



Balmoral Bugle

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October 2024

Dates To Remember:

- Oct. 02 - Cross Country Exhibition Meet
2:30 Quarry Park
- Oct. 08 - Divisional Cross Country
Green Acres Park in Teulon
- Oct. 10 - Lifetouch Picture Day 9 a.m.
- Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving **No School**
- Oct. 21-25 - Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 21- Bus Evacuation drill 9:15 am
- Oct. 24 - Progress Conversations
- Oct. 24 - BOOK FAIR
- Oct. 25 - PD Day **No School**
- Oct. 31 - Classroom Activities
Happy Halloween

Looking Ahead

- Nov. 07 - Remembrance day Service
9:30 am in the gym
- Nov. 08 - PD Day No School
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day No School
- Nov. ?? - Divisional Volleyball
Girls-WCI Boys-SCC



Principal's Message:

Happy October!

September has just disappeared. Thank you to everyone who came out for the Open House on September 4th/24. The Terry Fox Run is always a great event and the weather held out for our run. Students have been in a running club and practicing up for Cross Country Divisionals on October 8th. We look forward to Progress Conversation's coming up on October 24th. Happy Thanksgiving to all our Balmoral families.

STAFF LISTING 2024-2025

Kindergarten/Grade 1	Mrs. D. Buchan
Grade two/three	Mrs. A. Hyde
Grade four/five	Mrs. D. Rody-Mrs. K. Miller
Grade six/seven	Mrs. H. Tuckett
Grade seven/eight	Mr. C. McLean
Early Literacy Support	Mrs. T. Procter
Guidance	Mrs. D. Rody
Grade 4-6 Art	Mrs. D. Rody
Grade 6-8 Art	Mrs. H. Tuckett
Band	Mr. D. Horbas
Music	Ms. V. Moldowan
Sewing	Mrs. D. Rody
Graphic Communications	Mr. C. McLean
Principal	Mr. M. Lawson
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. K. Kelpin
Custodian	Mr. J. Gear
Library Clerk	Mrs. A. Bruce
Educational Assistant	Mrs. C. Kaegi, Mrs. K. Kachur
Educational Assistant	Mrs. D. Prochner, Mrs. J. Margetts



Guidelines for Cell Phone Use

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On August 15, 2024, Manitoba Education and Early Childhood Learning Minister, Nello Altomare, informed all Manitoba School Divisions to review and revise their administrative procedures to include clear guidelines for cell phone use in Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools.

We believe that ISD students have the right to learn in environments with limited distractions and where the potentially harmful impacts of cell phones and other personal devices are minimized.

In alignment with provincial guidelines and our responsibility for fostering safe, caring, respectful and inclusive schools, ISD will be implementing consistent expectations for student use of cell phones and other personal devices across all schools:

Kindergarten to Grade 8:

1. Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during school hours, including breaks and lunch.
2. Students requiring a cell phone or other personal device during school hours for specific educational or medical needs, outlined in a Student-Specific Plan, will be granted access by the school Principal as necessary.

Grade 9 to Grade 12:

1. Students are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during class time.
2. Students are permitted to use cell phones or other personal devices during break times and lunch.
3. Students requiring a cell phone or other personal devices during school hours for specific educational or medical needs, outlined in a Student-Specific Plan, will be granted access by the school Principal as necessary.

Please contact your child's school for further information on expectations for cell phone use in their school as the new school year begins.





Terry Fox Run September 20, 2024

On Friday, Sept. 20th, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 headed out to the playground to participate in our annual Terry Fox Run. It was fantastic to have all of the students run together as they completed laps around the course. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or participated in this event!





Terry Fox Run September 20, 2024





Terry Fox Run





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Grade 7-8

Orange Shirt Day September 26, 2024





Kindergarten-Grade 1 news:

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go to Mexico! The K/1 class was very excited to learn about Monarch Butterflies. We had the opportunity to watch them emerge from their chrysalis stage into beautiful butterflies. Next, we cheered them on as they began their journey of flying all the way to Mexico for the winter. To celebrate this exciting event, the students got to decorate their very own Monarch Butterfly cookies. Thanks to Mrs. Meads for baking the cookies and helping the students to decorate them. Not only did they look amazing, but they were delicious!



Gracie



Charlotte



Ollie



Arthur



Ava



Jake



Kindergarten-Grade 1 news:



Isle



River



Kenslie

Grade 4-5 news:

Mrs. Margett's has come back to do another year of "What's in my Pocket?" with our class! This is an inquiry activity where students listen to 10 clues to try to solve what Mrs. Margetts has in her pocket. Students complete a craft based on the item and create their own inquiry question that they then research to find an answer to. For the first activity, Mrs. Margetts had bark from a cinnamon tree in her pocket!



