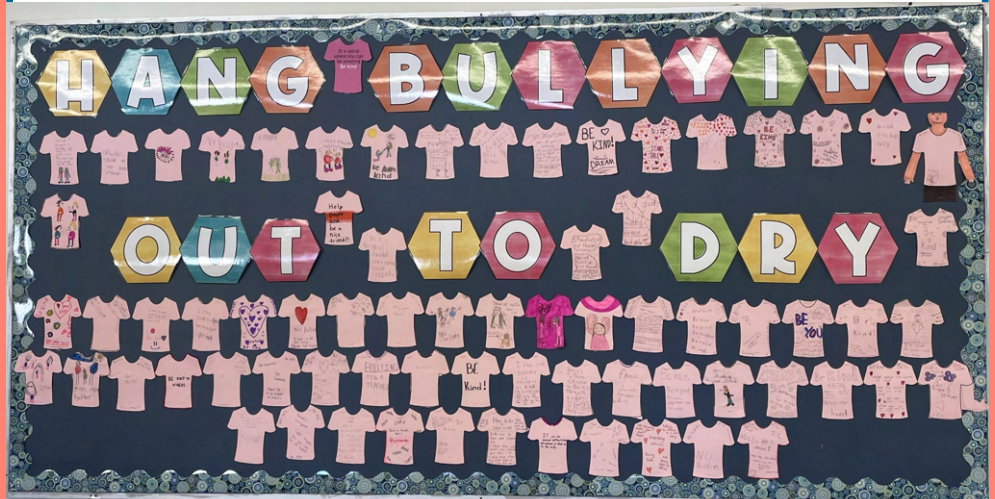
We are excited for Spring weather and look forward to the last couple months of the school year!

Thanks,

Mark Lawson

## International Day of Pink

It is a day where communities across the country and across the world can unite in celebrating diversity and raising awareness against bullying.





# Mrs. Loehmer's Kindergarten News....

March was a fun month in Kindergarten! We have been studying Eric Carle. We read many of his books and learned how he creates his beautiful illustrations, and made some tissue paper art of our own. We also made butterfly puppets when we read the Very Hungry Caterpillar. In science, we have been learning about colours. We did an experiment with the primary colours, and learned that we can mix them to create orange, purple, and green! For Saint Patrick's Day, we tried to catch a leprechaun! We planned and built traps, but he was too quick! We also had 50 Day, and celebrated 50 days of learning in kindergarten. We solved a mystery with 50 math clues!



Mason shows off his Leprechaun trap.



The kindergarten check out our colour experiment.

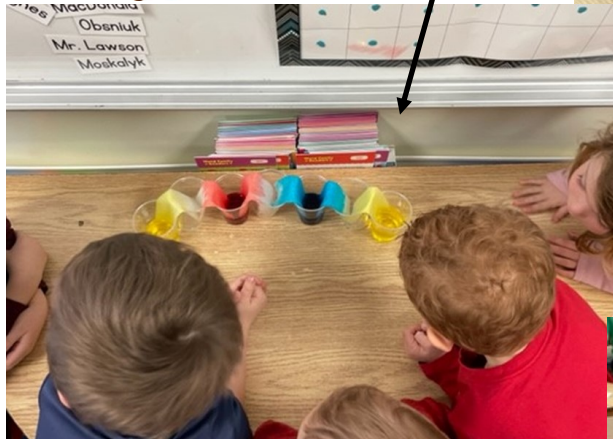


John works hard building his trap.



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The kindergartens worked together to solve a mystery for 50 days ↓



