



Bothwell School News

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			 GOOD FRIDAY				
			Spring Break March 30 - April 3				
5	6 Day 3	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 6	10	11	
			Gr. 8 NHS - RCMP Presentation a.m.	Pre-ordered Lunch: Niakwa	Admin Day No Classes		
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4	17 Day 5	18	
					Pre-ordered Lunch: Subway May Hot Lunch Link Open Today!		
19	20 Day 6	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23 Day 3	24 Day 4	25	
		Gr. 7/8 HSD Badminton Round Robin	Earth Day  Earth Day/Community Clean-up p.m. (weather permitting)		Pre-ordered Lunch: Bar Burrito May Hot Lunch Online Orders Closed at 9:00am!		
26	27 Day 5	28 Day 6	29 Day 1	30 Day 2			
		Gr. 7/8 HSD Badminton Finals					

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Welcome to April! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Spring Break.

As the weather begins to warm and signs of spring appear, our students continue to build on their learning and make strong progress as we move into the final months of the school year. Classrooms remain busy with engaging learning activities, and it is wonderful to see students demonstrating perseverance, curiosity, and collaboration each day. This time of year is an important opportunity for students to reflect on their goals and continue striving for personal success.

We would like to thank our families for their support during our recent Student-Led Conferences. It was a great opportunity to celebrate student learning and see the pride students take in sharing their progress.

We are also excited to share that we will soon have a new addition to our playground—a gaga ball pit! Once the ground has dried and conditions are ready, students will be able to enjoy this fun and active game during recess.

As we head into spring, we look forward to upcoming school activities, outdoor learning opportunities, and continued connection as a school community.

With the changing season, please ensure students are prepared for varying weather conditions, as we will continue to enjoy time outdoors whenever possible.

For important updates, upcoming events, and school information, please visit bothwell.hsd.ca.

Mrs. Amanda Dent
Principal



EARTH DAY 2026/ COMMUNITY CLEAN UP



Earth Day celebrations will tentatively be held on Wednesday **April 22** in the afternoon. Students at Bothwell School will be participating in a school yard and community clean up. 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 DRIVE



We are holding a collection drive to promote safe disposal of batteries during the month of April.

- Did you know that household batteries are toxic to our environment?
- Did you know that household batteries are full of acids that can contaminate our soil and water supply?
- Did you know that household batteries can be dropped off at participating depots or here at Bothwell School?

We will be collecting regular household batteries and rechargeable batteries weighing less than 5 kg. These include batteries found in power tools, video game consoles, digital and video cameras, watches and hearing aids. Sorry, no car batteries please.

Please make arrangements to have your household batteries dropped off at Bothwell School during the month of April and we will get them sent off for proper disposal. You can drop them off yourselves or send them to school with your child. The collection box is in our front office.

Help us to help keep our environment clean!!

BADMINTON

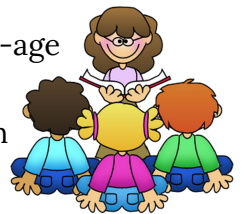
Noon hour badminton practices for our grade 7-8 badminton players have begun!

The round robin tournament is scheduled for April 21st. Finals, for those who qualify, are scheduled for April 28th. Let's go Badgers!



BOTHWELL HANOVER PARENT AND CHILD COMMUNITY PROGRAM (HPCCP)

Hanover Parent Child Community Program (HPCCP) Do you have a child that is kindergarten-age or younger? Come and visit us for a program filled with laughter, songs, crafts, stories, and a snack! We are in Bothwell School once a week on Tuesday 1:00-3:30pm, September through June. We follow the same schedule as the divisional calendar. For more information, check our website: <https://studentservices.hsd.ca/pre-school/> . We are a free drop-in program,



no registration required! If you have any questions, please email Stacey Marcoux at smarcoux@hsd.ca.

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 hats 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



- July 13-16: Zoo Week (Mitchell)
- July 20-23: Around the World Week (Blumenort)
- July 27-30: Pirate & Treasure Week (New Bothwell)
- Aug 10-13: Wild Wild West Week (Grunthal)
- Aug 17-20: Superhero Week (Kleefeld)

Ages 5-12 | \$120.00+GST

Register online by going to the RM of Hanover Website → Parks & Recreation → Register for a Program → Filters → 2026 Summer → Youth → Summer Camps



Questions? Email us at rec@hanovermb.ca or call us at 204-346-7825



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.**
- 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 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.
- 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.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- 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:

- Stay with a group.
- Always walk with at least one friend, two or three is even better.
- 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.
- Never leave school with a stranger.
- Tell a trusted adult if a stranger is hanging around the school, playground, or public bathroom.
- 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.
- Never accept things from a stranger.
- If a stranger asks you a question, don't talk to them. Run away.
- Don't go anywhere with a stranger.
- Do not share personal information on-line