



Focus Area 1: Literacy

Over the past few school years, we have been implementing practices aligned with a Structured Literacy approach to reading. Structured Literacy provides highly explicit, systematic teaching of foundational decoding and spelling skills as well as explicit teaching of other important components of literacy, such as vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. What began with targeted reading interventions with grade one students, has become a universal approach for reading instruction in our school. 2022-23 saw us implementing this approach from Kindergarten to Grade 3, along with targeted interventions in Grades 4-8.

Our Kindergarten to Grade 3 teachers participated in a ISD professional learning sessions and residencies with ISD's literacy lead teacher that allowed them to develop a deeper capacity for using this approach, and implementing the assessment tools to measure student growth.

School Profile

Kindergarten to Grade 8 School
105 students
20 Staff members

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Focus Area 2: Well-Being

Well-being was an important focus for Balmoral School in 2022-2023.

Each classroom was engaged in mental health and well-being curriculum programming. This included work with Project 11, Kids in the Know, Mind Up, Zone of Regulation, Conflict Resolution and Thrival Kits.

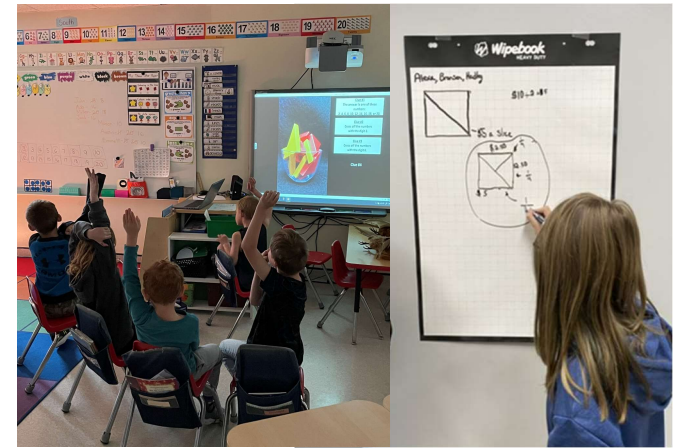
The grade 6 class took part in a mental health symptom screening process which identified needs and allowed for targeted interventions.

Our school's life skills area was transformed to include a 'Room of Calm' and a 'Reading Room,' which were spaces used by folks to help regulate.

Balmoral School with BPAC held a 'Wellbeing and Regulation' information session for Parents in January.

Additional Activity Highlights:

- Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day
- Owl Presentation & Visits
- Manitoba Golf Presentations
- World Speed Stack Day
- Healthy Kids Fit Kids Gym Blasts
- Wheelchair Sport Presentations
- Think Wild Adventure Presentations
- Take Pride Winnipeg Presentations
- K-8 Judo Presentations
- Destination Imagination
- MB Hydro Presentations
- Rec. Centre Skating Program
- I Love to Read Month: Reading is Out of This World
- Burn Awareness Presentations
- Sun Safety Presentations
- Bee Presentations
- Day of Pink
- Kids Help Phone Presentation
- Indigenous Drum Making
- 5-8 Band Concert
- K-8 Lower Fort Gary Field Trip
- Field Day
- Extra-Curricular MY Sports
 - Cross-Country, Volleyball, Basketball, Curling, Badminton, Track & Field



Focus Area 3: Numeracy

Staff and students participated in Numeracy Residencies with ISD Numeracy Lead teacher during the 2022-2023 school year. Initial assessments were reviewed and planning for individual students' needs were gone over. In all classrooms a variety of 'Math Talks' and number sense routines were gone over.

The middle years classrooms took part in Thinking Classroom activities which had students using their critical thinking skills. Teachers were excited to have the opportunity to work with the Numeracy Lead teacher to ask questions, see real life examples in progress, and gather new resources.

Three teachers took part in ISD professional development about thinking classrooms. This had participants discussing critical thinking, reframing tasks, classroom set-up, and assessment.