Andie shows off her butterfly

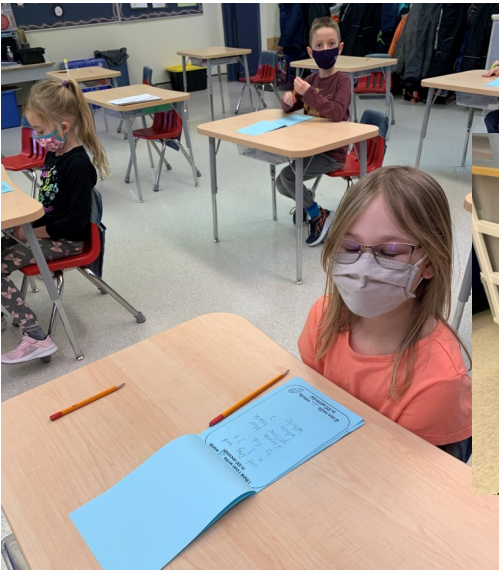




# Mrs. Buchan's Classroom News

The Grade 1/2 and 2/3 class celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> day this year by having students work through different stations. In Mrs. Buchan's classroom the students worked through a booklet where students had 100 seconds to complete a variety of written challenges, or to do a variety of exercises. The students were also given 100 piece puzzles to work on and try to complete! In Mrs. Hyde's classroom the students had to build towers using 100 items. They also had to do a variety of movement activities.

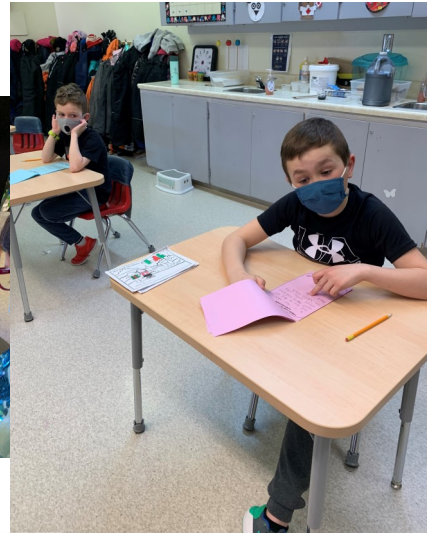
## 100th Day



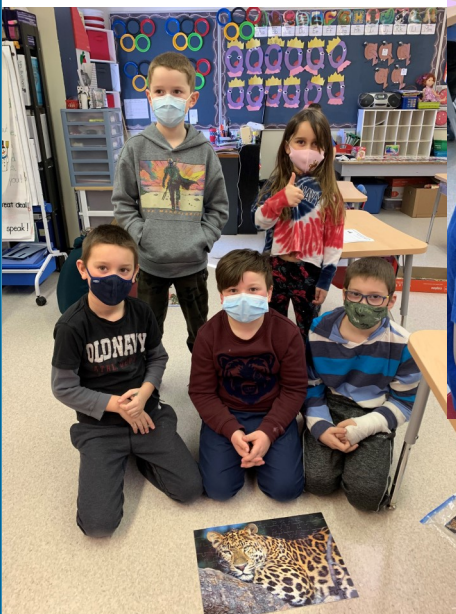
Lennyn, Hanna & Grayson



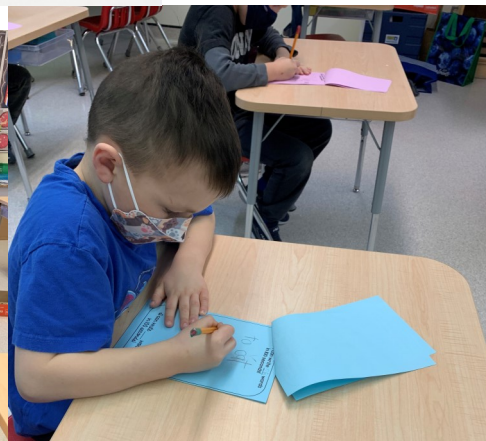
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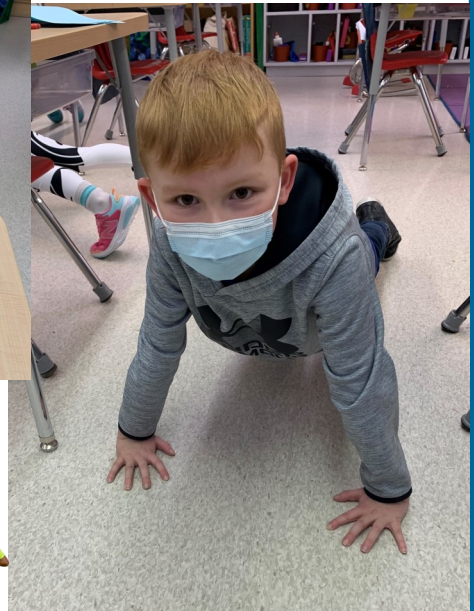
Brady  
And  
Chase



Eric, Morley, Wyatt,  
Randi and Thomas



Rogan



Liam





## St. Patrick's Day in Grade 1-2



The Grade 1/2 class had the opportunity to share the Olympic trophies that they built as part of our Science unit. The trophies had to be sturdy, stand on its own, be made of at least 3 different materials, put together using 2 forms of joining, and it had to be designed for a specific Winter Olympic sport. After the Grade 1/2s shared their projects, with clipboards in hand, we went to interview the 2/3 class about their projects. The 2/3 class had to design a dog house as part of their Science unit.



