





Bothwell School News

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12	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5	16 Day 6 Gr. 7/8 Boys Volleyball Playoffs	17 Day 1 Pre-ordered Lunch: The Bistro <i>December Online Hot Lunch Orders Open</i>	18
19	20 Day 2	21 Day 3 Gr. 7/8 Boys Volleyball Finals	22 Day 4	23 Day 5 Pre-ordered Lunch: Dairy Queen Progress Conversations 4-8 Book Fair Family Night	24 December Online Hot Lunch Orders Due by 9:00am Report Cards	25
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I appreciate how students and staff continue to build community and a culture of care in our school. Last month we focused on the importance of CITIZENSHIP and staff were proud to observe ways that our community of learners helped make a positive difference in the place where we all belong. The new BADGER Leadership Program is another way students will be able to show citizenship all year long- check out our handbook for details.

We had a fabulous time and great weather for our Fall Fun Day! As the weather is changing, please have your children dress appropriately for being outdoors as it will be getting colder! The noon indoor options have begun for the Grade 5-8 students so they will have the opportunity to access the gym or the library within the schedule.

Students recently learned about bus safety and our bus drivers practiced safe bus evacuation drills. Safety at school, on the bus, and walking or biking to and from school will continue to be important throughout the school year. I thank the patrols for their hard work each day to keep our students safe. Please talk with your children as well about being safe on their way to and from school.

Thank you to our Parent Advisory Council for arranging the Annual General Meeting in October and special thanks to our 2023-24 PAC: Kaitlin Penner- Chair, Stephanie Williams -Vice Chair and Treasurer, and Katharina Enns- Secretary. You may contact pacbothwell@gmail.com to be connected with our PAC if you are interested in volunteering. Our school appreciates the PAC and all parents who contribute, support the school, and/or volunteer their time for our school community!

All students have been working through a variety of educational experiences, and I have enjoyed visiting classes and seeing all of the learning taking place! Teachers are focusing on your child's well being and providing instructional programming to incorporate the 6 C's of our HSD Deeper Learning Plan -character, critical thinking, communication, citizenship, collaboration, and creativity. Together, our school team is focusing on our school goals which include improving literacy skills, numeracy skills, and social and emotional well-being. More detailed information about each specific school priority can be found on our website

www.bothwell.hsd.ca

We are recognizing Remembrance Day this year with a school assembly on November 9 at 11:00 am. I thank students who will be contributing to the presentation and parents/community are welcome to join ceremony.

We look forward to connecting with parents during the upcoming progress conversations to discuss their child's progress in learning. These will take place just prior to report cards. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more information about progress conversation meetings.

Please see my previous message via bright arrow in regard to plans for our school during the strike. Thank you to our parents/families for your continued support. We love your children!

Mrs. Rekrut

BADGERS KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS!

"Education is not learning the facts, but training the mind to think!" ~Albert Einstein

"But really, what is critical thinking? A critical thinker is curious about things and asks questions. They then use their knowledge and skill sets to problem-solve and explain why things happen the way they do." ~ Mr. P. Heese



Character Citizenship Communication Critical Thinking Creativity Collaboration

The badger is a symbol for persistence, confidence and strong will.

Achieve your goals and be resilient with BADGER PRIDE!

PROGRESS CONVERSATION PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS - Nov. 23

We will be hosting in-person meetings and are looking forward to connecting with you! This term we would like to meet with **all** parents/guardians. Our upcoming Progress Conversations between parents/guardians and teachers will take place on November 23rd between 4 and 8 p.m., prior to the sharing of the report card document on Parent Portal on Friday, November 24th. This time is set to take place in advance of reports, and parents and teachers may focus on the following:

- your child's learning experiences
- skills and evidence of learning observed in academics
- observations of social skills
- a conversation to include more than the summative marks on the report card- a time to ask questions on the progress of the whole child
- ensuring parents/guardians are informed before the marks or comments on report card are shared- without surprises on the reports
- strengthening the school and home team to support continued progress of your child in school!

BOOK YOUR TIME ON PARENT PORTAL: We will be giving parents/guardians the opportunity to book an **in-person** meeting with their child's teachers. Parents/guardians can book times online beginning at 8:30 am, Nov. 16th and it will remain open until Nov. 22 at 4 p.m. The available times for Progress Conversation Meetings can be viewed by logging in to **Parent Portal** (<https://powerschool.hsd.ca/public/>) and click on Parent Teacher Meetings to book an appointment. The list below shares what teachers you may want to book visits:

Mrs. C. Wareham/Mrs. E. Chalmers
Mrs. E. Chalmers
Ms. J. Blair
Ms. C. Penner
Mr. P. Heese
Mrs. L. Muntain
Mr. E. Fast

Kindergarten
5-8 French, 1-8 Music
Gr. 1/2
Gr. 3/4
Gr. 5/6
Gr. 7/8 HR, ELA, SS, MATH Guidance Counsellor
K-8 PE/HE, Gr. 7/8 Science

The earlier you log in, the more likely you will be able to book a time that works best for you. If the available times do not work for you, please contact the teacher(s) via email to arrange a mutually agreed upon time to connect on a different date, as we value parent communication.

