

# BALMORAL BUGLE

**MARCH  
EDITION**

**YOUR MONTHLY BALMORAL NEWS**

## FAREWELL TO MRS. KELPIN

AFTER 16 AMAZING YEARS AT BALMORAL ELEMENTARY, OUR WONDERFUL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, MRS. KELPIN, RETIRED! SHE HAS GREETED US WITH SMILES, HELPED IN A THOUSAND WAYS, AND MADE OUR SCHOOL A WARM AND WELCOMING PLACE.

WE WILL MISS HER SO MUCH, BUT WE'RE EXCITED FOR HER TO ENJOY MORE TIME WITH FAMILY, TRAVEL, AND FUN ADVENTURES. THANK YOU, MRS. KELPIN. YOU'LL ALWAYS BE PART OF OUR SCHOOL FAMILY! ❤️

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 2<sup>ND</sup> - NO SCHOOL  
MAR 6<sup>TH</sup> - GR. 8 GRAD PHOTOS  
MAR 18<sup>TH</sup> - PAC MEETING 6PM  
MAR 27<sup>TH</sup> - REPORT CARDS

## SPORTS NEWS

MAR 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup> - DIVISIONAL BASKETBALL  
MAR 17<sup>TH</sup> - BASKETBALL JAMBOREE  
MAR 24<sup>TH</sup> - CURLING BONSPIEL

## REMINDER



MAR 8<sup>TH</sup> - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS  
MAR 27<sup>TH</sup> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL  
MAR 30<sup>TH</sup> - APR 3<sup>RD</sup> - SPRING BREAK

## I LOVE TO READ MONTH

THE 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS YEAR'S I LOVE TO READ MONTH. STUDENTS IN GRADE 1 KICKED OFF THE CELEBRATION BY PARTICIPATING IN THEIR VERY OWN OLYMPIC TORCH RUN...AND IT WAS A BLAST!



STUDENTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO READ FOR THE GOLD AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY FUN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DRESS UP LIKE A TOURIST, IN OLYMPIC RING COLOURS, LIKE AN ATHLETE, AND LIKE YOUR HERO. STUDENTS ALSO HAD PJ DAY ON EVERY MONDAY IN FEBRUARY.

STUDENTS WERE ALSO CHALLENGED BY DAILY TRIVIA ABOUT THE OLYMPICS AND THEY DID A FANTASTIC JOB ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS. THE FAMILY GROUP WITH THE MOST CORRECT ANSWERS WAS MR. MCLEAN'S GROUP. THEY HAVE EARNED THEMSELVES A POPCORN PARTY! THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS WHO FILLED OUT BOOK REPORTS AND DISPLAYED THEIR LOVE OF READING.



**KINDERGARTEN/GRADE 1 NEWS**

**WHILE WORKING ON OUR ABCS OF ANIMALS, WE HAVE LEARNED MANY INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ANIMALS. WE KNOW THAT WE CAN SORT ANIMALS INTO DIFFERENT GROUPS. WE LEARNED THAT HORSES ARE MAMMALS, BEES ARE INSECTS, SNAKES ARE REPTILES, AND KANGAROOS ARE BOTH MAMMALS AND MARSUPIALS.**



