Balmoral Bugle

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October 2025

Dates To Remember:

Oct. 02 - Cross Country Exhibition Meet
2:30 Quarry Park
Oct. 07 - Divisional Cross Country
Green Acres Park in Teulon
Oct. 09 - Lifetouch Picture Day 9 a.m.
Oct. 13- Thanksgiving **No School**
Oct. 15 - Gr. 6 & 8 Immunizations
Oct. 20– Bus Evacuation drill 9:15 am
Oct. 21- Progress Conversations
Oct. 21 - BOOK FAIR
Oct. 22-26 - Bus Safety Week
Oct. 24 - PD Day **No School**
Oct. 31 - Classroom Activities
Happy Halloween

Looking Ahead

Nov. 07 - Remembrance day Service
9:30 am in the gym
Nov. 07 - Lifetouch Picture Day retakes
Nov. 10- PD Day No School
Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day No School
Nov. 25 - Divisional Volleyball
Girls-WCI Boys-CSC

Principal's Message:

Happy October!

September has just disappeared. Thank you to everyone who came out for the Open House on September 3/25. The Terry Fox Run is always a great event and the weather held out for our run. Students have been practicing up for Cross Country Divisionals on October 7th. We look forward to Progress Conversation's coming up on October 21st. Happy Thanksgiving to all our Balmoral families.

STAFF LISTING 2025-2026

Kindergarten/Grade 1	Mrs. D. Buchan
Grade two/three	Miss. E. Wenmaekers
Grade four/five	Mrs. K. Miller -Mrs. D. Rody
Grade six/seven	Miss. J. Nichols
Grade seven/eight	Mr. C. McLean
Early Literacy Support	Mrs. T. Procter
Guidance	Mrs. D. Rody
Grade 4-6 Art	Mrs. K. Miller
Grade 7-8 Art	Miss J. Nichols
Band	Miss N. Francis
Music	Ms. V. Moldowan
Home Economics-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
Educational Assistant	Ms. J. Beauchamp, Mr. N. Gupta

Kindergarten Farewell June 25/25

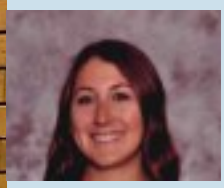
On June 25, 2025, The Kindergarten class had a little Grad celebration!

On June 20, 2025, We say goodbye and wish Mr. Chapiel a very happy retirement!

Terry Fox Run September 19, 2025

On Friday, Sept.19th, students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 headed out to the playground to participate in our annual Terry Fox Run. We were very happy that the rain held off until after our event had ended. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or participated in this event!

Terry Fox Run September 19, 2025



Terry Fox Run continued ....

Jameson + Freya

Merida & Tenille

Morley, Thomas, Deacon

Ada E, Blake, Audrey, Wyatt

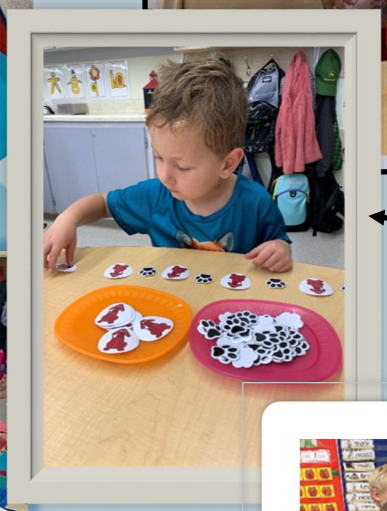
Alora, Emily, April, Adree

Kindergarten-Grade 1 news:

The 1st month in Kindergarten/Grade 1 has been PAWS-itively amazing. We started our year with Clifford The Big Red Dog. Clifford stories revolve around the themes of friendship, kindness, and the importance of helping others. He also has an ability to turn everyday situations into extraordinary adventures. Clifford was used in many of our classroom activities. Some activities included painting Clifford, using pattern blocks to make him, using cups to build towers taller than Clifford or to make a dog house for him, making patterns, building numbers, making a graph about our favourite Clifford story, and writing about Clifford.