Please contact the school if you need help making an appointment by calling 204-388-4422 or emailing bothwell@hsd.ca.

REPORT CARDS

Term 1 report cards will be available to view on Parent Portal on November 24th at 3:30. To access your child's report card, please visit HSD Parent Portal at <http://powerschool.hsd.ca>. If you have not already created a Parent Portal account, we encourage you to do so at the above-listed link. The online Parent Portal is now the divisional default delivery method for report cards.

TABS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Our school is collecting pop tabs all year long and will donate them to the Tabs for Wheelchairs campaign! It is important to know that the Manitoba Government does supply wheelchairs, but does not supply the sport or more specialized wheelchairs. You can drop off tabs in the bucket in the office- Thanks for your support!



ATHLETICS NEWS

The Gr. 7/8 volleyball team has had a successful first half of the season. The team has been consistently improving in their teamwork and volleyball skills. Keep up the hard work Badgers!

The Gr. 5-8 cross country team wrapped up their season on October 4th at AD Penner Park. The team practiced hard in the lead up to their final run. Many of our runners showed great improvement from the first run to the next, culminating in some excellent times in the final run. Shout out to our graduating runners in grade eight: Avery Rempel finished fifth in the Grade Eight Girls category; while Shane Olson finished 6th in the Grade Eight Boys category. Both runners' commitment to excellence has been an inspiration to the team this season. Well done Badgers!

THANK-YOU COACH!

We are well into volleyball season. It is an exciting time of the year for our Grade 7 & 8 students as they are taking part in this level of play! We appreciate the time and energy that is invested for practices and games. We appreciate you very much!

Grade 7/8 Boys' Volleyball Team Coach: Mr. Fast



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We will be hosting our Book Fair from **November 20-23** in the library, just in time for Christmas shopping!

Bothwell School students can also win book fair product by participating in contests that will run before and during the fair.

Don't miss out on the Family Event Night to be held in conjunction with our Progress Conversations on **Thursday, November 23** from 4-8. That night, you can enter your child into a draw for a chance for them to win \$25 in book fair product. The winner will be invited to the school Friday morning before 10:00 to pick their prize as there is no school for students that day.

There is no online option this year.

See you at the Book Fair!



PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

On special occasion days, (for example, class parties or show and tell) students sometimes do bring in a stuffed animal or a special item to show to the class. It is best for those items to then remain in the child's backpack during the school day.

Please keep in mind the school is not responsible for the personal items being lost, or damaged and it is best for students to have keepsakes, collections, and/or toys at home. During regular school days, students should not be bringing personal items to school in case they become lost, stolen, or damaged and personal items/toys often become a distraction for children during the school day.

Card collections (Pokemon/hockey cards/sports cards) and personal items should not come to school on a daily basis and parents may grant permission for special days or if there is a card club event. Thank you for understanding.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT MANITOBA

The Grade 7/8's will be welcoming volunteers from JA Manitoba to present to the class on November 21st and 28th. The presentation will educate and empower students to make smart, lifelong financial choices. In the presentation, students will learn to:

- identify their financial needs, wants, and goals
- prepare a budget
- develop money management skills
- learn how to make informed consumer decisions
- and much more.

WINTER CONCERT- SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14!

Before we know it, the practices for the student concert are set to begin! Students will be looking forward to sharing their musical talent with you during a morning and evening concert on December 14.

Please note that the school rents the local church building for our venue to help with parking and seating. As a public school, our winter concert theme for the school production will be "Sights and Sounds of the Season." We are looking forward to seeing your children up on stage and performing for a supportive audience!

PARENT AND PRESCHOOL CHILDREN FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

This HSD programming is free and snacks are provided. Families can attend once or twice a week or drop by when able- tell others they are welcome to join!

Monday and Thursday afternoons anytime between 1:00-3:30 pm

[Bothwell PreSchool Program Pamphlet 2023/24.pdf](#)



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Citizenship is a character trait that involves not only respecting our school, but also how we engage with others, follow rules, and conduct ourselves. Making positive choices is another way that we show citizenship. The Grade 7/8 students focused on Digital Citizenship, focusing on ways that they can reflect their citizenship skills online. Students discussed their digital footprint and what to consider when creating a positive digital footprint.

