

Balmoral Bugle

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December 2023

Dates To Remember:

- Dec. 1 - Muffin Snack
- 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 12:00
- 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)

Looking ahead:

- Jan. 08 - First Day Back Gr 1-8 (Day 1)
- Jan. 09 - First Day Back for K (Day 2)



Principal's Message:

We made it to December! December started off with excitement from the Grade 5/6 students after attending the Volleyball Jamboree on December 1st.

Students are hard at work rehearsing for the winter concert. We have a spirit week the last week in December. Students and staff always look forward to the Turkey dinner put on by the Balmoral Parent Advisory Council.

Holiday Hampers - A few community organizations have reached out to the school wondering if there are families needing support this holiday season. Please let the office know if you or a family you know could use some support this season.

Have a happy holiday, restful break and we look forward to the new year!

Spirit Week

Monday	Dec.	18	Wear Red and Green
Tuesday	Dec.	19	Christmas Colour Wars K/1- Blue 6/7 - Purple 2/3 - Red 7/8 - Pink 4/5 - Green
Wednesday	Dec.	20	Christmas Concert attire
Thursday	Dec.	21	Pajama day
Friday	Dec.	22	Ugly Christmas Sweaters



Stonewall District Cheer Board



This Christmas season, Balmoral School would like to once again support the Christmas Cheer Board. The Stonewall and District Christmas Cheer Board is asking for assistance in raising monies to help purchase grocery gift cards for the Cheer Board hampers. The Cheer board will also kindly accept, toys, pyjamas, mitts and toques.



Balmoral School is once again participating in helping the Stonewall District Cheer Board. We have decided to do a Christmas coin collection of cheer. A letter has been sent home on November 27 with the new campaign. Every bit helps so we just ask give what you can. Small amounts can add up and help those in need. Sincerely Balmoral School.

Kindergaraten Registration

Registration took place on November 20, 2023 to 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.

Proof of age and address are required.

Please review our website for Registration papers to complete or drop into the school between 8:30-4:00 to pick up a package.

If you know of anyone who might have missed this, please let us know!



BALMORAL'S CONCERT

BY JOHN JACOBSON
AND ROGER EMERSON



This year's concert is called
"Santa's Holiday Playlist".

Matinee performance is at 2:15

Evening performance is 7:00

Parents and grandparents are
welcome to attend either
performance.

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Remembrance Day Service 2023



Parents, Grandparents and guests gather to remember.



The band played directed by Mr. Horbas.



Our guest speaker was Sargeant Nathan Kachur



Gr. K/1 Poem-Remembrance Day



Sargeant Kachur visits the Kindergarten - Grade 1 classroom and answers many questions.





Speed Stack Day!



Mrs. Tervoort volunteered to come to Balmoral School on November 15 to do the Speed Stacking Day. Miss Poirier's classroom is in the picture above.



Mrs. Hyde's classroom





Speed Stack Day!



Kolby and Ryder



Ryder and Clark

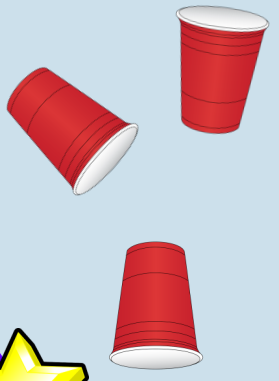
Dom and Elliott



Lex

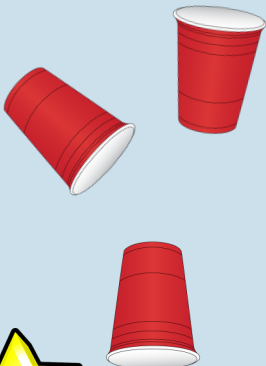


Allison and Jaylene





Speed Stack Day!





Speed Stack Day!



Abbi



Jake



Nolan

GO BOMBERS GO!

On November 17, 2023 students wore Blue or Gold to help cheer on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers playing in the 110 Grey Cup Championship game on Sunday, November 19th. We marched into the gym playing the Winnipeg Blue Bomber fight song. We also did three cheers of "GO BOMBERS GO"! We tried but it wasn't the outcome we wanted.



Balmoral Parent Advisory Council

The BPAC is excited to announce that we were able to raise over \$950 with Stonewall Family Foods – thank you families for your support!

