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Dates To Remember:

"I Love to Read Month"

- Feb. 02 - Groundhog Day
- Feb. 03 - No School- PD Day
- Feb. 04 - Bookmobile
- Feb. 06 - Wear animal ears
- Feb. 07 - Friday, **Skating**
- Feb. 10 - Hot Lunch
- Feb. 12 - Dress like a favourite pet
- Feb. 14 - Classroom Valentine Celebrations ♥
- Wear Red and Pink
- Feb. 14 - Friday **Skating** ♣
- Feb. 15 - Canada Flag Day
- Feb. 17 - Louis Riel Day- No School-Family Day
- Feb. 19 - Bring in a stuffy
- Feb. 20 - 100th Day
- Feb. 20 - Progress Conversations
- Feb. 20 - Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 21 - Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 21 - Friday **Skating**
- Feb. 21 - Hot Lunch
- Feb. 25 - Bring in a picture of your pet
- Feb. 25 - Bookmobile
- Feb. 27 - Bring in a pet book & wear an animal shirt
- Feb. 28 - Friday **Skating**

Looking Ahead:

- Mar. 03 - No School, PD Day
- Mar. 07 - Grad Picture Day Gr. 8's ✿
- Mar. 09 - Spring Forward
- Mar. 10 - Divisional basketball
- Mar. 11 - Divisional basketball
- Mar. 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 18 - Divisional Curling Bonspiel
- Mar. 19 - PAC meeting 6:00
- Mar. 20 - Basketball Jamboree
- Mar. 28 - Term 2 Reports go home for K-8
- Mar. 28 - Last day of classes
- March 28-April 6 - Spring Break
- April 07, Day 3 Classes Resume For Grade 1-8

February 2025

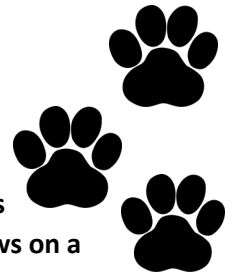


I LOVE TO READ MONTH

Principal's Message:

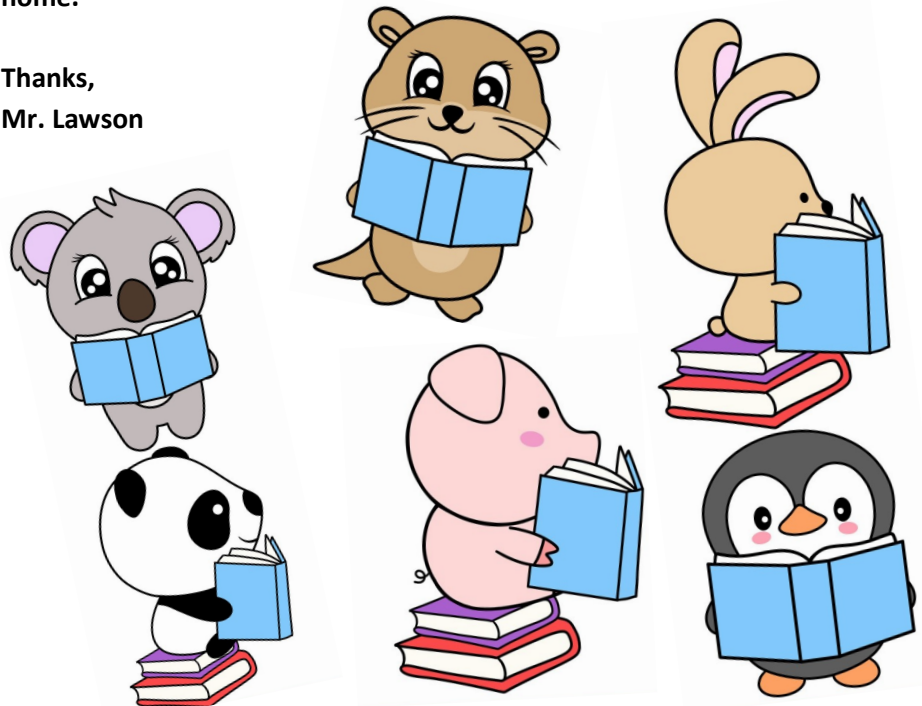
Happy February!

