

# **Bothwell School News**

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			Spring Break March 31 - April 4			
6	7 Day 2	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 International Day of Pink	10 Day 5	11 Day 6 Pre-ordered Lunch: Niakwa	12
13	14 Admin Day No Classes	15 Day 1	16 Day 2	17 Day 3 Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway May Hot Lunch Link	18	19
				Open Today!		
20	21 Day 4	22 Day 5 Earth Day	23 Day 6	24 Day 1	25 Day 2 Pre-ordered Lunch: The Bistro	26
EASTERI		Earth Day/Community Clean-up p.m. (weather permitting)		Gr. 7/8 HSD Badminton Round Robin	May Hot Lunch Online Orders Due by 9:00am!	
27	28 Day 3	29 Day 4 Gr. 7/8 HSD Badminton Finals	<b>30</b> Day 5			

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome to April! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful **Spring Break**. As we return to school, we look forward to a busy and exciting few months ahead. This is a time of year when we see tremendous growth in our students, and we are eager to continue fostering learning, creativity, and school spirit.

March was filled with meaningful moments, including our **Student-Led Conferences**. It was fantastic to see students take ownership of their learning and share their progress with families. Thank you to all parents and guardians who attended and supported their child's growth!

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our **upcoming school play in May - Storybook Court Full of Beans on May 8th**! Our students and staff have been working hard to prepare for this performance, and we can't wait to share it with our school community. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the big day!

As we move into spring, we look forward to upcoming activities and events that will keep our students engaged. Warmer weather also means more opportunities for **outdoor learning and play**, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for changing temperatures.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Your partnership makes a difference, and we appreciate all that you do. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Wishing everyone a fantastic month ahead!

Warm regards,

Mrs. 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!

# EARTH DAY 2025/ COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Earth Day celebrations will tentatively be held on Tuesday, <u>April 22</u> in the afternoon. Students at Bothwell School will be participating in a school yard and community clean up, as well as

collaborating to find ways to help our Earth. Please remember to dress appropriately for the clean-up tasks. Rubber gloves will be provided, but the older students will be cleaning in the ditches, so rubber boots might be necessary. Stay tuned for updates, as the community cleanup may be postponed if a later date would be better due to weather or the status of melting.

## 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 single use and rechargeable batteries weighing less that 5 kg. Besides regular household batteries, these include 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.

# PHYS.ED. NEWS

Students have been practicing their jumping skills during PE classes throughout the month of March. We've enjoyed The Thunderstick Challenge, long rope, and short rope jumping. Students have grown in their confidence, love for movement, and overall fitness levels throughout this unit. Thank-you to all those who have contributed to the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, which culminated in our Jump Off event on the last day of school. Students raised **\$386.40** and the **5/6** class got to throw pies at willing staff members, while the rest of the school looked on.

# BADMINTON

Badminton practices for our grade 7-8 badminton players will begin in early April. The round robin tournament is scheduled for Thursday, April 24th. Finals, for those who qualify, are scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th. Let's go Badgers!

Submitted by Mr. Fast





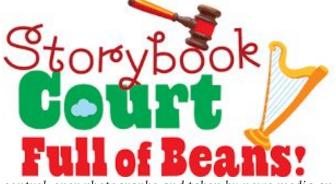




### **BOTHWELL SCHOOL PRESENTS**

This year, Bothwell school is happy to present the play, "**Storybook Court**", where Jack and his lawyer Big Bad Wolf go head to head with Mrs. Helga Giant and her lawyer Red Riding Hood to determine if Jack is guilty of stealing the Giants' gold, goose, and harp. A fun, modern twist on some classic fairy tales.

SHOW TIMES: Thursday, May 8th @ BOTHWELL SCHOOL 1:30 PM and 7:00 P.M. ADMISSION: Donations Gratefully Accepted (to offset the costs of the production)



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#### DRESS CODE REMINDERS

The warm weather of spring and summer is right around the corner. Students are asked to come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor weather conditions and the learning situations for a K-Gr. 8 school.

All students are to wear clothes that are appropriate for a school setting. Please refer to our school handbook.

Examples of appropriate dress for school include:

- Clothing that does not have offensive language/pictures
- Chests, stomachs, and bottoms are covered
- Shorts/skirts that are appropriate length for school setting (sport-type tights/leggings underneath may be needed)
- Undergarments are not showing
- Regular hoods/hats may be worn outside and by 7 & 8's, and inside on designated days (exclusive of religious or medical head attire/gear)
- Proper running shoes for gym classes and tech ed classes

Staff will monitor and determine what is appropriate for school and will inform the student, parent, or principal if needed. Students will be asked to change/cover up clothing that is not suitable for our learning environment. Due to health considerations and safety concerns, students must wear footwear at school.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- ~ ALL STUDENTS ARE TO HAVE GYM SHOES FOR GYM CLASS
- ~ GR. 7 & 8 STUDENTS MUST HAVE CLOSED-TOE SHOES FOR TECH. ED. AND HOME EC. CLASSES
- ~ SANDALS/FLIP FLOPS ARE UNSAFE FOR TECH. ED. AND PHYS. ED. ACTIVITIES



## SAFETY TIPS

Here are some simple rules to reinforce and practice with your children. Remember your child's limitations; some may not be able to judge speed and distance accurately, and very young children may not be able to read the Street and pedestrian signs yet. It is important to know the abilities of your own child because all children develop uniquely.