Special thanks to:

- Stonewall Family Foods
- BPAC Treasurer, Laura Kirby for organizing and executing the fundraiser
- Mrs. Kelpin/school for getting the info out there and receiving the orders.

At the November BPAC meeting the group approved a contribution towards a new scoreboard for the gym!

BPAC would like to send big thanks to Cindy Schaeffer and the team of volunteers for doing our hot lunch program – we all look forward to the day we don't have to pack a lunch! If you are able to spare some time to help out with hot lunches – please let us know!

Just a reminder that we do require parent participation to keep the BPAC running and able to provide the Hot Lunch Program.

Upcoming meetings:

- January 17 - 6 p.m.
- March 20 - 6 p.m.
- May 15 - 6 p.m.

Got an idea, question or interested in volunteering? – connect: balmoralpac@gmail.com

Five Essential Components of Effective Reading Instruction

PILLARS OF READING 5

How can we teach all children to read accurately, rapidly, and with comprehension by the end of third grade? The National Reading Panel Report provides an answer to this question.

The National Reading Panel Report (National Institute of Child Health and Human Development [NICHD], 2000) summarized several decades of scientific research that clearly shows effective reading instruction addresses five critical areas:

- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

These five areas were incorporated into the No Child Left Behind Act and the Reading First initiative as essential components of effective reading instruction.

There are many approaches to teaching these five essential components. These approaches differ in how much guidance or direction teachers provide as their students are learning new skills, how clearly and directly teachers explain new skills, whether they demonstrate exactly how to use a specific skill, and whether the skills are taught in a thoughtful sequence. Scientific research reviewed by the National Reading Panel revealed that these different approaches or methods of teaching the five essential components are *not* equally effective. The most reliably effective approach is called *systematic and explicit instruction*.

Kindergarten - Grade 1

T is for Tornado! This year in our Observation Station we are working on the ABCs of Science Experiments. These experiments not only appeal to the student's curiosity and inquisitive minds, but helps to strengthen their problem solving and analytical skills. The students were challenged to try to make their own twister and had a lot of fun doing so!



Lincoln and the class



Piper and Lincoln



Zoe and Lex

During the month of November, the Grade 1 students participated in November Numbers. November Numbers is dedicated to promoting a love of Math. We celebrated the number of the day by reading a Math story and then doing an exciting numerical activity to go along with the book. We will continue reading more Math stories until we have completed all 30 numbers.

After reading the story Benny's Pennies, the students came up with different ways to sort our pennies. Some of the ways we sorted the pennies included: heads or tails, American or Canadian, and shiny or not shiny. Next we filled in our ten frame page and counted to see how many pennies we had. We counted by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s to 100!



Zoe



Gr 1
classroom



Kindergarten - Grade 1



The Grade 1 students had an opportunity to design and build a shelter as part of their Science unit. Their shelters had to be made using a variety of materials, it had to withstand a cold Manitoba winter, it needed to be visually appealing, and it had to involve all of the five senses so that their shelter would be more comfortable and cozy for their animals. After presenting their shelters to the class, the students also got to share their projects with the 4/5 class.



Kinsley

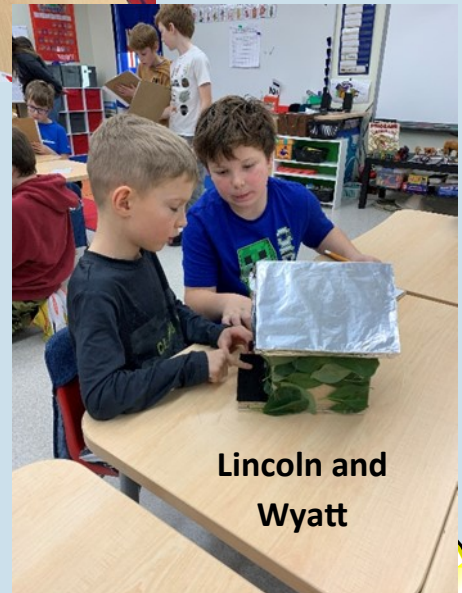
**Lucas,
Kenna
and
Chase**



Fallyn



**Adree
And
Emma**



**Lincoln and
Wyatt**





Grade 4/5



Our class has been learning about Habitats and Communities in science this term. They have conducted research to identify various carnivores, omnivores, and herbivores. We have discussed different predator and prey combinations. Students have learned about physical adaptations that animals take on in order to survive within their environment. Near the end of the month, students engaged in the design cycle to create a habitat of their choice!