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 "Get your Paws on a Good Book" for I love to read month!



Progress Conversations will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025. These appointments will be open to all but there will be teacher requests sent home.

Thanks,
Mr. Lawson



I Love to Read - "Get Your Paws on a Good Book"



February is **I Love To Read Month**. Our theme this year is "**Get Your Paws on a Good Book**".

During the month of February, our students will be participating in "I Love to Read Month", an entire month dedicated to promoting a love of reading. This year's theme is "**Get your Paws on a Good Book**".

Your child will be encouraged to fill in a book report for every book that they read for their enjoyment during the month of February. There is no limit to how many book reports that they can do, however our goal is to have each student participate.

K-5 students will be given a reading challenge calendar with fun daily activities to complete. Once a week there will be a school activity for the entire school to participate in.

Feb.
6,12,19,25,27



I Love to Read Activities



Feb. 06

Day 4

"H-EARS" to Reading Day

Students may come to school wearing some animal ears. You may want to wear cat or dog ears, or if you are up for a challenge what about elephant ears?



Feb. 12

Day 2

It's "Reading Cats and Dogs Day"

Students may come to school dressed as their favourite kind of pet. Will you be a fish, hamster, rabbit, or a cat or dog?



Feb. 19

Day 6

Sit. Stay. Read Day!

Students may bring a pet stuffy to read to while at school.



Feb. 25

Day 6

"Paws-itively Purr-fect" Pet Picture Day

Students are encouraged to bring a picture of their pet to school. Please be aware that all pictures will be stapled on a bulletin board to share with others. Please print your child's name and grade on the back of the photo.

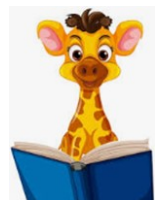


Feb. 27

Day 6

Sniff Out a Good Book Day

Students will bring their favourite animal or pet book to read with a buddy at school. They may also wear a shirt with an animal on it.





Proud Sponsor



Dear parents/guardians,

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – an event that will encourage our students to get active, build healthy habits and give back to our community.

Here are the top reasons why we're participating in Jump Rope for Heart:

1. Money raised by our school helps drive important heart and brain health research that will save lives, prevent heart disease and stroke, and support families living with these conditions.
2. Jump is an inclusive event that ensures all students can move in their own way by jumping, dancing, wheeling and even hula hooping – encouraging students to discover new and exciting ways to get active.
3. Students learn the EASY Healthy Habits that they can use to keep their hearts and brains healthy and help reduce their risk of developing heart disease and stroke later in life.
4. Jump gives back to schools and students! If our school fundraises more than \$1,000, we will receive 5% of our fundraising dollars back to put towards what we need most – or we can donate it back to Heart & Stroke. Students also can earn Thank You gift cards from *Indigo*, *Amazon* or *Walmart* based on their fundraising levels as a heartfelt thank you for their hard work.

Join our school's team to help Heart & Stroke save lives

Register online by clicking on the school page link below or by visiting jumpropedorheart.ca/registration and searching for our school.

To access the EASY Online Challenge, fundraising tips, emails and social templates, visit jumpropedorheart.ca.

Our Jump Event Day is on:

February 20th & 21st

School Page Link:

<https://jumpropedorheart.crowdfunder.ca/81691>



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BANDITS GEAR IS BACK!



Check out our new Bandits Gear at the Balmoral Bandits Gear Online Store. Follow the link below to order:

<https://kcswansoncustomclothing.ca/collections/balmoral-bandits-2025>

- ◆ Samples to Try on Will be Available in Office on February 7th. Store closes on February 28th.
- ◆ Many options to choose from, including youth and adult sizes.
- ◆ Personalization is available as well!





Kindergarten-Grade 1

Skating began January 24, 2025. The K/1 class had a great time skating. Thank you to all of the parents who came out to help us tie skates. We really appreciated the support!