Mrs. Margetts discussing differences in tree barks



Grade 4-5 news continued:

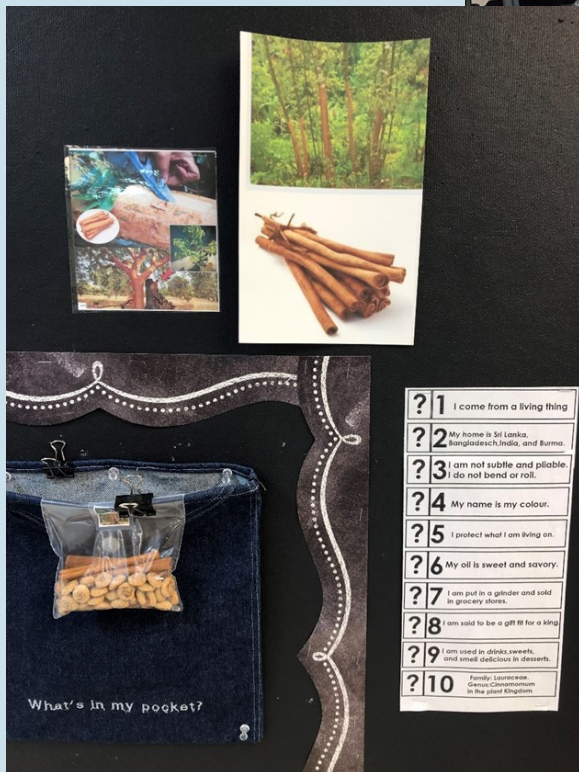
The crafts students created.



A piece of cinnamon tree bark.



Mrs. Margetts reveals what was in her pocket.



Pictures of cinnamon trees, and the bark rolled into cinnamon rolls.

The ten clues students used to try to solve what was in the pocket.

A cinnamon treat students got to enjoy!



Grade 7-8 news:

The grade 7 & 8 class have been exploring the story of The Secret Path. It is a story about Chanie Wenjack, a twelve-year-old Anishinaabe boy from Ontario, who tried to escape the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School in 1966. He ran from the school, trying to make it home through chilly October nights, not knowing that his home was over 600 km away. He walked along the railway track for over 36 hours in negative six degree weather, before unfortunately passing away from exposure and hunger trying to return to his family.

The students explored this story through a graphic novel & video created by Canadian Gord Downie of the Tragically Hip. Gord Downie began the Secret Path as ten poems incited by the story of Chanie. The poems eventually became songs, which then become an illustrated graphic novel and video to bring Chanie story to the Canadian public.

After each song, the students discussed the lyrics and created a broken poem based on a selection of songs throughout the story. Broken poems use single lines or words from a collection of material to create a unique piece of work. The students discussed the theme, mood, and setting in both the song and graphic novel. The students collected all of this information and created completed pieces with the use of charcoal and pastels.

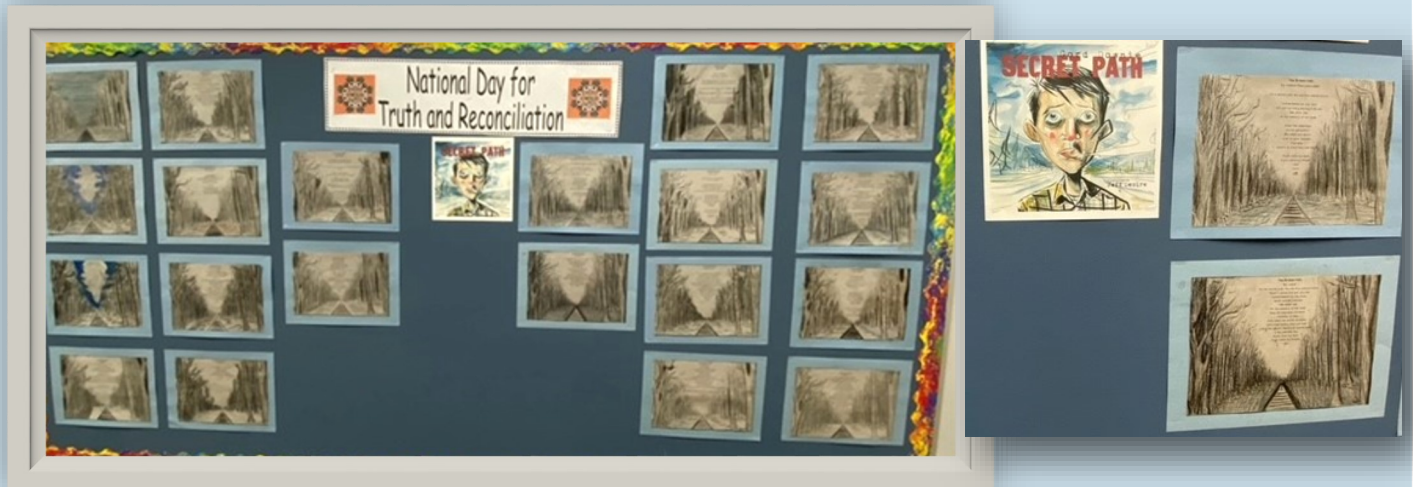
We wanted to share the students' poems and display their hard work this week.

Great Job by all Students!

Thank You
Mr. McLean



Grade 7-8 news continued:



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Parents: All purchases benefit our school!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
scholastic.ca/bookfairs
*All prices include applicable taxes.

Easy tax-inclusive pricing!

COLOUR ME!