Kaycie and Addisyn



Eva and Gabriella



Grade 1-2 news continued Olympic Trophies.....



Adree and Joey



Rogan and Ryder H.



Ryder H. and Maiti



Ryder H. and Maiti



Eva and Morley



## Visitors to School for the ABC's of Animals in Grade 1/2

It was such an exciting day when the animals came to visit us at school. All year long the Grade 1/2 classroom have been working on the ABCs of animals...G is for goat, H is for horse, and Q is for quick and quiet rabbit! Mrs. J. Margetts along with her friend Jane brought horses, goats, pigs, and a bunny for us to see and pet. It was such a great day!



Mrs. J. Margetts



Cottontail  
7 month old  
Holland Lop



Jane G.



Brady



Mrs. J. Margetts and Mrs. Kaegi

Maverick, Addisyn, Randi



## Visitors to School for the ABC's of Animals in Grade 1/2

The Grade 1/2 class were excited to meet Lennyn's rabbit Heartbreaker. After learning all about rabbits, it was very interesting to have one visit our classroom.



**The Grade 1/2 classroom enjoyed the visit from Heartbreaker, Lennyn's rabbit.**

**They also got a visit in with Evy's pet rabbit Bob. Evy's dad holding Bob.**





### Grade 1/2 News continued.....

After learning about many countries around the world, the Grade 1/2 class participated in their own Closing Ceremony for the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympic games. Students waved flags, and received their very own gold medals for all of their hard work!



### Dress up like your favourite Hero







## Welcome Ms. Q. Melnyk

The Grade 1/2 class would like to introduce you to the new addition to our classroom. Her name is Ms. Melnyk and she is in her final year of Education at Brandon University. Ms. Melnyk lives in Brandon, but it staying with her parents who moved to Balmoral last year. She has three cats named Groot, Nala and Pickles. Ms. Melnyk will be working in our classroom for 7 weeks. Her last day will be May 6<sup>th</sup>.



Ms. Melnyk is participating in a Reader's Theatre of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with grade 2 students.





## A Special Thank You

Sending a special **thank you** to Jaime Margetts, Cameron Meyers and Jane Guyader for bringing their farm animals to the school for a visit on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students from Grades K-5 were able to check the animals out, learn about how to care for the animals and spend time petting/holding them. This was a highlight for many of our students – we appreciate the work put into the visit!



Jaime Margetts and her brother, Cameron Meyers with their horses and ponies. Students had a chance to walk a horse/pony, brush them and pick their hooves.

Jane Guyader brought in three goats, two pigs and her bunny for students to feed, hold and pet.





## Miss Poirier's Grade 4/5 news

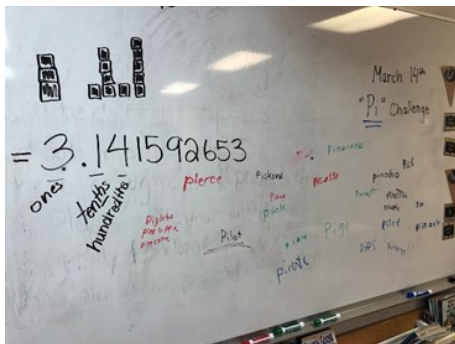
March was full of many adventures and learning opportunities for our class!

We have been working through our Thrival Kits. We are currently working through *Theme 3: Empowering Yourself with Knowledge of Your Human Rights*. Throughout this unit, students learned about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, identifying the 42 rights they all have as children in Canada. We spent time as a class identifying the difference between a right versus a want. In April we will discuss how students can exercise their rights appropriately.

We were lucky enough to have a virtual field trip through the Manitoba Museum called "Fun with Light". This presentation was very well put together, interactive, and helped recap all of the information students have learned through our light unit in science. To end the presentation off, students got to create their very own kaleidoscope!

