

#### Balmoral Bugle

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May 2022

#### Dates To Remember:

May 04-Early Dismissal

May 04-Spring Bus Evac Drill 9:15

May 05-Badminton-Woodlands at Bal

May 11-Bookmobile

May 11-National Denim Day

May 16-Inservice Day No School

May 18-Virtual PAC meeting 6:30

May 18-Grade 5 Bus Evac. Drill

May 18-Grade 6 immunizations (late morning)

May 19-Bird Bits go home

May 19-MY Badminton Divisionals

May 23-Victoria Day No School

May 27-Bird Bits return date

#### **Looking Ahead:**

June 01-PAC Meeting 6:30 pm June 07-Camp Manitou field trip Grades K-8

June 14-Divisional Track & Field

June 15-Divisional T & F Rain date June 29-Last day of school K-8

June 29-Farewell to Grads

June 30-Inservice day-No School

# BUS

Transportation for
Grade 8's
Going to High School
Next Year

Any students from grade 8 that are attending High School next year and do not currently take the bus but will require transportation next year, please notify our Transportation Department Admin.

Assistant, Lolita McIvor at 204-467-8730 or email <a href="mailto:lmcivor@isd21.mb.ca">lmcivor@isd21.mb.ca</a>

Thank you

#### General News For the birds!

Once again, Balmoral School will be participating in the annual Bird BITS Challenge. This is where we record all of the different birds that we see during the May long weekend (booklets will be sent home before the long weekend) and are to be returned on May 27th along with a tally of approximately how many of each kind.

Once the booklets are returned, Balmoral School will total all of the birds recorded and send our numbers into the Green Schools program, to be included with schools from all across Canada.

We appreciate everyone's support with this!

Enjoy the birds!



May 8, 2022

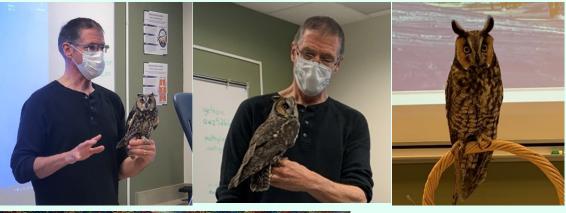


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## Owl presentation on April 20, 2022

Students from K-8 had the opportunity to learn about owls. Classes researched different types of owls, wrote poetry about owls, and created some beautiful works of art. The students enjoyed having Jim Duncan visit the school with his long-eared owl Rusty. During the presentation, we were lucky enough to see Rusty fly around the library and cough up a pellet! Thanks to Jim for providing us with such interesting information about owls and thanks to Mrs. B. Margetts for organizing this event! It was a real

HOOT!



Rusty

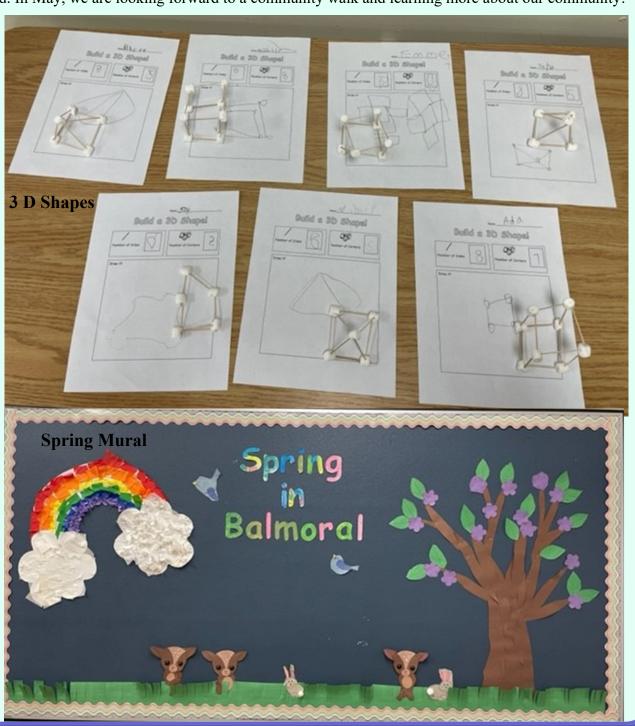
Grade 1/2 Owl Art

Grade 2/3 Owl Art



#### **Ms.** Loehmer Kindergarten news:

April has been an eventful month in kindergarten! We have been learning all about community helpers as well as different jobs, and we were very lucky to have many visitors come to school to tell us about their jobs! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to come visit us, and we look forward to more guests in May! We celebrated our learning about community helpers by dressing up as what we want to be when we grow up. We have been learning all about shapes in math, and we used marshmallows and toothpicks to build 3D shapes. In art, we worked together to create a spring mural for our bulletin board. In May, we are looking forward to a community walk and learning more about our community!