WEATHER

Not Sure If School Is On? HSD auto calling system will call all families to announce school closures. You can also listen for radio announcements on 96.7 FM, 1250 AM, CJOB and CBC between 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM or check the HSD Website www.hsd.ca

Also- please review the HSD Cold & Hot Weather Guidelines Brochure shared on the www.hsd.ca under the parent tab.



LOST AND FOUND

A table with lost and found items will be set up in the front foyer during Progress Conversation night on November 23. Please stop by and see if any items belong to your family members.



RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

As per the information on divisional website, religious instruction is an option this school year. There is an instructor in place for the Grade 1-4 students and another instructor for students in Grade 5-8. These sessions take place on Wednesdays during the second last period (2:30- 3:00) of the school day for those families who have requested this option. The students who are not participating in that option will be in class settings. * This will be in place once scheduling and coverage is arranged.

BOTHWELL SCHOOL PAC

There are lots of ways for parents to be involved on the Bothwell School PAC with varying amounts of time commitment required. If you would like to get involved, even on a casual basis, please contact pacbothwell@gmail.com. Thank you to our returning and new parents of our 2023-24 PAC:

Chairperson: Kaitlin Penner

Vice Chairperson & Treasurer: Stephanie Williams

Secretary: Katharina Enns

School Rep: Laura Rekrut

We thank all of those who attended PAC Annual General Meeting on Oct. 11. either in person or virtually! THANK YOU to our past PAC members and to all the parents who help support our school throughout the year. Sincere thanks to Jodie Banman for her terms as our PAC Chairperson over the past 4 years!

Family Matters



Click this link for helpful information:

[***Parent-Teacher Conferences \(for Parents\) - Nemours KidsHealth***](#)

Remember:

Being invited to a progress conversation is time dedicated for the family and school to connect! Teachers try to meet with all parents. You and the teacher both want the very best for your child. You can help your child by working together as a team. Your support matters!

Parent-Teacher Progress Conversation Checklist:

Before the conversation:

- Ask your child how she/he feels about school.
- Ask your child if there is anything that he/she wants you to talk about with his teacher.
- Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to work together to help him/her.
- Make a list of topics that you want to talk about with the teacher.
- Prepare a list of questions such as:
 1. What are my child's strengths? What are some areas that are challenges?
 2. Does my child hand work in on time? Does my child start his/her work on their own?
 3. Does my child participate in class?
 4. Does my child seem happy at school?
 5. What can I do at home to help?

During the conversation:

- It is good to be on time and end on time as other parents are likely scheduled before and after.
- Relax, be yourself, and be comfortable and calm
- Ask most important questions and view your child's work samples
- Ask about your child's progress and any programming that is in place for them
- Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand
- Ask your child's teacher for ways that you can help your child at home.
- Thank the teacher.

After the conversation:

- Talk about the conversation that you had with the teacher(s) with your child.
- Talk about the positive points, and be direct about ways to problem solve
- Tell your child about any plans you and the teacher discussed.
- Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year

SCHOOL PRIORITIES SUCCESS AND BADGER PRIDE

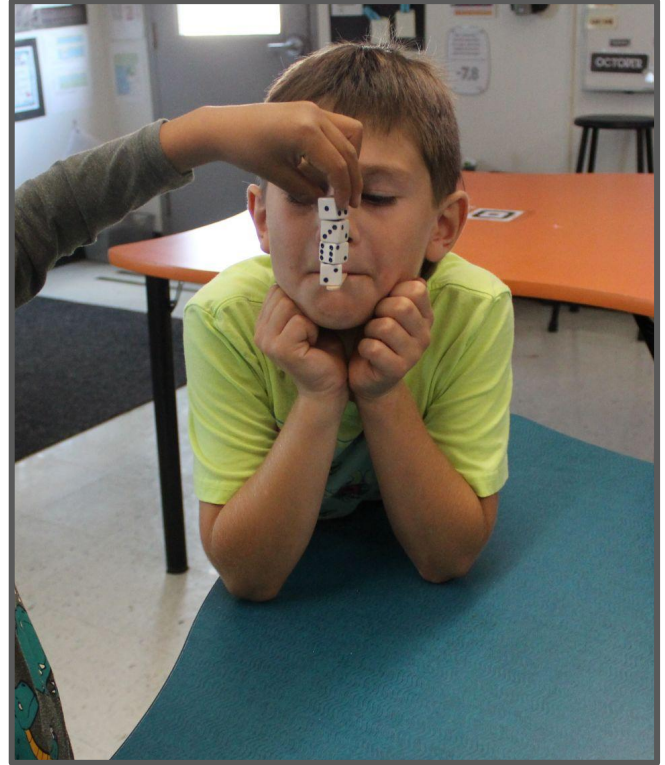
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LITERARY FOCUS



NUMERACY FOCUS



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING



LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