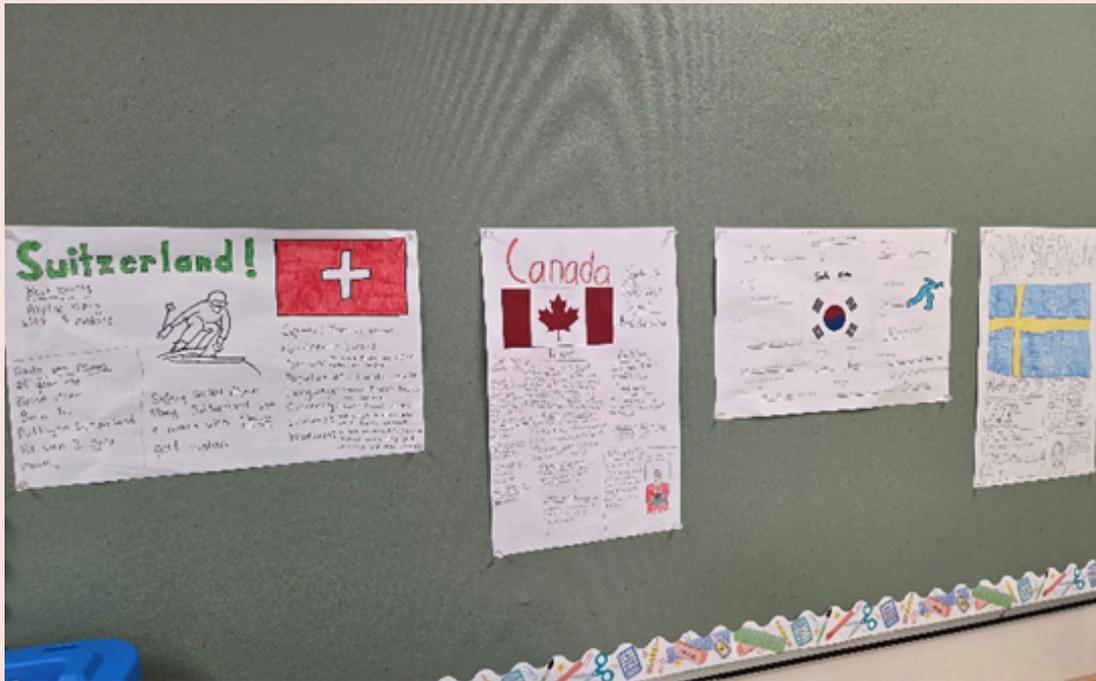
THE GRADE 1 CLASS WAS TAUGHT ABOUT KINSHIP AND WHAT IT MEANS. WE LEARNED THAT FAMILY ISN'T ALWAYS RELATIVES. YOU CAN HAVE A KINSHIP WITH PEOPLE THAT YOU CARE FOR LIKE THEY ARE A PART OF YOUR FAMILY. OUR CLASSROOM IS LIKE A FAMILY. WE CARE FOR EACH OTHER, WE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER, WE HELP EACH OTHER WHEN WE ARE HURT, AND WE INCLUDE EVERYONE. AS A FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY, THE STUDENTS SAT IN A CIRCLE. THEY GENTLY ROLLED A BALL OF YARN TO A CLASSMATE AND SHARED SOMETHING THAT MADE THAT STUDENT SPECIAL. WHEN EVERYONE HAD A TURN TO SHARE, WE ENDED UP WITH A FRIENDSHIP WEB.



HERE IS OUR FRIENDSHIP WEB. IT SHOWS HOW WE ARE ALL CONNECTED, JUST LIKE A FAMILY.

## GRADE 6/7 NEWS

THE GRADE 6/7 CLASS HAS BEEN HAVING A BUSY MONTH! WE HAVE STARTED OUR CLASSROOM OLYMPIC ACTIVITIES WHERE STUDENTS COMPLETE IN GROOVE LIT, KAHOOT, SCAVENGER HUNTS, AND MORE TO COLLECT MEDALS FOR THEIR TEAM. EACH STUDENT WITH THEIR TEAMMATE CHOSE A COUNTRY PARTICIPATING IN THE OLYMPICS TO FOLLOW AND LEARN ABOUT. FOR SOCIAL STUDIES STUDENTS TOOK A DEEP DIVE INTO THEIR COUNTRY CREATING A POSTER ALL ABOUT THAT COUNTRY.



THE GRADE 6/7 CLASS HAS ALSO BEEN CURLING WITH MR. MCLEAN AND MRS. SCHAEFFER FOR THEIR GYM CLASS.