Adree and Kenana designing animals for their habitats.



Kylie and Kaycie working on their designs



Jase's completed mountain habitat



Mason's completed ocean habitat.





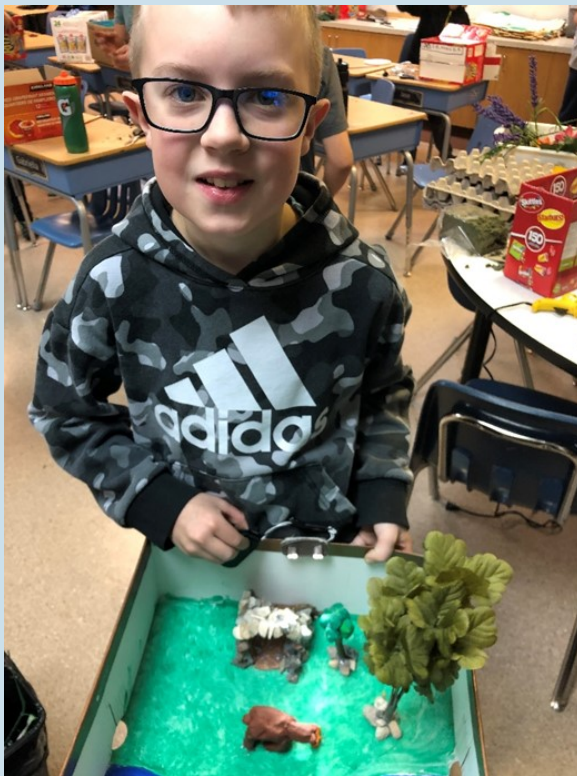
Grade 4/5



Jacob's completed ocean habitat.



Chase's completed forest habitat.



Deacon's completed forest habitat.



Morley's completed forest habitat.





Grade 4/5



Wyatt's completed swamp habitat.



Clark's completed mountain habitat.



Eric's completed swamp habitat.



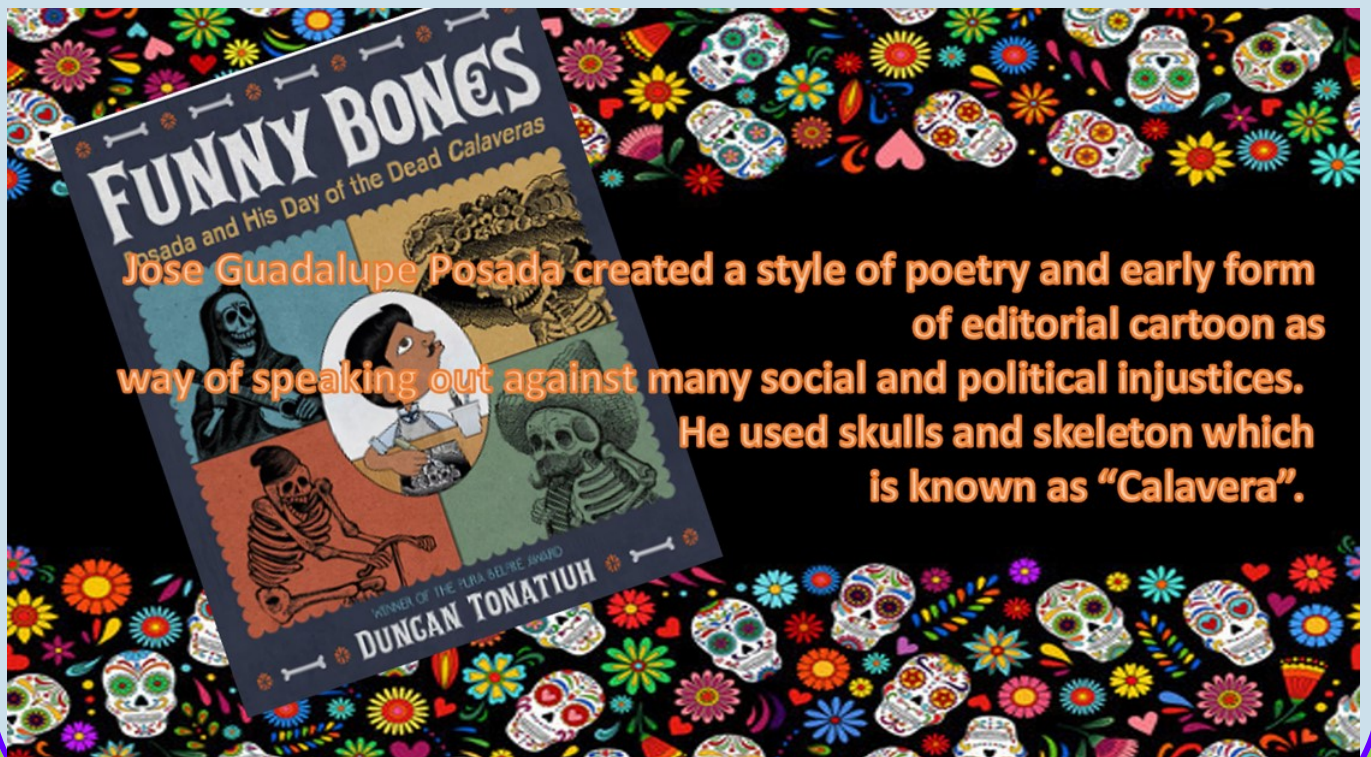
Gabriella's completed grassland habitat.



