

# Balmoral Bugle

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## Dates To Remember:

- Dec. 5 - Grade 5/6 Volleyball Jamboree  
Location TBD
- Dec. 9 - Muffin Snack
- Dec. 10 - Bookmobile drop off
- Dec. 13 - Term 1-Report Cards Go Home
- Dec. 17 - Christmas Concert
  - Matinee at 2:15 pm
  - Evening at 7:00 pm
- Dec. 19- PAC Turkey Dinner 12:00
- Dec. 20 - Last Day of School
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 05 - Winter Break

## Looking ahead:

- Jan. 06 - First Day Back Gr 1-8 (Day 6)
- Jan. 15 - PAC Meeting 6 p.m.



## Silent Auction

Balmoral School is having a Silent Auction to help offset costs of the concert production. We ask for donations to help make this event a big success. Donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you Mrs. Kelpin

## Principal's Message:

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.

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

Student on the leadership team came up with these ideas



## Spirit Week

<b>Festive Monday</b>	Dec. 16	Wear favourite holiday sweaters
Tuesday	Dec. 17	<b>Decorate the classroom door</b> Wear nice clothes for the concert.
Wednesday	Dec. 18	<b>Coo Coo Christmas</b> – wear your craziest socks and hair.
Thursday	Dec. 19	Long winter naps– come to school in your <b>coziest sleepwear!</b>
Friday	Dec. 20	<b>Winter Wonderland</b> -wear hats, mittens, scarfs, etc.



# GO BOMBERS GO!

On November 15, 2024 students wore Blue to help cheer on the Winnipeg Blue Bombers playing in the 111 Grey Cup Championship game on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Even though the Bombers didn't win the Grey Cup we had fun showing our support and hopefully winning a Pizza lunch in December for submitting a photo.



Mr. McLean "sporting" his Bomber gear!



## Bluey

On November 15 which was Bombers Blue day, our class practiced some directed drawing of Bluey characters! We watched Bluey and read a book about her and her family!

## Grade 2/3 Classroom

With Christmas just around the corner, the K/1 class is busy decorating and making Christmas crafts. To get into the spirit of our concert, we made some yummy candy canes.



## Balmoral Parent Advisory Council

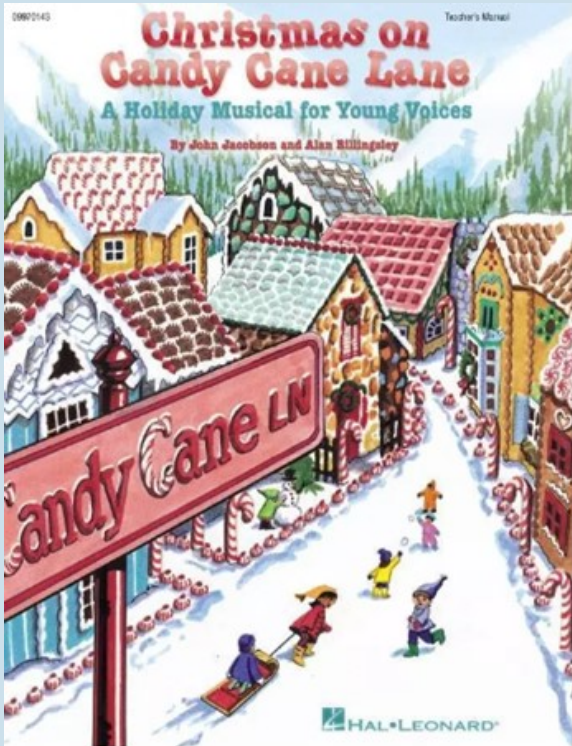
The next Balmoral Parent Advisory Council meeting is on **January 15, 2025 at 6 pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

The total hasn't been confirmed yet on the Family Food Gift Cards but Mrs. Kirby can confirm that sales exceeded last years... a big thank you for the overwhelming support!

Win front row seats to the evening concert! Raffle tickets went home so be sure to enter the draw.

Balmoral Christmas dinner-there is still time to volunteer or donate to the annual Christmas dinner.

## BALMORAL'S CONCERT



This year's concert is called  
 "Christmas on Candy Cane Lane".  
 Matinee performance is at 2:15  
 Evening performance is 7:00  
 Parents and grandparents are  
 welcome to attend either  
 performance.

## Hot Lunch Volunteers Nov. 15/24



On November 15 this group of parents came in and used the life skills room to prepare the taco in a bag hot lunch.

We would like to take this time to thank Balmoral PAC and the hot lunch committee for providing Balmoral School with some hot lunches and snack days during the course of the year.

I know the students love it and so does the staff! It is something to look forward to!

From left to right: Melissa McRae, Robin Yates, Amanda Maynes, Joanne Reimer, Cindy Schaeffer (hot lunch co-ordinator) and Kaitlyn Peters.



# Remembrance Day Service 2024



Parents, Grandparents and guests gather to remember.



The band played directed by Mr. Horbas.



