

# **Bothwell School News**

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# March 2025

2	3 Day	1 4 Day 2	5 Day 3  Gr. 2 Swimming p.m.	6 Day 4 Pre-ordered Lunch: Niakwa Falcon Trails Skiing Gr. 5-8	7 Admin Day No Classes	8
9 Spring Forward	10 Day	5 <b>11</b> Day 6	12 Day 1  Last Gr. 2 Swimming p.m.	13 Day 2	14 Day 3 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway  Gr. K-8 Report Cards	15
16	17 Day	4 18 Day 5	19 Day 6	Student Led Conferences Gr. K-8 4-8 p.m.	21 Day 2 Pre-ordered Lunch: The Bistro  April Online Hot Lunch Link Open	22
23	24 Day	25 Day 4	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1 Pre-ordered Lunch: Dairy Queen  April Online Hot Lunch Orders Due by 9:00am Today!  Jump Rope for Heart Gr. 1-8 p.m	29
30	31	Spring F	Break March 31	- April 4		

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

March is here, and with it comes the excitement of longer days, warmer weather on the horizon, and many wonderful learning opportunities at school. As we transition into spring, we continue to focus on student engagement, growth, and celebrating the hard work of our students and staff.

February was a fantastic month filled with enriching experiences, including our **I Love to Read Month** activities and the incredible visit from **Fubuki Daiko** as our Artist in the School. It was amazing to see our students immersed in music and rhythm. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported these events!

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our **Student-Led Conferences on Thursday, March 20th**. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their learning, reflect on their progress, and set goals for the remainder of the school year. Parents/guardians can sign up for a time slot through the Parent Portal. We encourage all families to attend and celebrate their child's achievements.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who purchased **Badger clothing!** Your support helps fund student activities, including Summer Fun Day and year-end events. We love seeing school spirit shine through our students and families!

As a reminder, **Spring Break begins on Saturday, March 29**. We hope all of our students and families enjoy a well-deserved break and return refreshed for the final months of the school year.

As always, your partnership and support are truly valued. If you have any questions or thoughts to share, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's continue working together to make this school year a memorable and successful one for all.

Warm regards,

Amanda Dent Principal

#### 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!

#### REPORT CARDS

Term 2 report cards for K - 8 will be available to view on Parent Portal on March 14th at 3:30. To access your child's report card, please visit HSD Parent Portal at this link: <u>Parent Portal</u>. The online Parent Portal is now the divisional default delivery method for report cards.

#### STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Mark your calendar for <u>Student Led Conferences</u> on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>March 20</u> from 4-8 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to take the lead in sharing their learning journey, showcasing their progress, and reflecting on their achievements. Unlike traditional conferences, student-led conferences allow students to guide the discussion, highlight their work, and set goals for their continued growth.

Families can sign up for 20 minute conference times through **Parent Portal** beginning **March 10** at 8:30 a.m. If you need assistance with scheduling, please reach out to the school office.

While Student-Led Conferences are a time to **celebrate learning**, we encourage families to connect with teachers **at any time** if there are questions or concerns about their child's progress. Open communication is key to supporting student success! Student Led Conferences will be replacing the traditional Parent Teacher Conference format.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating all the hard work and achievements of our students!

#### LOST AND FOUND

A table with lost and found items will be set up in the front foyer on Student Led Conference night, March 20. Please take the time to stop by during the evening to look through the items for those that may belong to your child. All remaining items will be brought to Self Help over spring break.

#### **GRADE 8 FAREWELL INFORMATION**

The grade 8 students will be planning their in-school farewell celebration with Mrs. Muntain. As part of the year end traditions, students will work on designing a ceiling tile that will be displayed in their honour and enjoying a collection of pictures in a powerpoint to view (a copy of the Google Slide can be shared with them if requested). We are so proud of the students and will enjoy helping them celebrate their accomplishments at Bothwell School.

Parents/families may choose to plan their own after school events if they so wish to do so.

#### **GRADE 5-8 SKI TRIP**

The grade 5-8 students and staff are excited to go on an adventure to Falcon Ridge Ski Slopes on March 6th! Students and staff will be leaving the school at 9AM and returning by 5:30PM. Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing will be offered and we are looking forward to making some great memories together!

#### PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

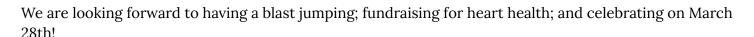
All parents who wish to volunteer to go on field trips will be required to have up to date volunteer checks completed. If your checks are not up to date, you will need to complete the appropriate paperwork and process prior to volunteering. This process may take up to a few months. Volunteer applicants are required to pick up and complete a package which may include all or some of the following:

- -General Application Form
- -Police Information/Vulnerable Sector Check
- -Criminal Record Check
- -Pledge of Confidentiality

If you are not sure if your volunteer checks are up to date, please call the school office at 204-388-4422 or email <a href="mailto:bothwell@hsd.ca">bothwell@hsd.ca</a> to find out.

#### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We are pleased to be holding the Gr. 1-8 Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event on March 28, 2025 in the afternoon. Classes will be collecting cash donations throughout the month. All money raised will support the Heart and Stroke foundation in their efforts to promote children's health and fund vital heart and stroke research. Students will be practicing their jumping skills in the month of March during PE classes in preparation for this event.



#### **BADMINTON**

Grade seven and eight badminton sign up sheets will be on the gym bulletin board later this month. Practice dates and times will be announced and shared with parents/guardians if/when their child signs up. The Grade Seven and Eight HSD Badminton Tournament will be held on April 24th with finals on April 29th. Both in Steinbach.





#### BOTHWELL BATTERY BLITZ CONTEST

Bothwell School has registered to participate in the Call2Recycle Battery Blitz contest which will run from March 3 to April 11. We will be collecting rechargeable and single use dry cell batteries weighing less than 5 kg. These include



C & D, AA & AAA, button and coin batteries, and 9-volt as well as those found in power tools, video game consoles, digital and video cameras, watches and hearing aids. The winning school will be announced in June. For Manitoba, the 1st place prize is \$3000, 2nd place \$2000, and 3rd place \$1000!

Batteries contain toxic materials that can harm the environment if they end up in landfill. That's why it's important to properly recycle your batteries!

When you collect batteries at your school, you're keeping them out of landfills and protecting wildlife. You're also helping to recover valuable materials that can be re-used to make new products, like new batteries, golf clubs, and the stainless steel pots and pans! The possibilities are endless.

Last year, the Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! program collected and recycled over 6.8 million kg of batteries. That's about the weight of 850 African elephants!

After the Battery Blitz, we will still continue to collect batteries from families and the community year round.

#### BABYSITTING COURSE CANCELLED:

The babysitting course will be cancelled this year due to not enough registrations. Deidre Perron, the instructor, is holding other courses over spring break at different locations. Interested parents can register their children using the below links:

Île-des-Chênes at the TC Energy: **April 1, 2025**<u>Municipality of Ritchot</u>

Niverville at the Community Resource & Recreation Centre (CRCC) : **April 2, 2025**<u>Niverville Recreation and Wellness</u>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at <u>bothwell.hsd.ca</u> or call the school at 204-388-4422.





Niverville
Recreation & Wellness

Symmetry Camps

**Niverville Recreation Summer Camps bring** the FUN all summer long! These camps provide youth ages 3-13 with opportunities to try new things, make memories and friends and explore their interests!

We've got lots of outdoor activities, special guests, field trips and more that are sure to make for an unforgettable summer right here in Niverville!

Week 1: July 2-4\*

All Ages: Camp WannaComeBack

Week 2: July 7-11

Kinder: Pirates & Mermaids Ages 6-9: Culinary Camp Ages 9-13: Sports Week

Week 3: July 14-18

All Ages: Science Camps

Week 4: July 21-25

Kinder: Cars, Trucks & Things that Go! Ages 6-9, 9-13: Machines in Motion

Week 5: July 28-Aug 1

Kinder, Ages 6-9: Sports Week Ages 9-13: Culinary Camp

Week 6: Aug 5-8\*

All Ages: Into the Wild

Week 7: Aug 11-15

Kinder: Under the Big Top

Ages 6-9, 9-13: Drama & Theatre

Week 8: Aug 18-22

Kinder: Mini Chefs

Ages 6-9, 9-13: Mythbusters

Week 9: Aug 25-29

All Ages: Adventure Camp

\*Indicates a short week

View the details and register for summer camps online here!