NEW IN SERIES! THE BABY-SITTERS CLUB
Graphic Novel, Gr. 4+ \$17.75

NEW IN SERIES! THE PIGEON HAS to Go to School!
Picture Book, Gr. PreK-2 \$10.50

NEW IN SERIES! THE ESSENTIAL TAYLOR SWIFT
Reference, Gr. 2+ \$13.50

NEW IN SERIES! DOG MAN: THE GREAT ESCAPE
Graphic Novel, Gr. 2+ \$20.00

NEW IN SERIES! THE COOL BEAN MAKES A SPLASH
Reader, Gr. K-2 \$7.50

A BOOK for Every READER!
LOU \$5.00
The UnderBODS \$3.00
Find more titles \$10 and under at the Fair!

NEW IN SERIES! HOCKEY SUPERSTARS
Reference, Gr. 2+ \$10.50

NEW IN SERIES! CABBIE'S BIRTHDAY Surprise
Picture Book, Gr. PreK-2 \$8.25

NEW IN SERIES! THE BAD GUYS
Comic Chapter Book, Gr. 2-5 \$9.25

Take a Sneak Peek
Get psyched for the Fair when you press play on our book trailers! Grown-ups and kids, scan the QR code to watch together.

schol.ca/all

Let's continue to spread the love of reading! Come join us at our Book Fair. The fair will be open from 9 am to 8 pm on October 24th.

It's a fantastic way to continue to give our students access to the books they want to read. All purchases earn Rewards for the school to purchase Education Resources for our classrooms and library.





Balmoral School Running Club Upcoming Events



Terry Fox represented the best that Canadians have to offer. He was an example of courage, humility, determination, and perseverance. From a young age he exemplified these attributes that made him an inspiration for not only Canada, but the entire world. Our next generation of students will be the ones to continue Terry's fight towards his dream of a world without cancer. Our school community is inspired by Terry Fox and has started a running club. Practices will happen over the lunch hour (weather permitting) and dates will be announced on the morning announcements. Mrs. Procter, Mrs. Miller, Mrs.

Margetts and Mrs. Kaegi will supervise practices.

Dates to remember:

- School wide Terry Fox run on Friday, September 20.
- October our older runners will participate in the Divisional Cross-Country meet on October 2 with Mrs. Miller.
- Throughout the month of October, our younger students will log their miles to see if we can run 100km for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

If you have any questions, please email me at tprocter@isd21.mb.ca or call me at (204) 467-2501.

Take care,

Tracy Procter

Learning Support Teacher



Reminders For All Families!

Water Bottles: Please send a water bottle to school with your child. There are water fountains available for use, but many students also like having water at their desks.

Cutlery: Please send cutlery in students lunches. We do have some available for emergencies.

Warm Clothing: The weather is changing. We ask that you please send your child with proper outdoor clothing. They have two outdoor breaks so extra socks, gloves, and dressing in layers would be beneficial. **All students will be going out for recess!** Fresh air and outdoor exercise is great for keeping folks alert and ready to learn.



Progress Conversations

On Thursday, October 24, 2024 you will be invited to Progress Conversations with Balmoral School staff. This gives students, parents and teachers an opportunity to talk about the learning that takes place. The conference will be about 10 minutes and the purpose is to support learning by talking about strengths and areas of progress, discuss work samples and to do some goal setting. We look forward to seeing all the parents/guardians.

Balmoral Parent Advisory Council-PAC

2024-2025

President: Rebekka Stemp

Treasurer: Laura Kirby

Secretary: Jennifer Obsniuk

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator: Cindy Schaeffer

The next PAC meeting will be on:

Wednesday, November 20th at 6 p.m.

In person or virtually (watch for an emailed MS Teams link!)



Would you like to volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer at Balmoral School, to drive students to sporting events, attend field trips, or classroom help you will need to have a criminal record check and a child abuse registry check done along with some internal paperwork and a on-line respect in schools program.

Keep in mind the paperwork for the child abuse registry check takes approximately 2-3 weeks to get it approved.

Once the paperwork is completed it is good for the time your child is at Balmoral School.

Please contact the office or drop in to pick up a volunteer package. Thank you.

Mrs. K. Kelpin

Lifetouch Picture Day
October 10th at 9 a.m.



NOTE: Lifetouch will not do picture retakes if it is under a certain number of students.

PAC HOT LUNCH

On Thursday, September 20th we had our first hot lunch organized by Mrs. Schaeffer and her helpers. Students and staff enjoyed their food from the KILN. It was delicious!

We look forward to our next hot lunch.





Christmas Silent Auction

In the past years Balmoral School has done a silent auction during December and on the evening of the Christmas concert. We do sell tickets at the concert. The draw is made the last day of school which is December 20th.

Last year we did not have an auction and I heard that it was missed. We plan on doing it again this year!

To make this a success and fun for the students and families we ask for donations. This can be anything new to donate. There is no theme. We will gladly accept anything bought or hand made. There are a lot of crafty parents and grandparents in our community. These donations do not need to be wrapped. More information will come out in the November newsletter about the deadline for donations.

I thought I would just let you know now so items could be purchased on sale if you were thinking of donating.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs. Kelpin

