



Balmoral Bugle

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June 2023

Dates To Remember:

June 06-Divisional Track & Field
 June 08-Divisional T & F Rain date
 June 09-Traditional Indigenous Drum making with Mark Hall (Gr. 6/7's)
 June 13-Band Concert 7 pm CSC
 June 15-Bookmobile **Pick up only**
 June 18-Happy Father's Day
 June 21-First day Summer
 June 22-Celebration of Reading Grades 1-4
 June 23-Last day of Life Skills
 June 27-Lower Fort Garry K-8 Field trip
 June 28-Field Day
 June 29-Last day of school K-8
 June 29-Farewell to Grads 11:00
 June 29-Kindergarten Grad Tea 11:30
 June 30-Inservice day-No School



Looking Ahead:

Sept 04-Labour Day-No School
 Sept 05-Open House 3:30-5:00
 Sept 06-First day school Gr. 1-8
 Sept 07-Kindergarten interviews
 Sept 11-First day for Kindergarten (Day 4)
 Sept 29-Celebrate National Day of Reconciliation Sept. 30



Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrates over the summer Holidays!

Happy June!

General News

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

lmcivor@isd21.mb.ca



The following describes next year's classroom configurations:

Kindergarten/Grade One (K on Days 2, 4, 6)

Grade Two/Grade Three

Grade Four/Grade Five

Grade Six/Grade Seven

Grade Seven/Grade eight

For **2023-2024** the grade 7's will be split into different classrooms. Decisions are based on the number of students, social dynamics between students, siblings, students learning styles, behavioural needs of students in each classroom, emotional needs of students in each classroom, and the general needs for the group.

In the past, parents have asked if high academic achieving students will be placed with a higher grade. This is not the case. Decisions about which classroom where students end up are **not** made based on student achievement. There are many benefits of being with a higher and lower grade.



Thank you to all our volunteers, our Parent Advisory Council members and hot lunch committee for all their hard work this year. We really appreciate it. Thank you to PAC for treating the staff at the end of May to a variety of treats and drinks for Staff. We are truly grateful.



Duncan S. in grade 7

Ella L. in grade 8



The town of Rockwood donated some golf discs to Balmoral School. Thanks to Laine Wilson for dropping them off on May 7th !



Library News:



Please return all Library books to the Library **by June 25th.**
Thank you in advance!

- Mrs. A. Bruce-Library Clerk

Art or Band option

Just a reminder that students in grade 5-8 in the fall have the option of band or art. If a student took art or band in the past they may still switch for the upcoming year. Forms need to be signed and returned ASAP.

Volunteer information

For the **2023-2024** school year if you are looking to volunteer in any capacity at the school you will be required to complete a criminal records check, child abuse registry, confidentiality letter and volunteer agreement form. You are also required to complete Respect in Schools training on line and return a copy of the certificate to school.

Please contact the school and we can send home a package with your child/(ren) or drop in to pick one up. There is no fee if you are volunteering and we have a letter to attach with the documents. In the instructions the criminal records check can now be emailed. Packages may be picked up at school and the child abuse registry is to be returned to the office so that we may process it.



Bird Bits

The birds are definitely out and about in Balmoral. The K-5 classes practiced identifying some of our local birds in the gym, to help us prepare for our annual May Long Weekend Bird Identification. The grade 1s wrote bird poems, and the K/1 class participated in a writing activity where they got to pick which bird they thought should be King of the Birds. 43 Bird BIT forms were handed in! Thank you to everyone who completed their Bird BITS booklets and sent them back to the school! All of the numbers will be recorded and sent in to the Seeds Foundation, to add to their numbers across Canada.

Mrs. D. Buchan



Emma



Emmett



Rogan /Lincoln



Maverick/Jack

Lifetouch Picture Changes effective this fall

Class photos will only be a complementary product with a purchase package. They may be purchased separately for \$9.99.

Student ID's are no longer complementary. In the past we have provided grade 7 and 8's with these cards. Balmoral School has opted out of these cards.