River



Freya



Bryer and Ava



Colton



Kenslie



Kindergarten-Grade 1 Experiments

The K/1 class had so much fun experimenting with colours by trying to make a rainbow. First we coloured the ends of a paper towel using the colours of the rainbow. Then we placed the paper towel in water and waited for the colour to start moving. As the water moved up the paper towel, it carried particles of ink with it. It continued to travel upward until both ends met in the middle to form a rainbow. The students thought it was cool to watch the colours from each side meet and connect.



**Gracie, Luke,
Jameson**



**Ollie, Charlotte
Tenille and Casen**



**Arthur, Max
Ava and Isla**



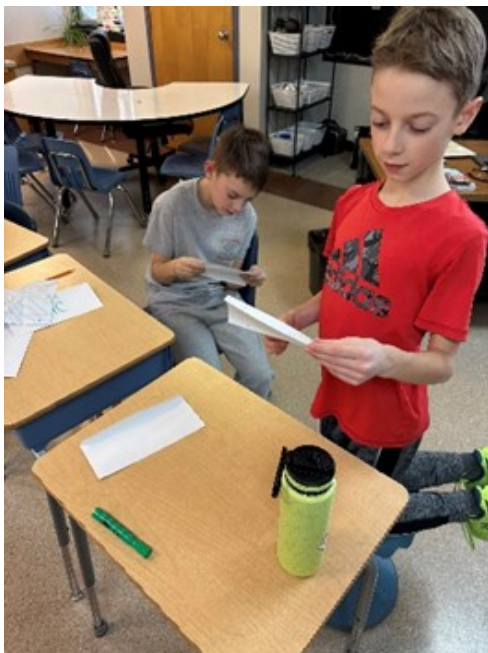


Classroom News Grade 4/5

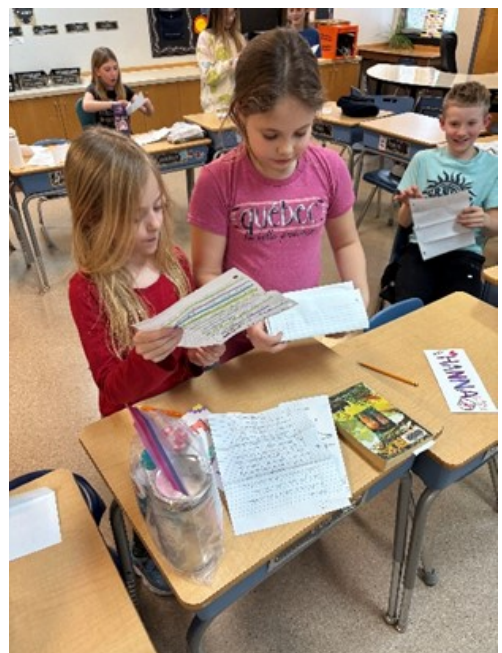
Our classroom has grade 6 pen pals in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia! Through this process, students are learning how to properly structure a letter, how to include interesting details in their writing, and how to ask quality questions to keep the conversation going. In October, we mailed letters over to our pen pals and we recently just received the replies back! Students have learned about the way of life in Nova Scotia and how it varies from our province. They've learned about different wildlife, food, and activities. They've also been able to relate to their pen pals through common pets, sports, and various hobbies. Our class is currently typing up their next batch of replies which will be mailed out soon!



Our class receiving their pen pal letters!



Greyson and Eric reading their letters.

