



Bothwell School News

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OCTOBER 2024

		1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5
			Cross Country Run #1 p.m.	Terry Fox Run 2:45	Pre-ordered Lunch: Niakwa Pizza HSD Indigenous Learning Day Gr. 5/6	World Teacher Day!
Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser Gr. 5-8 Oct. 1-15						
6	7 Day 5	8 Day 6	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12
	Terry Fox Run 2:45 (Rain Date) PAC AGM 6:00pm		Cross Country Run #2 p.m.		Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway	
Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser Gr. 5-8 Oct. 1-15						
13	14	15 Day 4	16 Day 5	17 Day 6	18 Day 1	19
	Thanksgiving No School 			Gr 5-8 Choral Workshop Grade 6-8 Routine Immunizations p.m.	Pre-ordered Lunch: The Bistro <i>November Hot Lunch Online Orders Open</i>	
Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser Gr. 5-8 Oct. 1-15						
20	21 Day 2	22 Day 3	23 Day 4	24 Day 5	25	26
				Pre-ordered Lunch: Dairy Queen	MTS PD Day No Classes <i>November Hot Lunch Online Order Due by 9:00am</i>	
Bus Safety Week Oct. 21-24						
27	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2	31 Day 3		
				Costume Parade a.m.		

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bothwell Community,

As the leaves begin to change and we welcome the cooler weather (and hopefully less soggy), October brings an exciting time of learning and community spirit to our school. We've had a fantastic start to the school year, and I'm proud of how well our students have settled into their routines, demonstrating enthusiasm and commitment both in and outside the classroom.

September Recap:

We wrapped up a busy September filled with valuable experiences for our students. From the excitement of our **Meet the Teacher Night** and **Strong Connections** to the start of clubs and sports, our school community is thriving. A special thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for their continued hard work, and to our families for their involvement and support.

October Events:

October promises to be another eventful month! Here are some key dates to keep in mind:

- **Niakwa Pizza Fundraiser (Gr 5-8) October 1-October 15:** This fundraiser helps support our Middle Years Ski Trip
- **Terry Fox Run October 3rd (2:45p.m):** Join us for our Annual Terry Fox Run to raise money and awareness for cancer research.
- **September 30th to October 4th:** School Support Staff Recognition Week. Thank you to our incredible support staff that are always going above and beyond for the students of Bothwell School! Don't forget to thank our educational assistants, secretaries, librarian, custodian, and bus drivers!
- **World Teachers Day October 5th:** The staff at Bothwell School is absolutely amazing! Don't forget to thank a teacher for all their hard work.

Stay Connected:

As always, I encourage you to stay engaged with your child's education by regularly communicating with teachers and staying informed about upcoming school events. Our doors are always open, and we value your input and partnership.

Gratitude & Community:

October is a time to give thanks, and I want to express my appreciation for the entire Bothwell School community – from our hardworking teachers and staff to our supportive parents and dedicated students. Together, we are creating a nurturing and inspiring environment where every student can thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Let's make this October a month of growth, community, and celebration!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Amanda Dent

BADGERS KNOW THEIR STRENGTHS!



Character Citizenship Communication Critical Thinking Creativity Collaboration
[2024-25 Bothwell School Planning Priorities Report](#)

*The badger is a symbol for persistence, confidence and strong will.
Achieve your goals and be resilient with BADGER PRIDE!*

TERRY FOX CHALLENGES

Gr. 1-8 students at Bothwell have had the opportunity to participate in regular "Terry Fox Challenges" during noon hour recesses. Students run or walk a 270m loop around the school yard, and collect a token each time they complete a lap. These tokens are collected in a jar for each class. We are tabulating each class's progress, and will find the average number of laps/students in each class at the end of our running season. The class with the highest average number of laps/student will win a noon hour pizza party! Students have been engaging with enthusiasm in each run and it's been great to see much of the school population participating. We will let you know who the winning class is and how many laps we ran as a school, when our Terry Fox Run wraps up. Go Badgers!

GRADE 7 & 8 BADGER VOLLEYBALL

Due to conflicts with other sports for many of those interested, Bothwell School was not able to put together a volleyball team this season. Gr. 7-8 students will continue to have the opportunity to work on their volleyball skills during Phys. Ed. class, noon hour intramurals, and hopefully a staff/student volleyball jamboree later this fall.

MORNING ARRIVAL

Please do not send/drop off your children earlier than 8:55 AM. It is important for students who walk across the highway to be at the crosswalk during the time when the patrols are present from 8:50- 9:00. Bus time arrivals are at approximately 8:55.

PAC WELCOME & AGM INVITATION

Hello Bothwell parents! How did summer go by so quick? And it's already a month into school! Hopefully things slow down a little in the coming weeks, I'm not ready for the white stuff yet.

My name is Andrew Wychnenka, I'm the chair for the Bothwell School PAC. If you're returning to Bothwell School, welcome back. If this is your first time, welcome here.

