



Balmoral Bugle

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Dates To Remember:

"I Love to Read Month"

- Feb. 01 - Read a book about space
- Feb. 02 - Groundhog Day
- Feb. 03 - No School-
Inservice Day
- Feb. 06 - Think Wild Presentation
Grades 4-6
- Feb. 06 - Alien Hair Day
- Feb. 08 - Button Making
- Feb. 10 - Burn Awareness
Presentation K-3
- Pajama Day

- Feb. 14 - Classroom Valentine
Celebrations ♥
- Wear Red and Pink
- Read your Valentine's

- Feb. 15 - Early Dismissal
- Feb. 15 - Flag Day 🍁
- Feb. 16 - Bookmobile
- PAC Hot Lunch
- Sun Safety Presentation
Grade 4/5
- **Skating**

- Feb. 17 - Pajama Day
- Feb. 20 - Louis Riel Day-
No School-Family Day
- Feb. 22 - Read a non-fiction
Book about space
- Feb. 23 - Progress Conversations
- **Skating**
- Feb. 24 - Pajama Day
- Feb. 27- Dress like an Alien or
Astronaut

Looking Ahead:

- Mar. 02 - PAC meeting 6:30
- Mar. 03 - **Skating**
- Mar. 06 - No School, Inservice
- Mar. 10 - **Skating**
- Mar. 13 - Gr. 8 Grad Pictures
- Mar. 16 - **Skating**
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day ☘
- Mar. 24- Term 2 Reports go
home for K-8
- Mar. 24 - Last day of classes
March 27-April 2
Spring Break
- April 03, Day 4 Classes Resume
For Grade 1-8**
- April 04, Day 5-Classes resume
Kindergarten**

February 2023



Principal's Message:

Happy February!

Balmoral School is excited for February and I love to Read Month! Fostering the love of reading is important! Students will be celebrating reading with the space theme of "Reading is out of this world!"



Progress Conversations will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Thanks,

Mark Lawson
School Principal





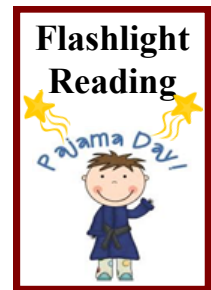
I Love to Read - "Reading is Out of this World"

February is **I Love To Read Month**. Our theme this year is "Reading is Out of This World."

As a part of **I Love to Read Month** the students will be able to participate in a variety of activities. UFO book reports will also be sent home. Your child is encouraged to fill in one report for every book that they read in the month of February. Please return the reports to the school as soon as possible. There is no limit to how many book reports they can do. The class with the most book reports at the end of the month will win a popcorn party!

I Love to Read Activities

On Friday's in February it will be flashlight reading under the stars!

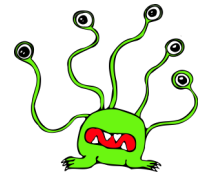


Feb. 1 Day 5 Read a book about space



Feb. 06 Day 1 Alien hair day!

Students may do their hair as they think an Alien does



Feb. 08 Day 3 "I Love to Read" Button Making!



Feb. 14 Day 1 Valentine's Day

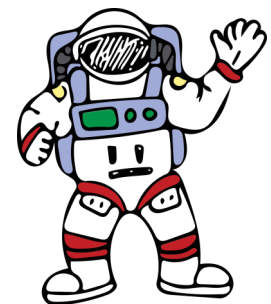
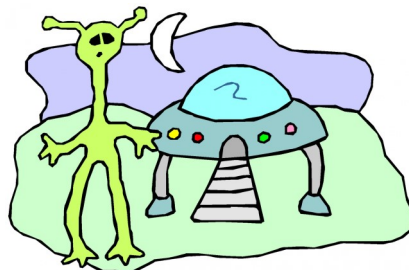
Wear red and pink



Feb. 22 Day 6 Read a non fiction book about space

Feb. 27 Day 3 Dress like an Alien or Astronaut

Students may come to school dressed up, be creative





Kindergarten-Grade 1 News:

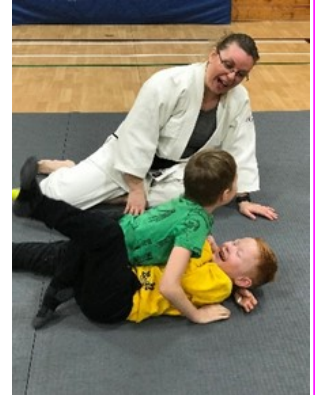
Science experiments, Judo presentations & skating are only a few of the extra activities that we have squeezed into our regular school day to keep our kiddos engaged!



On January 24th, we had the unique chance to learn about a sport for all ages & athletic abilities... Judo.

Zoey and her mom, Michelle demonstrated a few basic moves. Students were then given the opportunity to pair up with a partner and try one of the moves on the mat with

Sensei Michelle.