## GRADE 6/7 AND 7/8 SCIENCE

STUDENTS IN THE GRADE 6/7 AND 7/8 SCIENCE CLASSES WERE CHALLENGED TO CREATE RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINES TO CHALLENGE THEIR ENGINEERING SKILLS. THEY WERE GIVEN A WIDE ARRAY OF MATERIALS INCLUDING DOMINOES, BUILDING BLOCKS, BOOKS, STRING, AND MORE. THEY THEN BUILT A MACHINE THAT WOULD COMPLETE A TASK AFTER A SERIES OF EVENTS.



## GRADE 7 & 8 ART

STUDENTS IN THE GRADE 7/8 ART CLASS HAVE ALSO BEEN DIVING INTO THE OLYMPIC GAMES. STUDENTS CHOSE A CANADIAN OLYMPIC ATHLETE TO COMPLETE A PARTIAL PORTRAIT OF. THEY CUT THE ATHLETES IMAGE IN HALF AND DREW THE OTHER HALF OF THE FACE. BY FREE HAND.



## GRADE 7 & 8 NEWS – HOCKEY LITERATURE UNIT

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY MONTH IN THE GRADE 7 & 8 CLASSROOM. AFTER READING A VARIETY OF STORIES AND COMPLETING SEVERAL ENGAGING ACTIVITIES, THE CLASS EXPLORED MANY DIFFERENT STORIES FROM ACROSS OUR GREAT COUNTRY THAT HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF HOCKEY IN CANADIAN CULTURE. THE STUDENTS WRAPPED UP THIS UNIT AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

THROUGHOUT THE UNIT, STUDENTS READ, DISCUSSED, AND COMPLETED ACTIVITIES BASED ON A RANGE OF BOOKS THAT FOCUSED ON THEMES SUCH AS TEAMWORK, INCLUSION, AND OVERCOMING ADVERSITY. IT WAS A GREAT MONTH OF LEARNING, AND THE STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED STRONG PROGRESS IN THEIR WRITTEN RESPONSES AND CLASS DISCUSSIONS.

IN ADDITION, THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A MONTH-LONG HOCKEY TRIVIA CHALLENGE, WHERE THEY ANSWERED A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS CENTERED AROUND THE SPORT. IT WAS A FUN AND ENGAGING WAY TO REINFORCE THEIR LEARNING.

OVERALL, IT WAS A FANTASTIC MONTH FILLED WITH LEARNING AND EXCITING CHALLENGES. GREAT JOB TO ALL STUDENTS!



WINNERS OF THE  
HOCKEY TRIVIA CHALLENGE  
WITH THE STANLEY  
CUP!

(L TOR: DUNCAN, MASON, BRAXTON)

# LIBRARY NEWS

Since Mrs. Margetts has taken over the position of Librarian in the school library, many new things are happening. We have adjusted the seating, bringing in more comfortable seating such as bean-bag chairs and a carpet to listen to readers. A small tent is lit up with twinkle lights and is a new favourite spot for our little readers. A suggestion box can be found for all students and staff to suggest things they would love to see in the library in the upcoming school days.



We showcased many fun things in the library in February. Look for different displays about Lunar New Year, the Olympics and Valentines this month.



For I LOVE TO READ month we have been showcasing readers coming to the school. We had 4 members from the Winnipeg Blues hockey team read on Feb 9th. Goalie Kannen Kirkwood, Defense Kyson Lindsay and brothers Brennen and Brady Green, who are forwards. After reading to all the students some of the students challenged these athletes to a little 3-on-3. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the K to 3 classes had surprise mystery readers; Mrs. Brenda Margetts and Mrs. Janet Meads. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, Manitoba author, Ryan James Black skyped in and talked to the 6/7/8 class about the process of becoming a published author. On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Jo-Ann Proctor from the Stonewall Tribune read to the students from Gr. 4 to Gr. 8 an article on Chuck Lefley. On the 20<sup>th</sup>, Balmoral local Gail Spencer-Lamm came and read her self-published book about her granddaughter, Emily. On Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had Reeve Wes Taplin reading to the 1 to 3 classes. Finally on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, local song-writer and musician, Derek Peters sang and read to our K-5 classes.



# I LOVE TO READ MONTH PICTURE GALLERY