Bus Safety

On May 10th the whole school took part in a bus Evacuation drill. The grade 5's had further extensive training on May 16, 2023.



It is always sad to say goodbye to friends and people we meet along our journey in life. We wish Owen and Ryder H. and their family our best wishes. They are moving back home to Newfoundland.

We also wish Jacob S. good luck in his new school next year and best wishes to his family.



Balmoral School had the pleasure of the CSC Jazz Band and the Choir come to Balmoral school and perform for the students on May 10, 2023. Staff and students joined in on the entertainment. Thank you to Ms. Novakowski and Mrs. Obach.



Balmoral Badminton Team

It was a great day for Badminton at the Divisional Badminton Tournament. The Balmoral team did very well, with many making the playoff round, and Doubles Team of James G. & Jake P. placing third in the boy's doubles division. A big congratulations go out to all athletes who trained hard and represented our school with great sportsmanship.



Girls singles	Hadley M.
Girls singles	Coral B.
Girls doubles	McKenna F. & Annalicia H.
Girls doubles	Maci O. & Ella L.
Boys singles	Hudson S.
Boys singles	Tyler L.
Boys doubles	Paul C. & Jake P.
Boys doubles	James G. & Carson P.
Mixed doubles	Dylan F. & Taylor P.
Mixed doubles	Alexa L. & Connor P.
Spares	Sawyer F., Duncan S., Kade W., Bronsen S., Wyatt M.



Mrs. Buchan classroom news!



Mrs. Tervoort came to our classroom and did a Pete the Cat Breakout Box with the Grade 1 students. In a Breakout Box activity, students work together and think critically to “break into” locked boxes. This was their first Breakout Box activity and they worked hard to solve challenging puzzles that gave them codes to open numerous locks. Both teams were able to open their boxes. Way to go!



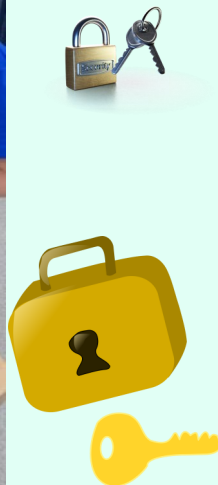
Mason
Emmett
Andie



Ada
Austin
Miller
Jack



Mason, Andie and Emmett



Mrs. Tervoort, Mason and Emmett



Balmoral School Drum Making Experience

On Friday June 9, students in Grades 6 and 7 had the opportunity to participate in a traditional Indigenous drum making experience with Mark Hall from Anish Corporation. Mark is a cultural support worker who brings experiences to youth in order to keep traditional Indigenous learnings alive. This morning, he led students through the process of drum making using Elk hides. He taught students the significance of Indigenous traditions including smudging, honouring the four directions, and offering tobacco to Mother Earth. This was an incredible experience and we are thankful Mark was able to offer this to our students!





Proposed End of Day Changes

The end of day has looked different over the years for Balmoral School. Previously, pick-ups were done before and during bus loading. Having parents and students spread out during COVID while in the bus loop area was hazardous, so families were asked to wait until the buses had left before pick-ups occurred.

Some folks have requested an earlier pick-up time (e.g. not having to wait for the buses to arrive and leave). This has been identified to help folks make it on time to after school events such as skating, hockey, piano and dance.

For the 2023-2024 Balmoral School year, the school is looking at changes to the day's timeline for breaks and dismissals. The schedule would then align more with other elementary and middle schools in Interlake School Division.

- 3:30pm – Daycare dismissed
- 3:30pm – Town students dismissed
- 3:30pm – Pick-up students dismissed
- 3:55pm – Bus Loading & Departure

Please Note That:

- These changes would allow for town/ pick-up students to be away from the building earlier.
- These changes would allow for the bus loop to be clear of families picking up students, before buses from Stonewall arrive.
- These changes would allow time for the town students to be safely away from the building before buses from Stonewall arrive.
- These changes would not impact the amount of time students spend in class.
- These changes would allow for an increase in time allotted for support staff during academic classes.
- Daycare is aware of these proposed changes.