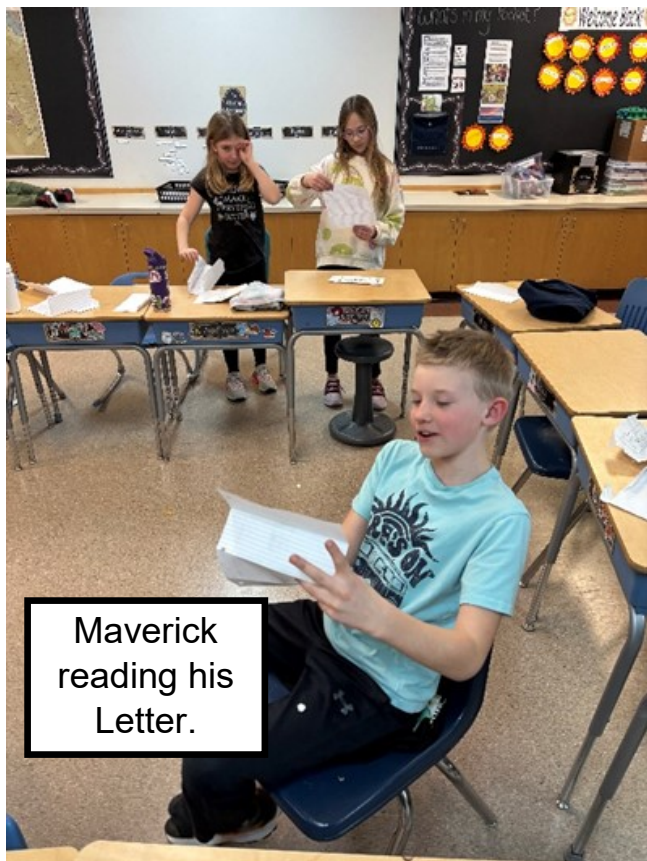


Maiti and Eva sharing their letters.