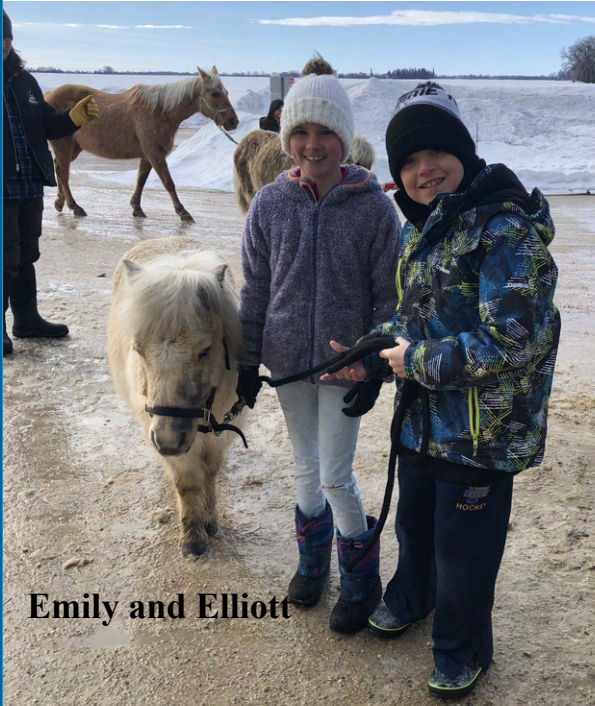


Our class celebrated Pi Day on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Students learned about the decimal points found in Pi and used them to create a Pi skyline. We listened to *Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi*, to learn about the formula to calculate Pi. Students spent time measuring various cylindrical objects and had a contest to see who could create the most words using Pi as the starter.





## Miss Poirier Grade 4/5 News



**Emily and Elliott**



**Kylie, Thomas M., Hayden,  
Kardyn**

**Kardyn, Sawyer,  
Kolby, Kohen,  
Thomas M and Jaylene**



**The grade 4/5 classroom**





# Miss Poirier Grade 4/5 Skating



Colton, Max, Braxton



Kohen  
And  
Dom



Kohen, Dom and Quinn

**The grade 4/5**



Hadley and Sawyer



Playing hockey



Playing hockey



Lucas and  
Ryder B.



## Thank you

The Grades 4 to 8 classes had the chance to go skating two times in March. They had a blast skating together, playing games and playing hockey! Thank you to the Rec. Center for making this possible and also to the parent volunteers who came to help tie skates.



## Bandits Athletics - Recapping a Great Volleyball Season

The boys had a very good season this year, finishing the regular season with a winning record going 5 - 1 and starting the playoffs as the number 2 seed. The boys worked really hard all season and made big improvements in all areas. The boys played Stony Mountain in the first round of the playoffs winning in four sets. Then in the semi finals took on the Stonewall Grade 8, and the Balmoral boys won in thrilling fashion coming back in down 9-14 in the final set to win 16 to 14. In the finals the boys would face a tough opponent in Woodlands, and unfortunately the boys weren't able to come out with the win. Although the season ended in with a loss in the finals, the boys should be very proud of the season they had and the improvements they made. Great job by all involved!



## ELK Adventure in he Grade 7 & 8 Math Class

Recently the grade 7 & 8 were luckily enough to take on the challenge of scoring elk antler thanks to a great presentation from the Farmer family who own Stonewood Elk Ranch in Balmoral, MB. In align with our ISD divisional goals and school goals, we are always striving to make math learning authentic and relevant, and this was a great opportunity for the students to see how math has practical application.

To start off, students learned about how the Elk antlers have many different purposes from scientific research, medicine, and dog chews. The elk shed their antler every year.

At that point, Kelly, Trevor and Kate Farmer explained how to score the Elk antler, with the students learning the different parts of the antler and how to determine the correct side. The students also learned how to measure and record each measurement on an official form that is used at the Stonewood Elk Ranch.

The students measured the antler at different points recording their measurements in fractions, as each measurement must be recorded in regards to an 8<sup>th</sup> of inch. The students were challenged with measuring three different sets of antlers. Each having a different role at each station. The students learned quick that the antlers are quite large and take a pair of hands to hold them in place while measuring. The students were then shocked to find out from the Farmer family that when they are measuring the elk on the farm, they have to measure them while they are still attached to the elk.

