



# Balmoral Bugle

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## Dates To Remember:

### "I Love to Read Month"

- Feb. 01 - Wear your Pjamas
- Feb. 02 - Groundhog Day
- Feb. 02 - No School-  
Inservice Day
- Feb. 07 - Wear a Jersey
- Feb. 08 - Wear your Pajamas
- Feb. 09 - K/1 Vision Screening
- Feb. 09 - Hot lunch orders due
- Feb. 09 - Friday **Skating**
- Feb. 13 - Dress like a Coach or Referee ♥
- Feb. 14 - Classroom Valentine Celebrations ♣  
- Wear Red and Pink
- Feb. 15 - Canada Flag Day  
- PAC Hot Lunch  
- Wear your Pajamas
- Feb. 16 - Friday **Skating**
- Feb. 19 - Louis Riel Day-  
No School-Family Day
- Feb. 20 - Dress like a Snowman
- Feb. 20 - 100th Day ♥
- Feb. 21 - Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 22 - Progress Conversations
- Feb. 22 - Wear your Pajamas
- Feb. 23 - Friday **Skating**
- Feb. 28 - Hat Trick Day-Wear a hat
- Feb. 29- Wear your Pajamas Leap Year!

### Looking Ahead:

- Mar. 01 - Friday **Skating**
- Mar. 04 - No School, Inservice
- Mar. 08 - Friday **Skating**
- Mar. 10 - Spring Forward
- Mar. 14 - Bookmobile
- Mar. 15 - Friday **Skating**
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day ♣
- Mar. 20 - PAC meeting 6:00
- Mar. 22- Term 2 Reports go home for K-8
- Mar. 22 - Last day of classes

March 23-March 31 - Spring Break

April 01, Day 5 Classes Resume For Grade 1-8

April 02, Day 6, Kindergarten resumes

February 2024



### Principal's Message:

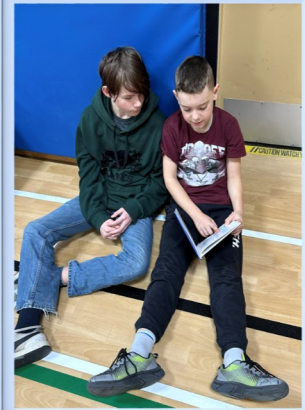
#### Happy February!

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 theme of "Winter Sports" for I love to read month!



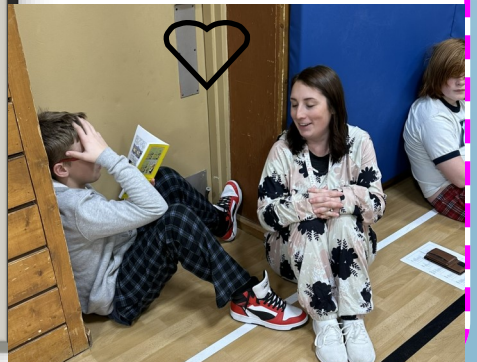
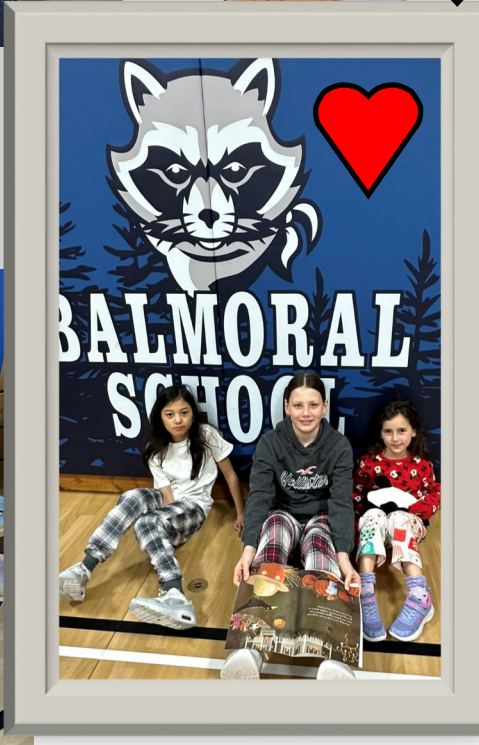
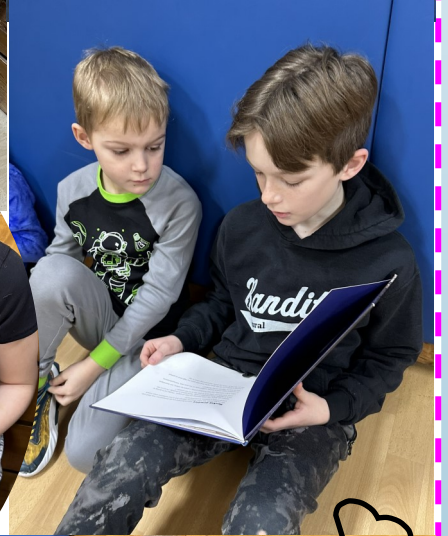
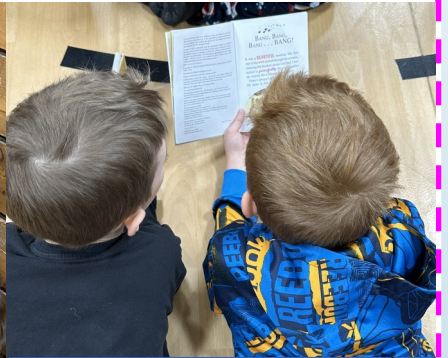
Progress Conversations will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024. These appointments will be open to all but there will be teacher requests sent home.