Grade 7/8



Grade 7/8



Jose Guadalupe Posada created a style of poetry and early form of editorial cartoon as way of speaking out against many social and political injustices. He used skulls and skeleton which is known as "Calavera".

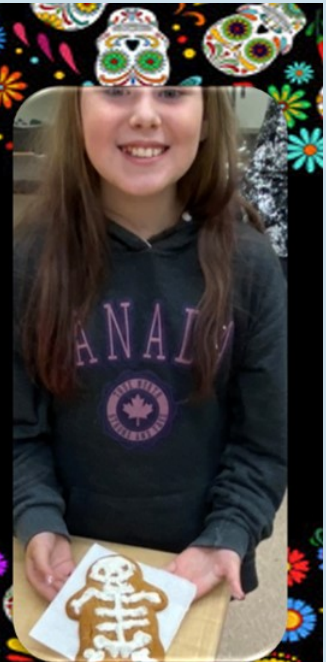


Grade 7/8



Extension Activities:

- Facts About Day of the Dead
- Calavera Cookies
- Day of the Dead Paper Mache Mask
- Story behind our Name





Girl's Volleyball



The girl's volleyball teams have had a great season this year. In Divisionals, both teams played well and had a great day. The Grade 7/8 girls team won third place! Great work girls and thanks for an awesome season!



Season's Greetings

Outside Activity Breaks

Students will have outdoor recess when temperature is -25°C or a 15 minute short recess when temperatures are between -25 to -29°C .

Indoor recess is at -30°C or colder.

These are Environment Canada and divisional policy guidelines for schools.

Remember to dress for the weather!



Cancellations Due to Extreme Cold

Schools will be closed, and no buses will be running, if the temperature is -40°C or colder and/or the windchill is -45°C or colder at 6:00am.

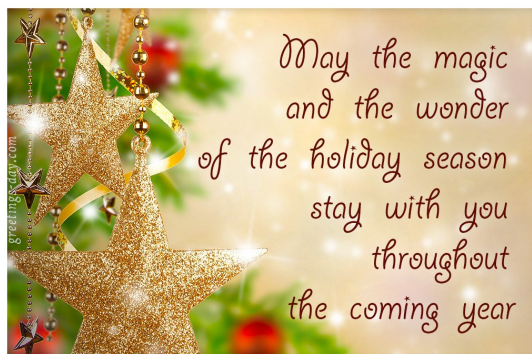
In the event of a cancellation, families will receive an automated phone message from Interlake School Division. If you have changed your contact numbers, please inform the office so that you will receive the automated messages.

Also, please listen to the radio, check the divisional website, or check twitter for cancellation information.



Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, enjoy time with family and friends.

From the Balmoral Staff



May the magic and the wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year