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2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR SUMMARY

SCHOOL PLAN TO BE ACCESSIBLE, EQUITABLE & RESPONSIVE

Learning opportunities will become more ACCESSIBLE by numeracy and literacy skill instruction that meets the needs of each student.

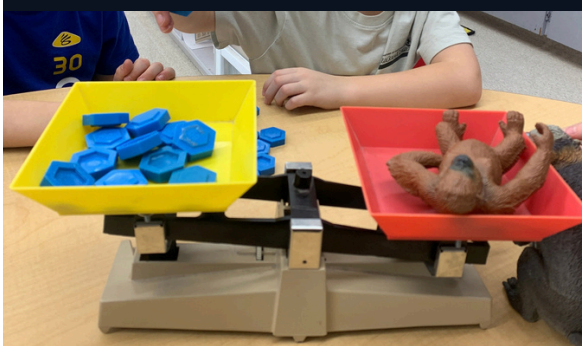
Learning opportunities will become more EQUITABLE by Social Emotional Learning (SEL) programing and culturally responsive pedagogy resulting in improved student well-being and a positive school climate.

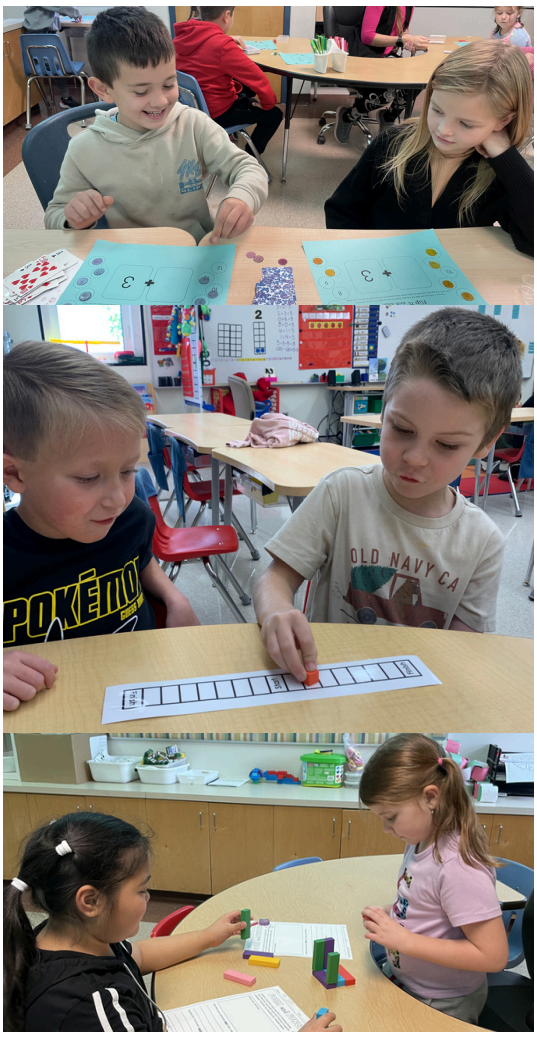
Learning opportunities will become more RESPONSIVE by personalized literacy and numeracy instruction, well-being and kindness education, and culturally responsive teaching - supporting student well-being and a positive school community.

SCHOOL GOAL #1: HIGH QUALITY NUMERACY INSTRUCTION THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO STUDENT NEEDS

Strategies used:

- Numeracy Achievement Program implemented for grades 4-8. This included using divisional pacing guides, doing intentional reach back and review teaching, utilizing baseline assessments, and formative quizzes.
- 3 Balmoral staff members participated in the ISD learning network on "Numeracy Achievement Program 2.0"
- Small group numeracy interventions and instruction occurred in Kindergarten to grade 8 classrooms.