Thanks,  
Mark Lawson  
School Principal





On February 1 we share the love of reading !





February is **I Love To Read Month**. Our theme this year is "Winter Sports."

As a part of **I Love to Read Month** the students will be able to participate in a variety of activities. Our theme is Winter Sports, and hockey puck 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

Feb.  
1,8,15,22,29

On Thursday's in February it will be Pyjamas Days

Feb. 07 Day 4 Wear a sport jersey.



Feb. 13 Day 2 Dress like a coach or referee!



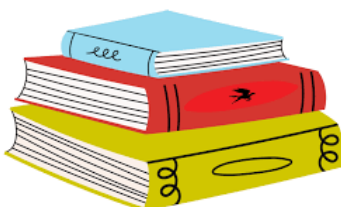
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Wear red and pink



Feb. 20 Day 6 Dress like a snowman



Feb. 28 Day 3 Hat Trick Day!





## Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off

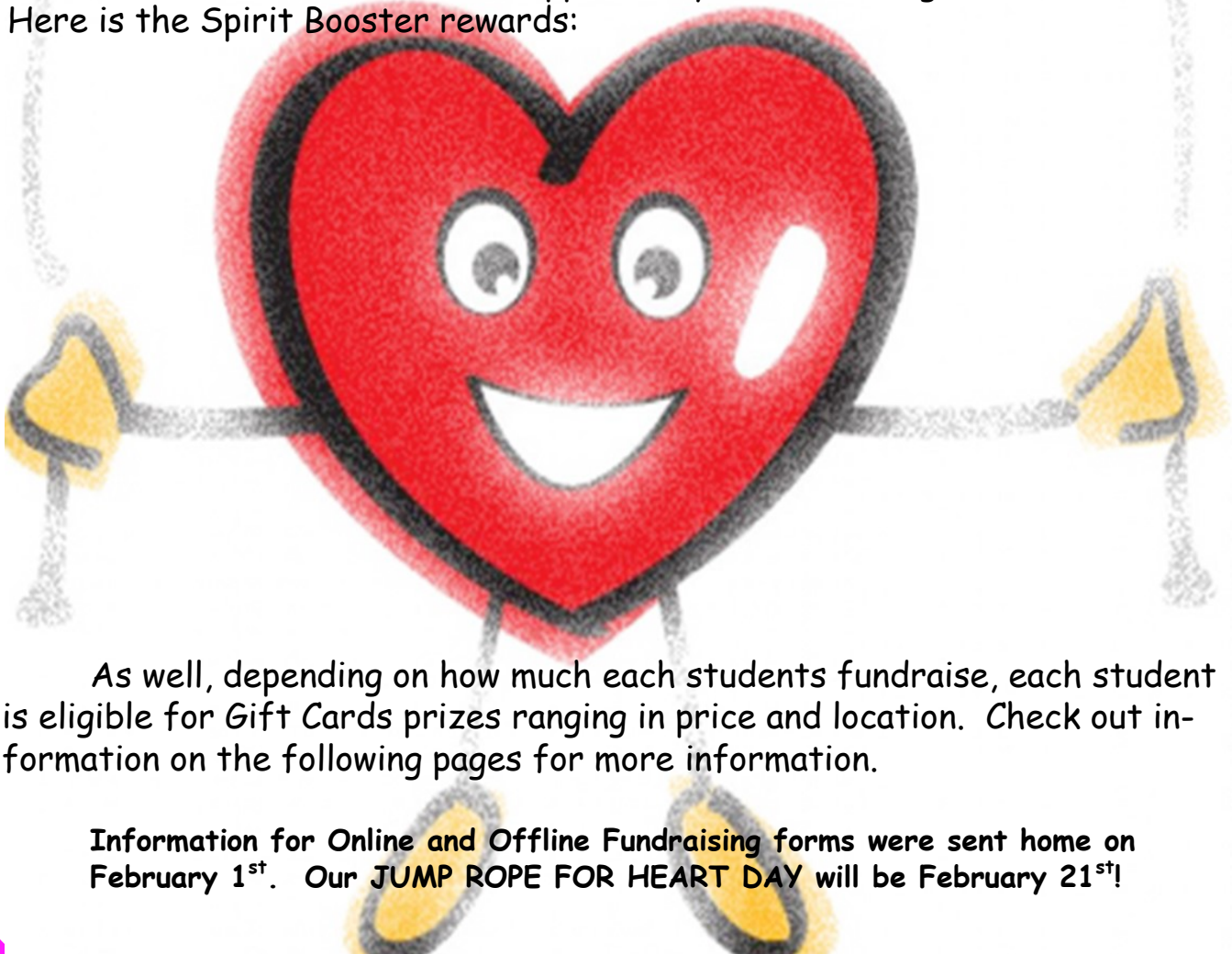
Are you ready to get your hearts pumping and make a difference?  
We've

got some exciting news to kickstart the day! Our school has officially kicked off Jump Rope for Heart and our fundraising goal is \$2000.00!

Every donation, no matter the size, helps us reach our goal to help beat heart disease and stroke.

Students are instructed to ask an adult at home to help them register on the Jump Rope for Heart website. It's a fun way to raise money for a great cause. If students don't want to do online fundraising, offline fundraising is available as well.