Monday Oct 7th at 6pm will be the first PAC meeting of the year and is also our AGM. We'll meet at the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a warm invitation for all parents to attend.

There's nothing more important than for us as parents to be engaged and involved in the lives of our children. And with two thirds of your child's time over the year being spent at school, being plugged in to the PAC is a great way to do this.

If you have any questions or want to rsvp, email us at pacbothwell@gmail.com or call me at 204-612-6317. I hope to see you there.

Andrew

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Badger Leaders have started up in September! Gr. 7/8 Students who chose to participate in this program will be looking for ways to volunteer both at school and in the community. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more details.

UPDATE: FOOD ALLERGIES /NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Please be aware the Kindergarten, Gr. 1/2, and 5/6 classrooms have nut allergies. Please refrain from bringing peanut butter, Nutella, nuts etc.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) -ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Bothwell School PAC Annual General Meeting will take place at the school on
Monday, October 7 @ 6:00pm.

Mrs. Dent and the PAC invites all families to join the meeting!

PHOTO DAY ORDERS

Proofs will be sent home with every student sometime in October. Parents/guardians may order using the paper order form that will be sent home with the proofs or on-line at Mylifetouch.ca. Unfortunately, Lifetouch will no longer be taking classroom group photos. There will be no retake day at the school but if parents wish to have retakes taken or if your child was not in school on picture day, please contact Lifetouch in November at 1-204-272-3500 to set up an appointment in their Winnipeg studio for November or December.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES: FIRE DRILLS, TORNADO DRILLS, LOCKDOWN DRILLS

We began the school year reviewing and practicing our fire drill and school evacuations, and will review bus safety this month. We have drills to ensure that we know what to do in the case of a real event.

Lock Down Drills: In preparation for a situation that would be considered a threat to the school and its occupants, one of the responses of the school would be to lockdown the school. Why is it important to practice a lockdown drill? Practicing a lockdown drill is a way to be ready in keeping our school community safe and out of harm's way in the event of a situation that puts our school at-risk.

We practice for fire drill and lockdown procedures. Teachers prepare their students by outlining the procedures and ensuring that they understand the purpose of the drills. Students have a classroom based drill prior to school wide drills. We are not trying to alarm our students, simply prepare them and help them know we have a plan to keep them safe. Teachers stay with their students as they are instructed to shelter in place in their classroom away from windows and doors and to remain quiet. Parents/guardians are encouraged to discuss this at home well and if there are any emotional issues or past experiences that would make participation in a drill traumatic for your child, please contact the school so we can help connect further with your child to feel safe.

COSTUME PARADE

On Thursday, October 31st, students may dress up in friendly costumes during the morning. Participation is voluntary. The costumes cannot be violent or scary, and are to follow school dress code. The traditional costume parade will follow morning announcements. Students will need to bring along their regular clothes as they are going to be changing out of their costumes by lunch hour.



THE WEATHER IS CHANGING...

Did you know that our students spend 60 minutes of their school day outside at recess? Being outdoors and playing outside is so important! The weather is changing and fall is upon us. Please make sure your children have outdoor gear that will allow them to enjoy recess.



SUMMER READING FINAL RESULTS

The final results of our Summer Reading program are in! We had 38 students participate in our summer reading program. 26 students brought their books back on time and were entered in a prize draw and these are the winners:

Selah W.
Jenny P.
Jenovic K.
Liberty K.
Rebeka A.



You each will receive a \$5 certificate to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair in November!

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

All urban bus routes are posted on the HSD website with times and maps. Any bus **urban or rural** that will be late due to weather or mechanical issues is listed on the HSD website in the bus delay area. The website is at: hsd.ca Go to drop down menu of Services /Transportation Services where you can select:

Bus Delay Bulletins, where any bus that is late is posted with approximate delay.

Thank you for checking this option before calling the Hanover School Division Transportation Department with your questions regarding bus delays.



NIAKWA PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Who: Grade 5-8 Bothwell School Students

What: Fundraising to offset total cost to all parents collectively for Grade 5-8 Ski Trip (this does not include the food purchases made at the ski hill) by selling Niakwa frozen pizzas, frozen pizza shells and gift cards !

When: Oct 1-15, 2024

Where: The Niakwa Pizza orders will be ready for pick-up from the school on **November 21st between 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.** If you are unable to pick up during these times, please give the office a call.

Why: All profits from the fundraiser will collectively lessen the cost for all parents for the Grade 5-8 Ski Trip that is scheduled for February this year. Excess profits will be allocated to support other school wide events.

Grade 5-8: Skiing approximate cost before fundraising is \$35

Order forms will be sent home on October 1. We ask that all orders and cash/cheques be handed into the office by **October 15th at the latest**. Preferred method of payment is cheques made out to NP Partnership Group. Please do **NOT** pay for your pizza orders on Parent Portal as fundraising events are not involved with students accounts. Call the school if you need extra order forms sent home.

Thank you to all who support this fundraiser!