The students scored three different pairs of antlers recording their results on the official form, which at the end of the three stations were compared to see how close the students got to the official measurement. One group did really well, some measurements were within  $\frac{3}{8}$ <sup>th</sup> of inch of the actual.

The students really enjoyed the activity and many found it a very fun and exciting challenging math task. A big thank you to the Kelly, Trevor and Kate Farmer for presenting and teaching us a new skill in math!





## Winter Olympic Action in Grade 7/8 gym class

During the two weeks of the Winter Olympics, the grade 7 & 8 participate in their own gym class "winter olympics". Each group of students selected a country to represent in a variety of sports, competing for the gold, silver and bronze medals. It was a great activity, and also included the students learning about the science behind many of the winter Olympics sports and learning about the country they selected. It was a lot of fun and here a few of our medal winners and events.



**Olympic Hockey**



**Olympic Skeleton**



**Olympic Bobsled**



**Olympic Floor curling**







## CONGRATULATIONS TO BALMORAL SCHOOL

Congratulations! Balmoral School has placed on our “Top Fundraising Schools of 2021”!



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As we embark on the 2022 Terry Fox School Run this coming fall, thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you once again.

Thank you and congratulations!

## The Terry Fox Foundation

Top 50 of 2021 in Manitoba \$196,740.12



### Elementary \$108,879.91

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| 1  | J.A. Cuddy School                  | Sanford            | \$13,528.12 |
| 2  | Starbuck School                    | Starbuck           | \$10,855.00 |
| 3  | St. Andrews School                 | St. Andrews        | \$8,243.00  |
| 4  | École Opasquia School              | The Pas            | \$7,367.20  |
| 5  | St. John Brebeuf School            | Winnipeg           | \$5,890.00  |
| 6  | École Bonaventure                  | Selkirk            | \$4,695.00  |
| 7  | Gladstone Elementary School        | Gladstone          | \$4,011.31  |
| 8  | Inglis School                      | Inglis             | \$3,930.00  |
| 9  | Samuel Burland School              | Winnipeg           | \$3,784.24  |
| 10 | Calvin Christian School            | Winnipeg           | \$3,511.00  |
| 11 | Manitou Elementary                 | Manitou            | \$3,469.20  |
| 12 | Prairie Mountain Elementary School | Swan Lake          | \$3,269.00  |
| 13 | École Sir William Osler            | Winnipeg           | \$3,250.75  |
| 14 | St. Ignatius School                | Winnipeg           | \$3,214.60  |
| 15 | École South Pointe School          | Winnipeg           | \$3,133.30  |
| 16 | École Crescentview School          | Portage la Prairie | \$3,129.35  |
| 17 | Rivers Elementary                  | Rivers             | \$3,087.75  |
| 18 | École Julie-Riel                   | Winnipeg           | \$3,035.15  |
| 19 | Teulon Elementary                  | Teulon             | \$3,001.50  |
| 20 | Balmoral School                    | Balmoral           | \$2,735.00  |
| 21 | MacGregor Elementary               | MacGregor          | \$2,445.00  |
| 22 | École Riverside School             | Thompson           | \$2,385.45  |
| 23 | Joseph H. Kerr School              | Snow Lake          | \$2,348.50  |
| 24 | Island Lakes Community School      | Winnipeg           | \$2,287.54  |
| 25 | General Vanier School              | Winnipeg           | \$2,272.95  |





# Volleyball Season





## Balmoral Curling

We were very happy to return to curling this season. The 7/8 class was able to go once a week to curl at the Rec. Center. Although there was no Divisional Bonspiel this year, we were able to have our own mini bonspiel to wind up the season. The Grade 7s and 8's made up 5 teams and played a round robin bonspiel, with the final game coming down to the Hog Riders and the Dream Team. The Hog Riders won our bonspiel!



### **Hog Riders**

**Tyler**

**Dylan**

**Ella**

**Laticia**

**Winners of he bonspiel.**

### **The Dream Team**

**Elisabeth**

**Carson**

**Kade M.**

**Runners up**





## Balmoral Curling

The Hog Riders



Elle makes a shot



Carson and Hudson skip





# Wellness Week Festivities-March 21-25



**Wear Neon colours for gratitude day-March 22, 2022**



**Be Unique-wear wacky hair!**