This year, we will be having Spirit Booster Targets for the students to strive towards and will have the opportunity to see some great rewards. Here is the Spirit Booster rewards:



As well, depending on how much each students fundraise, each student is eligible for Gift Cards prizes ranging in price and location. Check out information on the following pages for more information.

Information for Online and Offline Fundraising forms were sent home on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Our JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DAY will be February 21<sup>st</sup>!



# Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff

These students are the first winners in the Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off!



## Spirit Booster

Level 1 - \$ 200 - Hat Day

Level 2 - \$ 400 - PJ Day

Level 3 - \$ 600 - Mrs. Loehmer & Mrs. Rody Three Legged Race @ Recess

Level 4 - \$ 800 - Movie in the Gym

Level 5 - \$ 1000 - Mr. McLean & Mrs. Poirier Pie to the Face

Level 6 - \$ 1500 - Mrs. Hyde & Mrs. Richardson - Ice Cold Faceoff

Level 7 - \$ 2000 - Principal for the Day! & Shaved Ice Treat for School!





## Kindergarten-Grade 1 News:

The Grade 1s had the opportunity to visit a real pony at school, which worked out perfectly as it fit in nicely with our Science unit. We have been talking about different animal groups and creating the life cycles on these animals. We learned that snakes are reptiles, chickens are birds, frogs are amphibians, ladybugs are insects, and horses are mammals.