Leo & Rylan

Arthur, Gracie, Jameson, Casen, April



Jayce

Jayce, Luke & Bryer

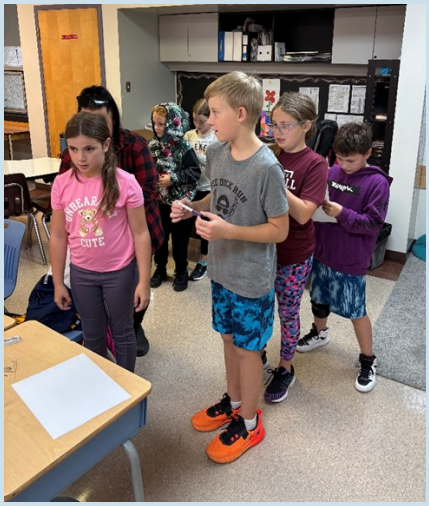
Graph of our favourite Clifford stories

Kindergarten-Grade 1 news continued

The Kindergarten/Grade 1 class learned about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In our classroom, our main focus is that Every Child Matters. We talked about how when we wear our orange shirts it shows people that we care about the children who attended Residential Schools and their families. We wore our orange shirts on September 26th. All Grade 1 students were gifted a book called With Our Orange Hearts by the Interlake Teacher's Association.

Grade 4-5 news :

Our grade 4/5 class has been doing various activities to build our classroom community! One morning, we read "How Full Is Your Bucket?" by Tom Rath and Mary Rechmeyer. This led to a great discussion on what it means to fill or empty both your own and others 'buckets' and how it can make us feel. Students then rotated around the room and wrote kind messages to one another. After reading the full page of kind messages about themselves, students said they felt happy, safe, welcomed, and cared for – exactly how we want our classroom to feel!

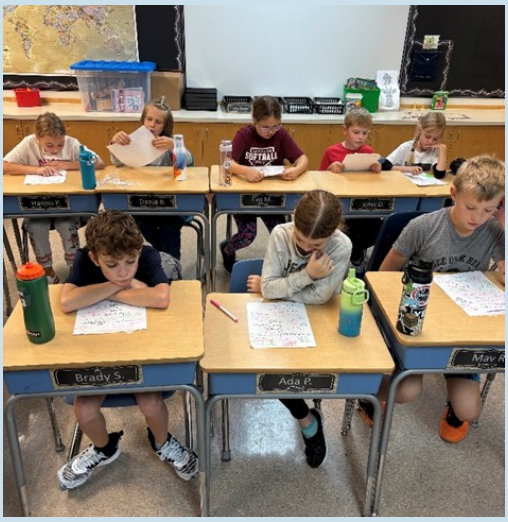


Maverick, Eva, Rogan, Dania, Miss B, Austin and Ada P. writing kind messages to each other.

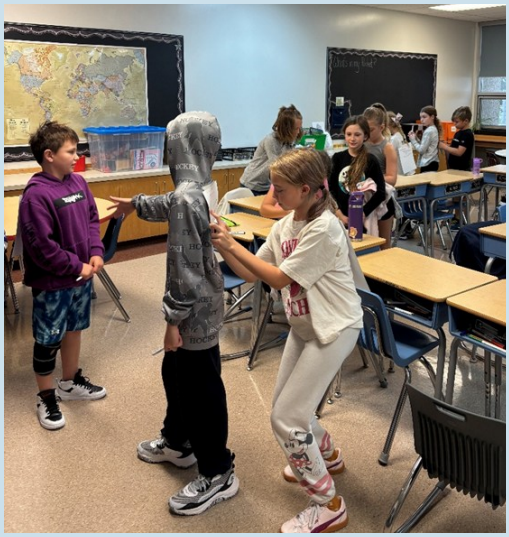
Maiti, Ada E. and Mason writing kind messages to one another.

John, Ada P., Ada E., and Audrey writing kind messages to one another.

