

### Dates To Remember:

- Jan. 9 Classes resume Gr. 1-8
- Jan. 10 -School Resumes K
- Jan. 17 Take Pride Winnipeg Presentation Gr. 5-6
- Jan. 18- Early Dismissal
- Jan. 19 Bookmobile Well-being & Self reg. Presentation At 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 20 Judo Presentation K-8
- Jan. 24 Destination **Imagination Bake** Sale (during school)
- Jan. 25 PAC Meeting 6:30
- Jan. 26 Pizza Lunch Skating K-8 Jan. 31 - MB Hydro pres.
- Gr. 4-6 students 9:30-10:30 Approx.

### Looking Ahead:

**February** "I Love to Read Month"

- Feb. 03 In-servcie Day No School
- Feb. 15- Early dismissal
- Feb. 20- Louis Riel Day No School

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#### **Principal's Message:**

Happy January!

It was a busy month of December with presentations from Wheelchair Sports, and Fit Kids Healthy Kids Gym Blast and Spirit week. The Concert turned out great with positive feedback from parents and grand parents. The Silent auction was successful and is always an exciting time for the students. Thank you to those that donated prizes and for everyone who purchased tickets.

Balmoral School looks forward to our continued health and to learning opportunities in 2023.

Thanks,

Mark Lawson





Balmoral Staff would like to thank all the parents for the treats & gifts received during December. **Balmoral Staff** 



# PRESENTATION

Please join the Balmoral Parent Advisory Council & Balmoral Elementary School for a Community Information Session:

# Well-Being & Regulation:

**Strategies for Success** 



Come be a part of a 45 min session, connect with other parents, ask

questions, and enjoy refreshments. Childcare will be provided.

When: Thursday January 19, 2023 @ 6:00pm

### **Where: Balmoral School**

This session will be lead by Interlake School Division's Occupational Therapist and Mental Health Clinician.

Please RSVP to mlawson@isd21.mb.ca if you know you are able to attend. RSVP'ing is encouraged, but not necessary.





The Balmoral Boys Volleyball team had a great 2022 volleyball season. The boys went through the regular season with a winning record only losing one game. Going into the divisional volleyball tournament, the boys were tied for first overall in the division. In the divisional tournament, the boys played great with wins over Warren, Teulon and G.I. After round robin play the boys faced Stony Mountain in the first quarter finals. With many sets coming down to the final points, the boys lost the best of three sets to Stony Mountain.

It was a great season with a lot of hard work and growth by the boys. A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to drive throughout the season! Good luck to the boys in Basketball Season! Mr. McLean

# Page 4 5 History comes to the Grade 7 & 8 classroom!

As part of a month-long ELA project, titled "Canada is Hockey", the students will be learning about many different stories involving Canada's national pastime. The stories range from legendary teams from the past, and includes unique stories in hockey history from the smallest towns on the prairies to the highest stage!



To kick off our unit, we had the very special opportunity to learn about the first Canadian Men's Olympic Hockey Champions, the local Winnipeg Falcons. The students first learned about this team made up of WWI veterans through our reading of the book "Falcon's Gold". The students learned about the cultural roots many of these players had with Iceland and their Icelandic roots.

The second event within our unit was a very informative and entertaining presentation from local historian Jim Busby who own ancestor was a member of the Winnipeg Falcons. He shared with us the contributions of many of the players during the war, the tragedy that resulted in two members dying in combat in the world war, and the success they found afterwards on the ice many miles away from home. Jim shared the discrimination and hardship that the team faced on their journey to bring home Canada's first Olympic hockey gold. He had many original pictures, news articles, and materials to share with the class. It was a great kick start to our unit.

We would like to thank Jim for coming to our classroom to share the stories of these heroic veterans and their contribution on and off the ice. As well, we owe a huge thank you to Mrs. Brenda Margetts for bring this opportunity to our classroom. It was through her tiredness work that we were able to get in contact with Mr. Busby. We can't thank her enough!





## **Kindergarten-Grade 1 news:**

For the month of January, the kindergarten and grade one students have been "bursting" with excitement while they learn about their 5 Senses. We decided to use a popcorn theme to get their creative juices "popping". To kick off our special theme, we had a popcorn party and sampled many different mouth-watering flavours: kettle corn, white cheddar, nacho, marshmallow & cinnamon, butter & salt, ketchup, and finally salt and vinegar. We then brainstormed words that could be categorized under each of the five senses: sight, touch, smell, hearing and everyone's favourite...taste! There are also many popcorn activities in the classroom to help reinforce basic Numeracy & Literacy skills. Be sure to "pop" in and take a look! National Popcorn Day is celebrated on January 19.





Mrs. Meads popping in to help out in the K/1 classroom.



# More popcorn fun in K/1



Sampling the flavours of popcorn

## Welcome Ms. Moldowan to Balmoral School!

We said good-bye to Ms. Larissa Johnson in December and we welcome back Ms. Vhana Moldowan from maternity leave. She now teachers the music classes at Balmoral School. The grade 4/5 class was very involved with a drumming class.