Mrs. J. Margetts gave us some information about ponies and then the students got to have a short ride.

Mrs. Jaime Margetts with their pony named Champ.



**Mrs. B. Margetts helping with Champ while Fallyn, Kaycie, Lex, Kinsley and Emma take a ride.**



## Kindergarten-Grade 1 Skating

The Grade K's and Grade 1's have had a skate day already. Here are some of the students enjoying time on the ice.



Lucas



Nolan



Emma



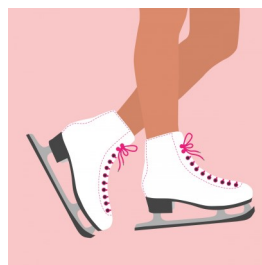
Isla



Xavier

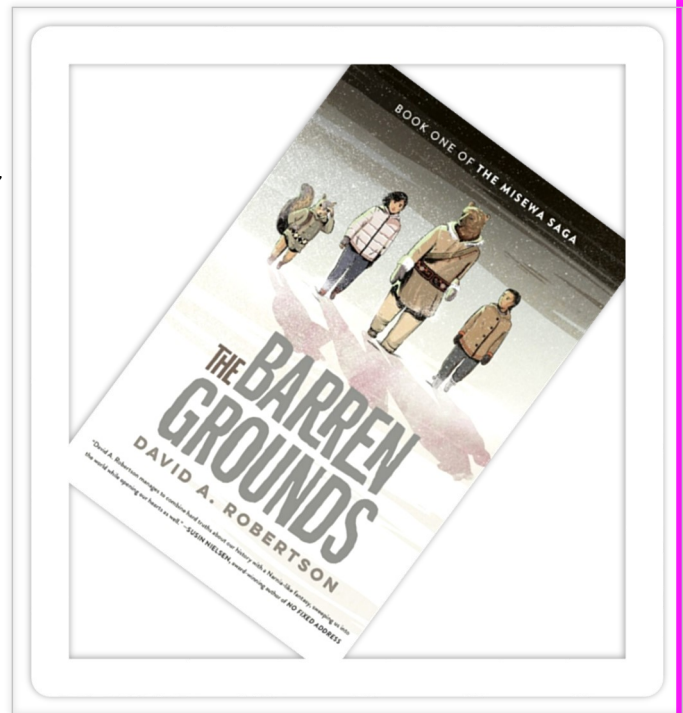


Lex

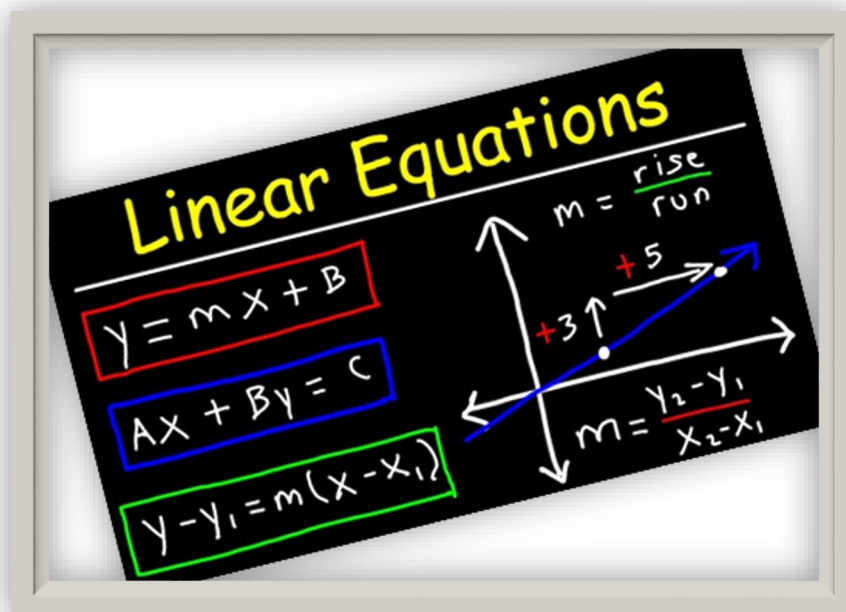


**ELA:**

It has been a busy few month's in the Grade 7 & 8 classroom! We recently completed the Novel Study based on the book by Winnipeg Author David A Robinson called "The Barren Ground". The students enjoyed the book and it allowed us to explore many indigenous themes and make connections to characters as they struggle to deal with a changing world and complex challenges that they must overcome.