Our guest speaker was Sailor First Class George Gibson



Keinan Herbert  
S1 George Gibson



Mr. Lawson with Cadet Keinan Herbert



# Remember the Fallen-Mr. Mclean & Mrs. Tuckett

## Grade 6 to 8 Vimy Ridge Remembrance Day Project

As November 11th approached, the Grade 6 to 8 classes were busy researching and creating art pieces to honor the sacrifices of so many Canadian soldiers who fought through various conflicts around the world.

Students learned about the Battle of Vimy Ridge and how Canadian soldiers achieved victory in this pivotal battle, alongside the many lives that were lost. To commemorate this knowledge, students used oak leaves to create a silhouette of the fallen soldiers. Many may not know that the area around Vimy Ridge was lined with oak trees.

This knowledge of the oak trees led our class to another important story: the story of the Vimy Oaks. After the battle at Vimy, Lieutenant Leslie Miller from Scarborough, Ontario, serving with the Canadian Expeditionary Force, gathered a handful of acorns from a partially buried English oak on the ridge. He sent the acorns home to his family with instructions to plant them. In 1919, Lieutenant Miller returned to Canada, received a 25-acre section of his father's Scarborough farm, and transplanted the oaks along the border of his woodlot. He named his farm "The Vimy Oaks." Today, a number of these majestic oaks are thriving in the same spot.

In January 2014, a group of volunteers formed a non-profit organization with the goal of repatriating offspring of these descendant oaks back to Vimy Ridge, where the original oak trees had all been destroyed during the First World War. These saplings will be planted in the Vimy Foundation Centennial Park.

The story inspired us to create an informational pamphlet about Vimy Ridge and the significance of the Vimy Ridge Centennial Park. The students did an excellent job.

**Lest  
we  
forget**



# Speed Stack Day!



On Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, Balmoral School participated in the annual World Stack Up Day. It is our 18<sup>th</sup> year being apart of this fun event. By participating, we are helping the World SpeedStacking Association to break a world record for the most people speedstacking on the same day. We would like to thank Mrs. Tervoort for volunteering and organizing this event!



Left to right

Parker

Colton

Bryer


Jake

Freya




# Grade 1 news:

**M**  
**Medal**



A Treaty **medal** was given to the Chiefs at the time of Treaty signing.



I would give Kersie a friendship medal because she plays with me.



The Grade 1 class has enjoyed working with the Grade 2/3 class on our Treaty ABC book. We learned that we are all Treaty people. One of our favourite activities was learning that M is for medal. First, we talked about how a medal was given to the Chiefs at the time of the Treaty signing. Next, we thought about the important people in our lives. We wrote about someone that we thought would earn a friendship medal and why they should get one. Finally, the students created their own friendship medals. We are looking forward to finding out what our next letter will teach us as we work our way through the alphabet.



## Grade 7 Coding with Interactive Robots

Over the past few weeks, the students in the Grade 7 Graphic Communications class have been coding and designing different activities using two different tools.

The first tool was the Sphero robot, which can follow commands that the students design using block coding. The students utilized various commands to navigate the Sphero through a complex maze. They had to consider the speed of the Sphero, the friction needed to stop it, and the angles required to steer the Sphero through the numerous turns in the maze. The students enjoyed the challenge, and many were thrilled as they approached the finish line. Great job to everyone!



The second tool we used was Microbits. The Microbit is a computer chip that students can code to create games and conduct various simulations. The students really enjoyed programming these Microbits, and the two most popular designs were the games Rock, Paper, Scissors and Hot Potato. They had to use a variety of commands and different designs on the LED screen to communicate key instructions to their audience. The students challenged themselves and attempted many different activities.



# Kindergarten Registration

Registration took place on November 18, 2023 to November 29/24.

Children who will reach their fifth birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 are eligible to attend Kindergarten in the 2025/2026 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!



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## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - A GREAT SEASON!

As the snow falls, another great volleyball season comes to a close for the Balmoral Bandits Girls Volleyball team. The girls finished the regular season with a record of 5 wins and 1 loss, entering the ISD Triple ball Divisional tournament on November 28th filled with excitement.

During the round-robin phase, the team finished with a 1-1 record. They went on to defeat the Stonewall B team in the quarter-finals. Riding this wave of success, they won a close semi-final match, earning the opportunity to face Stonewall A in the finals. The girls played excellently but fell short, losing 25-23 and 25-20, ultimately finishing 2nd in the division.

Great job to all of the athletes on a very successful season. Thank you to Mrs. Kachur for helping out on the day of the tournament.

Mr. McLean & Mrs. Tuckett



Back Row (LtoR): Rhiannon J, Kardyn R, Brynn W, Kylie B, Addison C, Ava D

Front Row: Sawyer F, Hyara B, Jaylene K, Emily S, Hayden Y

# Season's Greetings

## Outside Activity Breaks

Students will have outdoor recess when temperature is  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  or a 15 minute short recess when temperatures are between  $-25$  to  $-29^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

Indoor recess is at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  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  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or colder and/or the windchill is  $-45^{\circ}\text{C}$  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, for cancellation information.

*Wishing our Balmoral Families  
a very  
Merry Christmas and  
good health and  
happiness in the new  
year. Enjoy time with  
Family and friends.*

*From the  
Balmoral Staff*