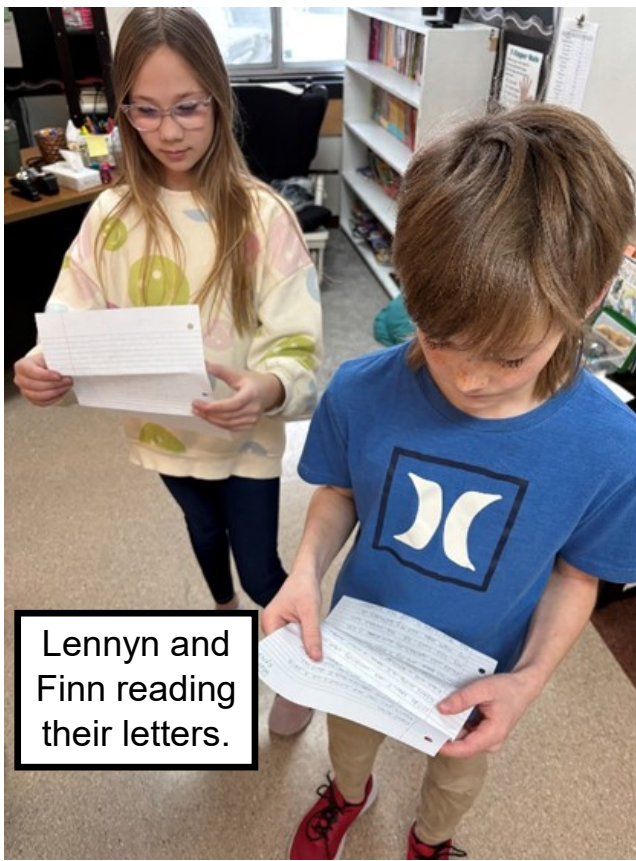




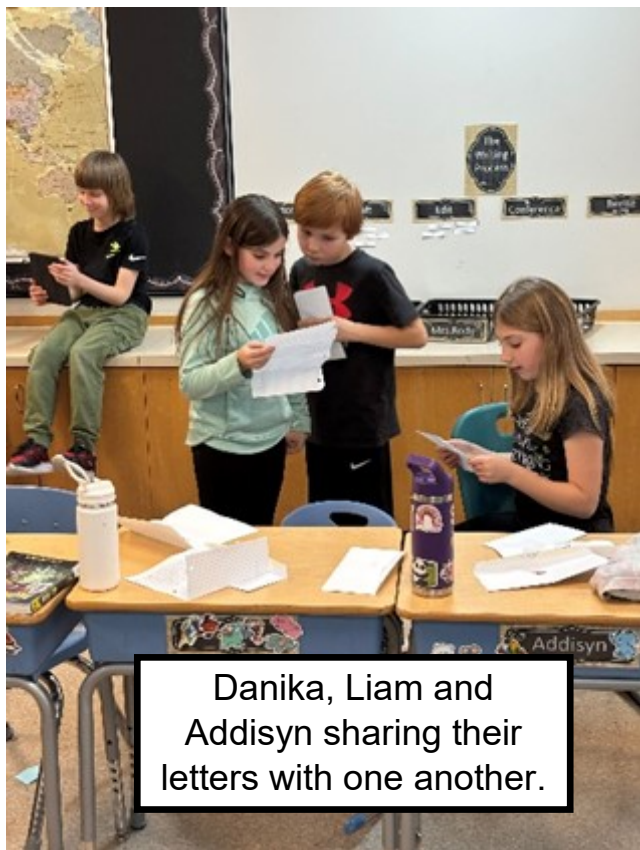
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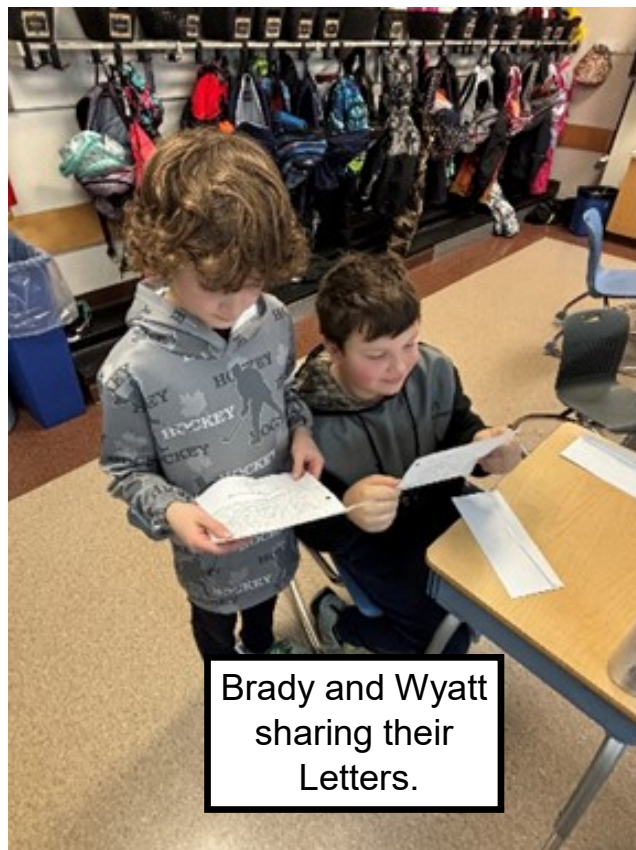
Maverick reading his Letter.



Lennyn and Finn reading their letters.



Danika, Liam and Addisyn sharing their letters with one another.



Brady and Wyatt sharing their Letters.



Animals in War Exploration - ELA Exploration

Over the past month, students in Grades 7 and 8 have been exploring different stories about animals who served or were involved in conflict around the world. These stories range from Sergeant Billy to the role of Pigeons in World War I to the tragic stories of Zoo animals caught up in battle.

The students explored the topics, breaking down the key elements of the story and sharing thoughts and opinions about each. They have also been enjoying a read-aloud story about the true story of Cracker, a service dog in the Vietnam War. The students have worked hard, and their efforts have created some great reports.





Kindergarten Registration for Sept 2025

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 31st, 2025 are eligible to attend Kindergarten. A document providing proof of age and residence is required.



Lifetouch Grad Picture Day

for 2025 March 7th @ 9 a.m.

- Prior to photo day, students take home an order envelope that lets families order a personal copy of the "Class of 2025" 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.
- Retakes are not available for this program.



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.

In the event of a school closure an automated message will be initiated after 6:00 a.m. notifying parents of the closure. **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.



Closure information will also be distributed to local media and posted on the division website and Facebook page.