



## YOUR MONTHLY BALMORAL NEWS

### UPCOMING SPORT EVENTS

- May 4<sup>th</sup> Badminton Divisionals
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Jog in the Park
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Arborg Track Meet

We are pleased to welcome Jacob Fearn as our Grade 7/8 teacher candidate. We're excited to have you join our school community and look forward to the contributions you will bring in the weeks ahead.

### REMINDERS

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Young Women in Trades Conference
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Interlake Wellness Expo 4pm-7pm
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Bookmobile
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Bus Evacuation Drill
- May 8<sup>th</sup> Krispy Kreme Pick Up 3:30pm- 4:30pm
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Bus Training
- May 15<sup>th</sup> School of Choice Deadline
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Grad Photos and Rooftop Photo
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Library Guest Reader
- May 20<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting 6 pm
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> K-8 Michif Workshop
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Orientation

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break, filled with time to recharge and connect with family and friends. It's wonderful to welcome you all back to school as we begin the final stretch of the school year.

With the arrival of warmer weather and longer days, there's a renewed sense of energy in our halls and classrooms. This season often brings fresh motivation, and I encourage our students to stay focused, set goals, and finish the year strong. There are many exciting learning opportunities, activities, and events ahead, and we look forward to celebrating the growth and achievements of our students in the weeks to come.

As we transition into spring, please remember to dress appropriately for the changing weather and continue to demonstrate the respect, responsibility, and kindness that make our school community so special.

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support, together we can make this a positive and successful end to the school year.

Welcome back, and here's to a productive and vibrant spring season!

Sincerely,

Mark Lawson

## April News from K/1

The K/1 class are continuing to learn about a variety of animals, which included owls. We were very excited to have Jim Duncan visit the school with his great grey owl Oska. Students from K-8 had the opportunity to participate in this visit. During the presentation, we were lucky enough to see Oska fly around the library. Thanks to Jim Duncan for providing us with such interesting information about owls and thanks to Mrs. B. Margetts for organizing this event. It was a real HOOT!



The students have enjoyed working with Miss Frey our student teacher this year. Throughout her time here, she has built positive relationships with students and staff and has become a valued member of our school community. Miss Frey will be returning in May to complete her final teaching block with us. Then, she will be embarking on a new adventure, teaching in Thailand for a year.



Benny's cats stopped by for a quick visit.

Our class celebrated Earth Day by reflecting on how we can care for our planet and how it is everyone's responsibility to do so. As the Lorax says "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, It's not". The students created their own Lorax character and completed Earth Day puzzles. Let's continue to make every day Earth Day by taking care of our planet.



## Grade 2 and 3 Classroom News

This month in the 2/3 classroom, we have been learning about forces. The students have had the opportunity to experiment with gravitational, magnetic, and electrostatic forces. For Earth Day, students up-cycled cardboard and yarn scraps to make yarn hearts. In April, our students also had the chance to participate in Rockwood Festivals of the Arts. They sang “c” and “d.” They sang very well and placed first in their section!



## Grade 4 and 5 Classroom News

In Science, our class has been learning about Rocks and Minerals. They've completed scratch tests, created their own birth stone crystals, and used play doh to differentiate between different types of rocks (sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic). Students also had a lesson on Pyrite (fools gold) where they had the chance to mine for chocolate chips in cookies. This also led to conversations regarding the impacts of mining and ways humans can reduce their impact.



Emmett and Danika's crystal creations.



Mason inspecting a sample of Pyrite.



**Dania, Addisyn, Audrey,  
and Miller showing their  
crystal creations.**



**Audrey, Maiti, Liam, Jack, and Ada P  
exploring  
a variety of rocks and minerals with  
Mrs.Margetts.**



Finn, Eva, Liam, Ada E., and Hanna mining their chocolate chip cookies.



**We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our teacher candidate Hailey Kehler (Grade 4/5) for the time, care, and energy you have shared in our grade 4/5 classroom. Your dedication and enthusiasm have made a meaningful impact on both students and staff. We wish you the very best as you continue on your teaching journey—you will be greatly missed!**

Students at Balmoral School marked Earth Day with a hands-on effort to care for their community by taking part in a garbage clean-up. Equipped with gloves, bags, and a strong sense of responsibility, they worked together to collect litter. Their efforts not only helped improve the appearance of the town but also raised awareness about the importance of protecting the environment. The activity encouraged teamwork, pride in their surroundings, and a shared commitment to keeping their community clean and sustainable.