Grade 4-5 news continued :



Students reading all of the kind messages about themselves!
Hanna, Dania, Eva, John, Maiti, Brady, Ada P., and Maverick.



Rogan, Brady, Hanna, and others writing kind messages to one another.

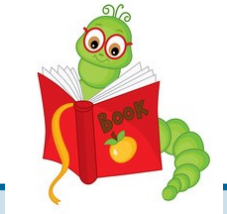
The Grade 1 classroom made these beautiful dream catchers to acknowledge that "Every Child Matters" and learn about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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 21st.

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

My name is Mrs. Bruce and I am the Library Clerk at Balmoral School. Balmoral School hosts a Scholastic book fair every fall with great results. Money raised by the bookfair adds to our library selection by way of rewards earned on every purchase at the fair. This year we have myself and two ladies that have been volunteering for many years, however going forward our current volunteers will be stepping aside in the hopes of new volunteers joining the book fair team.

As the library clerk, I take care of all the booking of the fair, ordering the books for the fair and the financial part of wrapping up the fair. Volunteers help set up the fair in our gym the day before the fair which usually takes a couple hours, they run the fair during the day for the classes to come through and then again be available to host the parents and general public during the evening from 4 – 8pm. The following day after the fair the volunteers help repack the boxes of unsold books which again takes an hour or two. The grade 7/8 class help with the setting up and taking down of the tables in the gym which is a great help, as well, a select few students from that class also help put the books out on the tables.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the school and let us know. We can provide more information to you.

Thank you

Alana Bruce
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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. **Please label your child's clothing!**

Progress Conversations

On Tuesday, October 21, 2025 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

2025-2026

President: Rebekka Stemp

Treasurer: Laura Kirby

Secretary: Jennifer Obsniuk

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator: Cindy Schaeffer

The next PAC meeting will be on:

Wednesday, November 19th at 6 p.m.

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

Email: balmoralpac@gmail.com

Winners from Balmoral School

Mrs. Darci Loehmer who organizes the annual Teulon Pumpkin Fest provided our school with pictures to colour. These were submitted and on display at the Pumpkin Fest.

<u>We had 5 winners!</u>

Luke J. in Grade 1 won 1st prize

Ollie M. in Grade 1 won 2nd prize

Charlotte B. in Grade 1 won 3rd prize

Abbi B. in Grade 3 won 3rd prize

Eva M. in Grade 5 won 2nd prize

Luke Ollie Charlotte Abbi Eva

Congratulations to everyone who submitted their beautiful fall pictures!

Thank you "THEGOODFLOWERFARM"

Thank you to Colleen Good for bringing in an arrangement of her beautiful flowers to share with the staff at Balmoral School. This is a lovely gesture and we really appreciate it. We will all go home with a bouquet of flowers to display.

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

DAILY SCHEDULE TIME CHANGES

8:55 am Start of Day
AM Nutrition break is at 10:35am
K-5 PM Nutrition break is at 12:50 & K-5 PM Activity break is at 1:20pm
Grade 6-8 PM Activity Break is at 12:50 & Grade 6-8 PM Nutrition Break is at 1:20pm

Lifetouch Picture Day October 9th 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 25th 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. Cinnamon Buns from Beyond Bread and a fruit bowl on October 16th.

What is new at the school?

We have a new Buddy Bench

We have new Stairs/Deck

What is new at the school?

The Bathroom Stalls are new

Kindness Club Information

We're excited to share that a new Kindness Club has started at our school, led by Mrs. Richardson! The club runs during second break and welcomes students to drop in.

The Kindness Club offers a fun and supportive space where students can relax, connect with others, and take part in activities that promote caring and community. Each session includes a variety of options such as crafts, stories, games, and simple kindness projects designed to encourage empathy, friendship, and positivity.

To best meet the needs of different age groups, sessions will be offered separately for Kindergarten to Grade 4 students and for Grade 5 to Grade 8 students.

We're looking forward to seeing students come together to share ideas, make new friends, and spread a little extra kindness throughout our school.