



Balmoral Bugle

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November 2023

Dates To Remember:

- Nov. 3 - Hot Lunch orders due
- Nov. 5 - Fall back move clocks back
1 hour
- Nov. 8 - Hot Lunch-Taco's in a bag
- Nov. 9 - Bookmobile
- Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Service
at 9:30 in the gym
- Nov. 13 - No School Inservice
- Nov. 15 - Speed Stacks - Mrs. Tervoort
- Nov. 15 - PAC Meeting 6:00
In person or virtual
- Nov. 20 - Kindergarten Registration to
- Dec. 01 - Kindergarten Registration
- Nov. 28 - Divisional MY Volleyball

Looking Ahead

- Dec. 4 - In-service Day No School
- Dec. 7 - Bookmobile
- Dec. 8 - Term 1-Report Cards Go Home
- Dec. 20 - Christmas Concert
 - Matinee at 2:15 pm
 - Evening at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 21 - PAC Turkey Dinner
- Dec. 22 - Last Day of School
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 05 - Winter Break
- Jan. 08 - First Day Back Gr 1-8 (Day 1)
- Jan. 09 - First Day Back for K (Day 2)



Principal's Message:

Happy November!

Thank you to all the parents for coming to school to engage in your child's progress conversations.

We look forward to learning about Veterans Week and will have a Remembrance Day Service on November 10th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

A big thank you to the PAC & Mrs. Schaeffer who organizes the hot lunch program and to any helpers she has. We are looking forward to Taco's in a bag on November 8th.



On October 18th the cinnamon buns were **MmmmMmm** good!



Book Fair

Balmoral School would like to send out a HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs. Meads and Mrs. Watts for running our book fair once again, we could not host the fair without your help. We would also like to thank all of the students and staff involved with the set up and clean up of the book fair. To all our students, staff, parents and community members that came out to support the fair we thank you. We were able to purchase \$752.00 worth of books for the library with our reward points. Once again thank you to all for another successful fair. Thank you also goes out to Mrs. Bruce our Library clerk for arranging this event.

Alana Bruce
Balmoral Library Clerk



School Bus Evacuation Drill



Our school practiced an evacuation drill on Monday, October 16, 2023. Thank you to Mr. Chapiel and Ms. Bartnick for teaching our students how to properly evacuate a bus in an emergency situation.



Zoe gets help to exit the bus.



BUS SAFETY

Jake gets help to exit the bus.

Rhiannon, Malachi, Cloe and Brynn helping with the grade K-1 students.

Bus driver:
Mr. Chapiel



Thank you
Ms. Bartnick

BPAC NEWS

The **Balmoral PAC** would like to thank parents/families for your continued support.

Recently, with support from the BPAC, the school was able to purchase new mats for the gym walls with Balmoral/Bandit branding. Thank you to Mr. Lawson and the team for getting this organized and installed so quickly. They look great!

Upcoming events:

- Family Foods gift card fundraiser dates to be announced
- Holiday Concert VIP Seating Raffle
- Red Cross Stay Safe! (Home alone course) date to be confirmed.

Everyone is welcome to attend the BPAC Meetings. Start time of 6pm. Future meetings dates are:

- **November 15**
- **January 17**
- **March 20**
- **May 15**

Kindergarten Registration

This year the Kindergarten Registration dates will be **November 20-December 1, 2023**. Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31st, 2024 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2024/2025 school year. Please come into the office and pick up a registration package or visit our website for a package to print. We look forward to seeing you!

Balmoral Child Care is Hosting a Community Event!

Ashley Stefishen
Executive Director
Balmoral Childcare Centre
Phone: 204-467-5479
Cell: 204-861-2449

BALMORAL CHILD CARE CENTRE PRESENTS
Lunch with Santa
Sat., Dec. 2nd, 2023
Balmoral Community Hall

Lunch catered by Lavendar Farms | Vendor Market | Santa pictures by Tiny Fox Photography

More info to come! Check our facebook page

Mrs. Buchan's K/1 news:

The Grade 1 class went on an adventure by going on a Book Walk about Canada. A Book Walk is like a gallery walk, but for books! During the Book Walk, the students moved around the school and looked at each page of our story in a different location. We were able to discuss what each province's flag looks like, as well as the provincial flower, tree, and bird. We also discussed things that we might do if we were in a certain province. The students loved carrying and waving the different provincial flags throughout the school as we learned about each province along the way.