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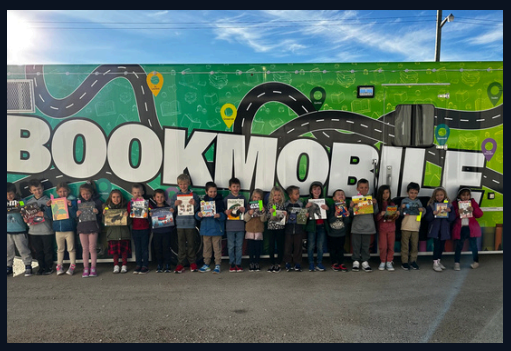
SCHOOL GOAL #2: LITERACY SKILL INSTRUCTION THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF EACH STUDENT



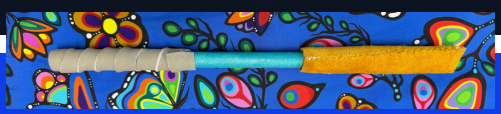
Strategies used:

- Structured literacy instruction including explicit and systematic phonics instruction occurred in K-6 classrooms.
- Literacy co-teaching occurred with classroom teachers and Balmoral's learning support teacher. Students requiring additional support participated in small group instruction with learning support.
- 3 Balmoral Staff members participated in the ISD learning network on "Structured Literacy" and 1 staff member participated in the "New Teacher / Beginner Structured Literacy" workshop series.
- Scaffolded silent reading strategies were used in middle years classrooms.

SCHOOL GOAL #3: CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PEDAGOGY TO INCLUDE INDIGENOUS WAYS OF KNOWING, BEING, AND DOING IN THE CONTEXT OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Strategies used:

- Indigenous Education and Treaty Education lessons occurred in all K-8 classrooms. Staff and students engaged in learning about the historical events that have had an impact on Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba (e.g., treaties, Indian Residential Schools, TRC).
- All teachers participated in Treaty Education training on September 29, 2025.
- Balmoral School took part in whole school community activities for Orange Shirt Day & Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Land based learning occurred within our middle years classrooms. A highlight was ice fishing at Norris Lake.
- Balmoral student land acknowledgements were shared at assemblies and concerts. Artwork and land acknowledgments were posted in the front hallway.
- Students worked with Kookum Cheryl to learn about and create drum sticks to go with the schools set of Indigenous hand made drums.
- Students worked with Kookum Cheryl to learn about, feed, and take care of Indigenous drums.
- Students worked with Kookum Cheryl to learn about and create talking sticks.
- K-8 students took part in a Micheif workshop with local community members.



SCHOOL GOAL #4: SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL), KINDNESS AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUILDING TO IMPROVE STUDENT WELL-BEING AND A POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE.

Strategies used:

- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and self-regulation skill building occurred through classroom learning with Zones of Regulation, Project 11, and skill development-based guidance education.
- 2 staff members participated in the ISD learning network on "Regulation in the Early Years Classroom."
- The school came together each month to participate in multiage family group activities focusing on kindness education and community building.

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BALMORAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROFILE

Kindergarten to Grade 8 School with 18 Staff Members
The School has 90 students from 53 Families

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SCHOOL ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fall Open House
- Terry Fox Run
- Orange Shirt Day and Truth & Reconciliation Week
- Cross Country Running
- ATV Presentations
- RCMP Presentations
- Middle Years Volleyball
- Grade 5/6 Volleyball Jamboree
- Book Fair
- World Speed Stack Day
- Bus Evacuations
- Remembrance Day Ceremony
- Band Concerts
- Field Trip: Air Force Band
- Christmas Cheer Board Collection
- Holiday Concert "The Claus Carol-Off"
- Rec. Centre Skating Program
- I Love to Read Month: Read Around The World
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Middle Years Basketball
- Grade 5/6 Basketball Jamboree
- Land Based Learning: Ice Fishing
- Middle Years Curling
- Manitoba Golf Presentations
- Middle Years Badminton
- Jog in the Park
- Rockwood Festival of Arts
- Owl Presentations
- Women in Trades Conference (Grade 8 Girls)
- Skills Manitoba Workshop
- Michif Workshop K-8
- MY Track & Field
- Field Trips: The Zoo, The Leaf, Activate
- Indigenous Drum Stick Making
- Indigenous Talking Sticks Workshop
- Tabloid Day

EXAMPLES OF SCHOOL UPDATES DURING THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

School Signage & Gym Scoreboard