The grade 6/7 class went for a town clean up on Earth Day. They cleaned up the ditches on highway 236 East of town. They collected 5 bags of garbage and many car parts. Do your part and don't litter!





## GRADE

### 7 & 8 CLASS HIGHLIGHTS

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY MARCH AND APRIL IN THE GRADE 7 & 8 CLASSROOM. CONGRATULATIONS TO KARDYN AND KENNA REIMER, WHO WON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE IERHA ANTI-VAPING CONTEST!

STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPLORING A WIDE VARIETY OF BOOKS OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS BY PARTICIPATING IN DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES DURING LIBRARY TIME. THANK YOU TO MRS. J. MARGETTS FOR ORGANIZING AND SETTING UP THESE ENGAGING LEARNING EXPERIENCES.

ON MARCH 14, WE CELEBRATED MATHEMATICS PI DAY IN THE CLASSROOM WITH GAMES AND CENTRES FOCUSED ON THE MATHEMATICAL CONCEPT OF PI. STUDENTS PLAYED CARD GAMES, SOLVED MATH PROBLEMS, AND ENJOYED DELICIOUS PIZZA AND PIE! A BIG THANK YOU TO DUNCAN K. FOR THE AMAZING TREATS. CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL TO EMILY AND JAYLENE FOR PLACING 1ST AND 2ND IN OUR PI DECIMAL CONTEST.

AS A CLASS, WE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO ICE FISHING, WHICH MADE FOR A WONDERFUL AND MEMORABLE DAY!

IT HAS BEEN A FUN MONTH, AND MAY AND JUNE ARE SHAPING UP TO BE EVEN BETTER!



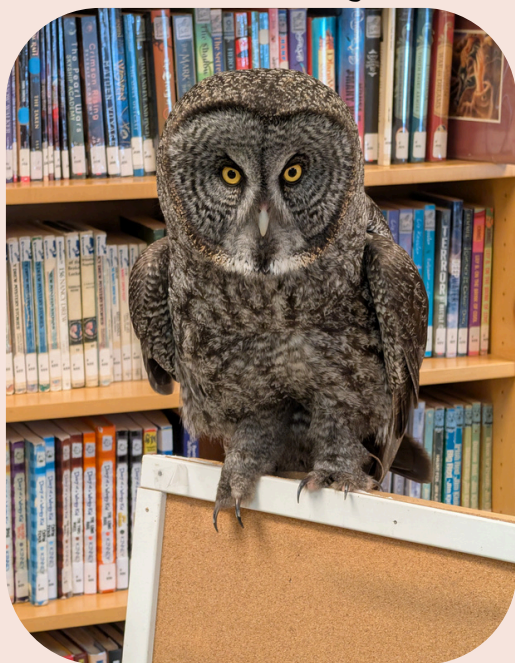
# LIBRARY NEWS



There is nothing like a good book, unless it is a HUGE good book!



Oska was a wonderful visitor to our library this month!



With our Spring Into a Good Book theme, we had a fun paper-folding project to add to the springy decor.



For National Scrabble Day at the beginning of April, the students all participated in a Word Scramble to expand their vocabulary and think outside the box!

# Balmoral PAC News

The Balmoral PAC is excited to celebrate our incredible school staff from May 19–22!

While we appreciate everything they do throughout the year, this is a special opportunity to recognize the dedication, care, and hard work they show every day in supporting our children. Our staff go above and beyond to create a positive, nurturing learning environment, and we are so grateful for the impact they have on our school community.

The BPAC is currently seeking new members, as our Chair and Secretary will be stepping down at the end of the school year. We are also looking for someone who could shadow the hot lunch coordinator for the 2026-2027 school year, as that will be the coordinators last year.

Without volunteers, the BPAC will not be able to continue providing important supports such as school funding initiatives and hot lunch programs throughout the year.

Our final meeting of the year will take place on May 20—we hope to see you there!

If you are interested in volunteering with the BPAC or supporting upcoming initiatives, please contact us at [balmoralpac@gmail.com](mailto:balmoralpac@gmail.com)