#### Walking Safely

- Walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk and you have to walk in the road, **face the traffic so that you can see cars coming and keep as far from the roadway (as far away from the traffic) as possible.**
- $\cdot$  Cross only at corners or marked crosswalks. (If there is a crosswalk button, press the button and wait for the walk sign to indicate that it is safe to cross.)
- Stop at the curb or edge of the road, look left, then right, and then left again (left-right-left) before you step into the street.
- If a car is parked where you are crossing, make sure there is no driver in the car. Then go to the edge of the car and look left-right-left until no cars are coming. Keep looking for cars while you are
- $\cdot$  crossing.
- · Walk, don't run. This gives time for drivers to see you before you enter the roadway.

#### **Bicycling Safety**

- · Always wear a helmet that is properly fitted and complies with CSA Standards.
- Ride on the right side of the road or trail in a single file (one bicycle behind another) in the same direction as other vehicles and come to a complete stop before crossing streets.
- · Always use proper hand signals when turning and stopping.

#### School Bus Safety

- Be sure the bus driver can see you and you can see the bus driver.
- $\cdot$  When the bus arrives, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road until you are five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus. Then you can cross the street.
- $\cdot$  Never walk behind the bus.
- $\cdot$  If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up first because the driver may not be able to see you.

#### Stranger Danger Safety Remind children:

- $\cdot$  Stay with a group.
- $\cdot$  Always walk with at least one friend, two or three is even better.
- $\cdot\,$  If a stranger offers you a ride, say "NO!" and stay far away from their car.
- · If a stranger follows you on foot, get away from him or her as quickly as you can. You can run and yell loudly, "HELP!" If a stranger follows you in a car, turn around and go the other direction.
- $\cdot$  Never leave school with a stranger.
- $\cdot$  Tell a trusted adult if a stranger is hanging around the school, playground, or public bathroom.
- $\cdot$  Leave items and clothing that display your name at home so a stranger cannot read it and use it to talk with you.
- · If you arrive home alone, call your mother, father, or other trusted adult to let them know you are home and all right. Keep the door locked, don't open the door for strangers, and don't tell strangers that you are home alone.
- $\cdot$  Never accept things from a stranger.
- · If a stranger asks you a question, don't talk to them. Run away.
- $\cdot$  Don't go anywhere with a stranger.
- $\cdot$  Do not share personal information on-line









#### **REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 14**

#### STEINBACH ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS A MANITOBA THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE PRODUCTION:

# **BLUE BEADS & BLUEBERRIES**



APRIL 7PM | SRSS THEATRE

FOR TICKETS:

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# FLAG FOOTBALL IS COMING TO OUR COMMUNITY!



**\$117** per athlete

No experience required
 Open to ages 9-13
 U10, U12 & U14
 Boys and Girls

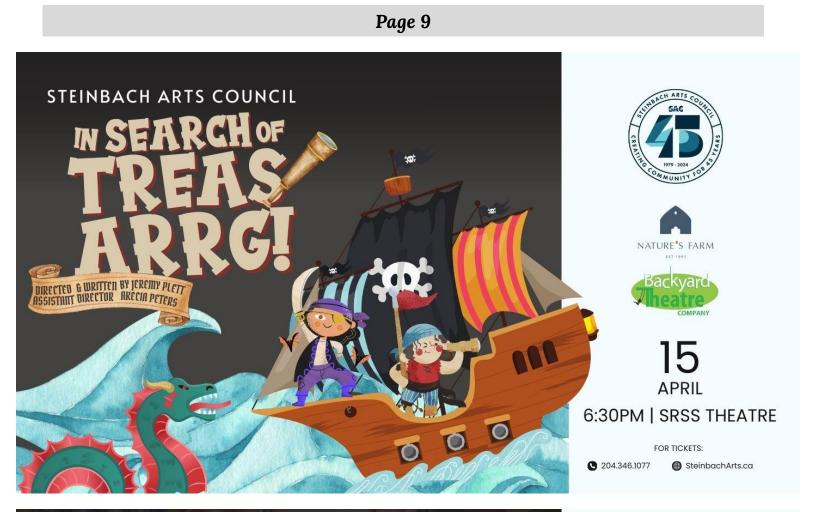
Includes one Blue Bombers ticket to pre-season home game in 2025.

# TO REGISTER & LEARN MORE, VISIT: BLUEBOMBERS.COM/HANOVERFLAGFOOTBALL









# STEINBACH ARTS COUNCIL SPRING BREAK OUT! CAMP (5-8& 9-12)





#### MARCH 31- APRIL 4, 2025

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