**Math:**

As we continue to tackle new challenges in Math, we are ready to celebrate our success in completing a fun but challenging unit involving linear relations and solving equation with unknown values. The students have been using manipulatives and games as well to build their knowledge.







### Social Studies:

The students have transitioned from physical geography, to now examining the human elements of our society. We are now looking at how the world's rich resources are shared in the world and we look into the question why the resources are not shared equally. We are participating in a very interesting and fun experiences involving many different resources!



### Physical Education & Health

As we move from Volleyball season, we bounce right to Basketball, Badminton and Curling season. This will be a busy month with classes focused on learning the rules, skills and strategy of each sport. As well, we hope to take advantage of the nice weather and get outside and hit the cross-country ski trails and snow shoes as well.

In health classes we have been looking towards to the future, and seeing what skills we need to be successful in our future careers. Students have also completed and submitted entries into the Review and Rate Anti Smoking and Vaping contest. The students hope to spread this message with their input to what they see as the most effective commercial to reach youth's throughout Manito-





## Boys Volleyball- A Great Season!

At the beginning of December, the Balmoral Boys volleyball team concluded their season with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place round robin finish in the ISD Divisional Volleyball Tournament. The boys played great throughout the season with many wins and very close games. Improvements were made by all and it was a great season! Congratulations to all boys!

Mr. McLean





**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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. A document providing proof of age and residence is required.



### Lifetouch Grad Picture Day for 2024 TBA

- Prior to photo day, students take home an order envelope that lets families order a personal copy of the "Class of 2024" 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.

### HELP US REDUCE AND REUSE PLASTIC CUPS AND PLASTIC CUTLERY

We have many students that do not come to school with their cutlery or water bottles. On occasion they may forget and we are happy to supply cutlery to them. However, it seems the same students come to school with no cutlery. We ask that they keep the plastic spoon or fork in their lunch kits as spares. We ask you to reinforce this at home so that we may reduce the waste that this causes and the cost. Thanking you in advance.

### 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.





## HOW DO I HELP MY CHILD WITH... LEARNING SOUNDS



### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Knowing letter sounds is crucial for reading and spelling success. Without knowing letter sounds automatically, children will struggle in all areas of reading.

### WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG?

You may find yourself feeling frustrated because it is taking so long to learn sounds: trust me, I know it can feel defeating. But did you know that it takes hundreds of exposures to a letter before the sound sticks? Some children may pick up on it quickly, but it is not out of the ordinary for it to take many, many, exposures before your child remembers their sounds.

### B DOES NOT SAY BUH!

When we discuss letter sounds, it can be natural to say things like b says "buh" and f says "fuh." The truth is, though, that saying "uh" with a sound is actually adding an additional sound. Try to "clip" your sounds--pay attention that when you are speaking, you're not adding the "uh" sound to the end!

### WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN I DO?

Tips for learning letter sounds:

1. Teach the name and the sound at the same time--they do not have to know all of their letter names before they learn their sounds. For example, teach children that the name is f and the sound it represents is /f/.
2. Practice multiple times in the day, but in short chunks. You can keep letters on the refrigerator and point out a few letters multiple times a day. (Think 1 minute!)
3. Play games! There are so many prepackaged games out there, but you can also easily make your own. I take blank notecards and write letters on them. I put them facedown and ask my daughter to find matching pairs.
4. Teach proper letter formation from the start. Use lined paper that has a dotted midline. The smaller the lines, the harder it is to form the letters.