To reinforce our "Letter of the Week", we put on our lab coats and integrated a little science into the lessons. Our first experiment (Ll is for Lava Lamps) had students predicting what happens when we mix vegetable oil with ice cubes coloured with food colouring. After observing the changes, we concluded that that oil and water do not mix.



For our next experiment, (Mm is for a Mold) we used bread to check out where germs hide on common surfaces such as desks, pencils, books and doors. Students were shocked to see the moldy results.



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Kindergarten-Grade 1

Last week, we had our first Free-skate at the rink. The kids had a blast testing their skating skills on the ice. Some of us were lucky enough to get a "free ride"...

Although we are ending off January with extreme windchill warnings, we'll stay warm & cozy in the classroom sipping hot chocolate with whipped cream, marshmallows & sprinkles!



THANK YOU!

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We would like to thank Mrs. Oughton for coming to Balmoral School to teach Grade K/1 for a term. Also to Mrs. Meads who was here every Kindergarten day to help out. We really appreciate all your hard work and your commitment. We will miss you both!





Balmoral Girl's Basketball Coach

On January 18, 2023, there were a number of Balmoral students who cheered on the Stonewall Rams Varsity Girls basketball team and Keira. Also in attendance was Mr. McLean and his daughter Hadley. Keira is a graduate of Balmoral school who is now head coach of the Grade 7/8 girls Basketball team at Balmoral School.



Coach Keira!



The Balmoral girl's made a sign to cheer on their Coach Keira!





Destination Imagination Bake Sale

Our Destination Imagination teams would like to thank everyone who contributed baking to our bake sale on Tuesday, January 24th. It was a huge success! We thank everyone who purchased baking to help support our teams. In total, we raised \$475.65! Money fundraised will be put towards purchasing materials for our challenges, team numbers for challenges, and tournament entry fees.

Miss Poirier



DI Team Members with the bake sale items all set up.



Kolby serving his brother Rogan some baking. Greyson waits for his turn.



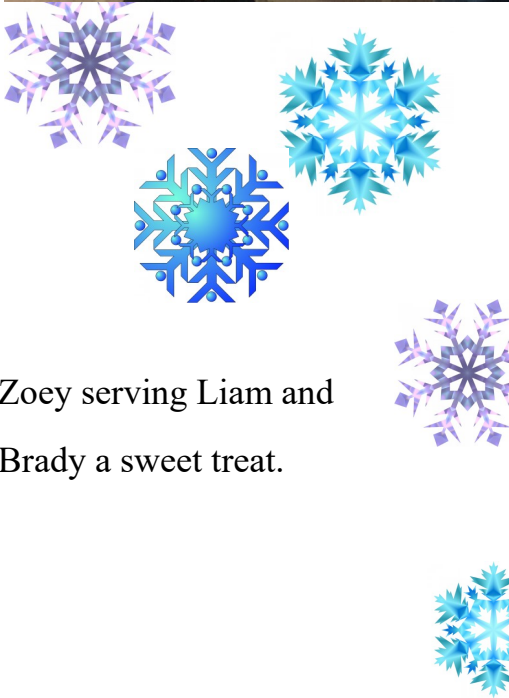
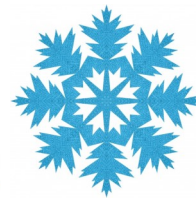
Kohen serving Lennyn and Kenna baking. Elliott, Quinn and Ava ready to serve others too



Destination Imagination Bake Sale continued...



Hayden and Addison taking Alexa's payment.



Zoey serving Liam and Brady a sweet treat.





Balmoral School Community

In only a short few days the Grade 7 & 8 students were able to sort and collect over 67 pairs of footwear to send to children in Huatulco, Mexico. In early January the shoes were set up at the rural, two room school and the children were able to select from a variety of much needed footwear. There was a lot of smiles and very appreciative parents. Much thanks go out to the Balmoral School community for donating the footwear. The program was very successful and plans are in the works to start up this program again in December 2023.

Thank you for your generosity!
Mr. McLean and the 7& 8 classroom



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 13, 2023

- Prior to photo day, students take home an order envelope that lets families order a personal copy of the "Class of 2023" 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.
- Completed photo packages are shipped to the school for distribution to families.

NOTICE ON PLASTIC CUPS AND PLASTIC CUTLERY

During Covid we did supply plastic cups if students forgot their water bottles. We are back to using the fountain so no plastic cups will be offered. Please send a water bottle for your child. Also, we are trying to eliminate handing out plastic cutlery. This is for environmental reasons. Students should pack cutlery needed for their lunches. This will help the environment and keep costs down. We really appreciate your help with this matter.

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 on PowerSchool** so that you will receive these messages.