**Abigail, Piper, Emma, Fallyn, Zoe,
Lincoln and Lex**



Emma



Piper



Abigail

Mrs. Buchan's K/1 news:

M is for magnets! The K/1 class is working their way through the ABC's of Science by completing many different experiments at our observation station. We got an opportunity to see how many paperclips a horseshoe magnet could hold, we tried to see if we could move a paperclip up the side of a glass filled with a variety of liquids, and we tried to make a skater skate on a pond wearing paperclip skates and moving a magnet underneath the pond made of paper.



Kenslie, Xavier, Mrs. K. Isla, Jake, Tenille



Lucas, Piper, Lincoln



Zoe & Fallyn

Mrs. Buchan & Piper

Mrs. Buchan's K/1 news:

The K/1 class enjoyed playing a new game during our Math stations. One student had to roll the dice and fill up the truck with pumpkins, while their partner had to roll their dice to remove a certain amount of pumpkins!



Lucas and Isla



Lex and Kenslie



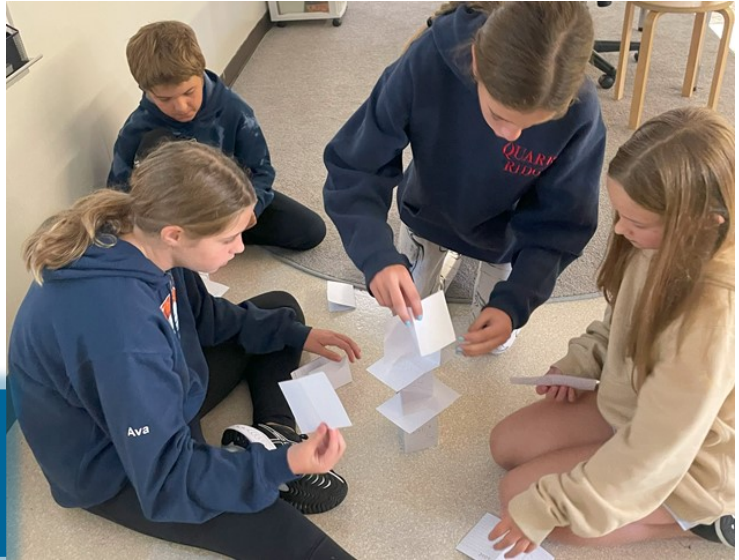
Jake and Emma



Mrs. Loehmer's 6/7 news:

The Grade 6/7 class has had a wonderful start to the school year! In math, students are learning about integers. They are enjoying working independently and in small groups to develop their skills. In ELA, our current novel study is *Barren Grounds* by David A. Robertson. For October, we also listened to a podcast called *The Hollow*, a modern re-telling of the *Sleepy Hollow* legend. The students enjoyed writing spooky stories and carving pumpkins for Halloween.

As a class, we are working on team-building, sportsmanship, and cooperation skills through our class houses. Every Friday, we do a team-building or STEM activity as a house challenge, where students work together to try to win points for their houses. The Blue House were our first champions this month!



Ava, Ryder, Addison, and Macey race to build the tallest tower possible with cards.



Elliott, Allison, Kylie, Kardyn, Kolby, and Ryder use an elastic to build a cup stack.



Braxton, Lucas, Keinan, Dom, and Max use an elastic to build a cup stack.

Science of Reading

LITERACY IS LOOKING A LITTLE DIFFERENT THESE DAYS

WHAT IS THE SCIENCE OF READING?

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Over the last few years, there has been a shift in education to incorporate more of the science behind learning to read into instruction. It's important so we wanted to explain.



Do you know why the O in NO is long and the O in NOT is short? Tricky question, right?! If you don't know why, are you able to still decode the word? Most likely.

English is a complex language, but not so much we can't make sense of it. The example above has a simple explanation. When a syllable ends in a vowel, it is open, and the vowel sound is then long. When a syllable ends with one or more consonants it's closed and the vowel sound is then short. So, in the word, NO the vowel is long because it's open, and in the word NOT it's short because it's closed. Easy right?



But if you didn't know this, how could you read those words? What's happening for most is that our brains are just exposed to this concept so many times that it automatically knows which vowel to use. But what about those who aren't naturally making those connections. And really, shouldn't we all know this? **Wouldn't knowing why help us to decode other more complex words?** *Yes, and that's part of the science behind learning to read!*



Now, this brings us to the question at hand, what is the Science of Reading? It's just what it says, the SCIENCE behind and study of how people learn to read. It's a body of academic work from linguists, neuropsychologists, cognitive psychologists, master teachers, researchers, and so many more.

Learning to read really is like rocket science and it's challenging educators as professionals to change how we teach. Like in the example above, we are planning meaningful instruction for our students that follow what we currently know from the science of reading.