Parents and guardians can fill out the following survey to provide feedback to the school: <https://forms.office.com/r/KZ13mzSx92>

Also, feel free to email the school to share any questions or concerns about the proposed changes.





Bike Safety

Balmoral can be a dangerous place to walk and bike. In particular, Hwy 236 can be dangerous for folks having to bike/walk along side it or for folks having to cross it multiple times.

The school wants to do what it can to work with families to ensure safety. Please keep in mind the following information and best practices in mind when planning safe routes home for students:

- Early years students should be accompanied by an adult or an older student.
- Students are encouraged to use the buddy system or to go with a group
- Having an adult or older student join the group
- Map out and use safe routes home
- Create safety plans with students
- Make sure someone checks-in with students when they arrive at home

Did You Know?

Both Balmoral School and the Parent Advisory Council wrote letters of support to have a crosswalk installed to aid in students crossing 236 at Dykstra Rd / McKnight Rd.



In the morning, students should arrive no earlier than 8:20am. There is no supervision provided before this time on the playground.

It is important for families to share home time plans for students with the school. If there are changes families should be writing an agenda message, writing a note, emailing their teacher and the office, or phoning the office by 3pm.



SUMMER



Balmoral Elementary School

OPEN HOUSE



MEET THE TEACHER

Tuesday September 5, 2023
3:30pm - 5:00pm

Balmoral School will have an open house on **Tuesday, September 5, 2023**. This is an in-service day, no school. Parents and students will be welcomed back to school, can bring any supplies they have, meet the teachers, and get settled into their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you then!



Grade 4/5 Wreath Art

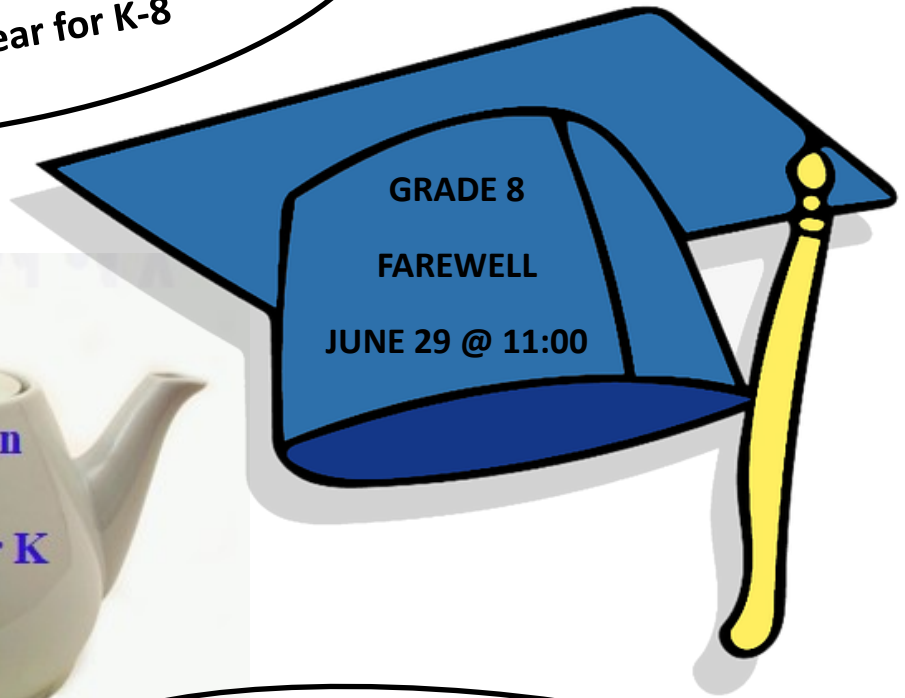
Kaycie M. in grade 4 shows off her beautiful wreath she made using supplies donated by Mrs. Cindy Spruyt. A big thank you to Mrs. Spruyt!



End of Year Celebrations

June 29th @ 9:15am

School Assembly to Celebrate
the End of Year for K-8



End of Year Cake & Treats to
Celebrate the Last Day of School!

Balmoral School Staff Wishes

Everyone a Safe and Happy

Summer Vacation!