### **Ms.** Loehmer Kindergarten news:







Ada's parents taught us about making rings



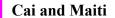
Miller's dad taught us about his job as a bus operator





### Grade 1 - 2 news :

The Grade 1/2 class loved learning about owls. Mrs. Margetts taught us some interesting facts about owls. She had a long rope which represented the wing span of different owls. It was so much fun seeing Maiti hold the smallest wingspan (Elf owl) and Cai holding the largest wingspan (Eurasia Eagle owl). She also came to the classroom and helped the students investigate owl pellets. The students found undigested fur and bones inside their pellets.





Liam and Evy







Brady







### Grade 1 - 2 news continued:



Who gives a Hoot?

We do!



**Maiti and Liam** 

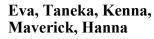
#### Breakout Box

Mrs. Tervoort came to our classroom and did an Earth Day Breakout Box with the students. In a Breakout Box activity, students work together and think critically to "break into" locked boxes. The Grade 1/2 students are becoming more confident in their ability to solve these challenging puzzles. All of the students were able to open their boxes. Way to go!



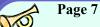
Wyatt B. and Finn

Joey, Addisyn, Brady Grayson, Mrs. Tervoort





Liam, Wyatt B., Maiti and Finn



### Grade 1 - 2 news continued:

#### **Earth Day**

The Grade 1/2 class celebrated Earth Day with a variety of activities. Not only did we learn about owls, participate in an Earth Day break out box, but in Science we sorted a variety of materials. The students completed a hands-on experiment to determine if a material was waterproof or absorbent. Next we thought about ways that we could help the Earth every day. Thinking about our environment helped to remind us the importance of protecting our planet, making a difference, and taking action. Each student in Grade 1/2 was provided with a portable vinyl Recycle Everywhere Bag to help celebrate this special

day. We would like to thank the RM of Rockwood for providing us with these lovely bags.



Danika, Grayson and Addisyn



Hanna, Liam and Lincoln



Lennyn

Kenna

Joey

Evy



#### Grade 2 - 3 news :

April was a BUSY month! Our learning focused on repeated addition and multiplication. In ELA, we've read Matilda, practiced a Three Little Pigs Reader's Theatre and learned about the different parts of speech. We also enjoyed our owl visit from Jim Duncan and explored teamwork and problem-solving skills with a Lock Box activity guided by Mrs. Tervoort.





#### Grade 4 - 5 news :



In Grade 4/5 we had the opportunity to investigate owl pellets after Jim Duncan's visit with his long-eared owl, Rusty. Students used toothpicks to break their pellets apart and divide the contents into different groups. Many students had rodent skulls, hip bones, vertebrae, jaws, and more. Students were so engaged as they discovered what was inside their pellet and compared them to bone sorting sheets.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Mrs. Margetts who provided us with so many owl learning opportunities this month! Prior to Jim Duncan's visit, Mrs. Margetts brought in a variety of her own owl materials to share with us. This included learning about the difference in owl wing spans, learning about the different owl characteristics and so much more. Following her visits, our class conducted research projects to learn about owls native to Manitoba. Students then composed their research points into brochures. We also created our own owls using clay.

Kohen found a rodent skull in his pellet.



Coral breaking her pellet apart.



Special thank you to Mrs. Margetts for providing us with so many owl learning opportunities this month!



Showcasing the difference in wings spans for different owls

Our class with Jim Duncan, Mrs. Margetts and Rusty, the long eared owl.

Owl brochures



Clay owl creations





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# **Break Out Boxes Gr. 4-5**

The grades 1-6 classes would like to send a special thank you to Mrs. Tervoort for bringing break out boxes to our school this month! Students loved being able to solve clues and riddles in order to unlock all of the locks. It was great having students so engaged in the creative problem-solving process as they solved Easter or Earth Day boxes. We know how much work Mrs. Tervoort puts into creating these boxes and we are thankful that she provided us with this learning opportunity!





### Grade 5 - 6 news :

#### Yu-Gi-Oh Club

Here is a look at our Yu-Gi-Oh club that happens every day 5! In the picture below students are in the middle of an intense 2v2 duel! Students bring cards from their own collection of cards to create decks to compete against other students. They also create their own cards out of paper showcasing unique artworks and abilities.

By: Mr. Chin





### Balmoral Basketball

Congratulations to both the girl's basketball team and the boy's basketball teams to the completion of the basketball season. Both teams played shown a lot of improvement throughout the season and played hard in every game!





Thank you to Mr. J. Chin for coaching







### Balmoral elubs:

Beyblade Club

Takara Tomy made the first Beyblade in Japan in 1999 and they continue to be popular today. In April, students in grades 4-6 have been participating in a Beyblade group during morning recess on day 1. We have 3 arenas and we battle in teams of 2 – let 'em rip!



Cup-stacking



This talented trio made a tower 27 rows high that used every single one of our cup stacking cups!

Hockey club



Middle years hockey