This is just one of the very powerful shifts in our instruction happening this year. We are excited about this change and know it will help our students immensely in their journey to becoming fluent readers. We will be sharing more information as the year goes on but if this is something you want to learn more about, we highly recommend checking this QR-linked article that explains a lot of the why. Just point your phone camera there to read or listen.

SCAN ME





Halloween Pictures 2023



Braxtyn and Lucas carve their pumpkin



Elliott and Dom carve their pumpkins



Brynn, Kylie and Kardyn as Alvin and the Chipmunks



Kinsley, Lex, Xavier, Lincoln



Audrey, Liam, Austin, Rogan



Kindergarten students

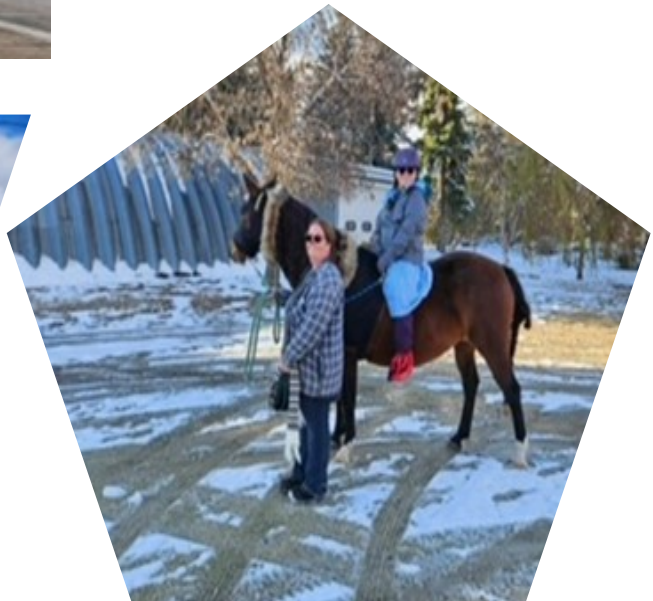
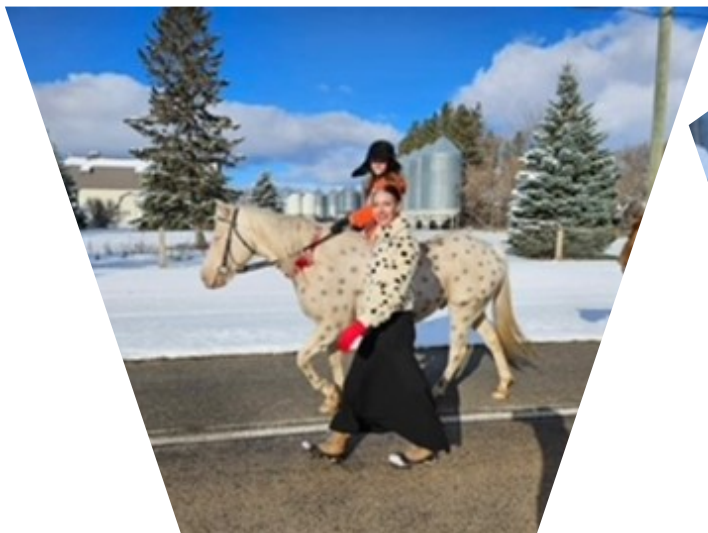
Grade 1 students →



Community Parade October 29

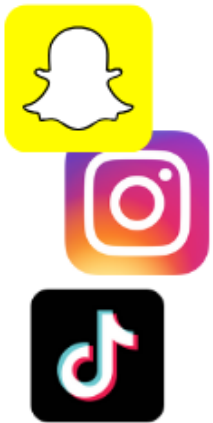


Our ring leader, Jaime Margetts from Ridgewater Stables, organized a Halloween parade on October 29. Students Gabriella Sookermany, Kaycie Margetts, Maiti Margetts, Danika Robertson, Zoey Patton, Addison McLean-Calder, and Sawyer Fox from Balmoral School dressed themselves and their horses up and toured around town handing out cookies. Thank you to everyone who heard the bell ringing and came out to support the students on the chilly afternoon!



Community Parade October 29





INTERLAKE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION EDUCATORS



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**WHAT PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION
AND ONLINE SAFETY**

**November 14
6:30 - 8:00 pm**



REGISTER AT:

<https://forms.gle/Hw5Tu7gWnLqTz1vZA>

The Interlake Sexual Exploitation Educators invite you to a **free** virtual presentation that will explore how children and teens are so easily exploited online. You will learn the dangers of popular social media apps and how they can put youth and kids at risk of being sexually exploited.

Attendees have a chance of winning a \$50 gift card!

For more info visit interlakesee.ca or Instagram [@iseeinterlake](https://www.instagram.com/iseeinterlake)