



Bothwell School News

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OCTOBER 2026

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11	12  Thanksgiving No School	13 Day 3	14 Day 4 Round 1 Routine Immunizations a.m. Cross Country Run for Gr. 5-8 #2 p.m.	15 Day 5 Gr. 6-7 VB @ Bothwell	16 Day 6 Pre-ordered Lunch: Country Snacks (hot dogs)	17
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18	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 3 Gr. 5/6 HSD Indigenous Learning Day	22 Day 4 Pre-ordered Lunch: Wendy's Gr. 6-7 VB @ Blumenort	23 MTS PD Day No Classes November Hot Lunch Online Orders Open	24
Bus Safety Week Oct. 20-22						
25	26 Day 5	27 Day 6	28 Day 1	29 Day 2 Gr. 6-7 VB @ Bothwell	30 Day 3 Pre-ordered Lunch: Wendy's Costume Parade a.m. November Hot Lunch Online Order Due by 9:00am	31

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move into October, I continue to be grateful for the positive energy and sense of community I see throughout Bothwell School. With the first month behind us, students are settling into routines, building relationships, and engaging in meaningful learning across the school.

One of the highlights of September was our **Terry Fox Run**. It was wonderful to see our students and staff come together to honour Terry's legacy and support such an important cause. Thank you to our families for your encouragement and generosity—it was a great example of what we can accomplish as a community.

That same spirit of community was at the heart of our **Strong Connections** days and this year's theme, **"Better Together."** Students spent time in small groups participating in their classroom and participating in activities throughout the school: Discover Together in the Library, Move Together in PE, Connect Together in the Learning Commons, and Create Together in the STEAM Room. Most importantly, these days provided time to strengthen relationships and build the sense of belonging that is so important to a successful school year.

The strong start to our school year gives us much to build on in the weeks ahead. Thank you to our families for your continued partnership and for helping make Bothwell School such a welcoming and supportive community.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful October!

Mrs. D. Stewart
Principal



TERRY FOX

The Terry Fox Run was held on Thursday, September 24th. Grade 1-8 students ran around the block to the south of the school and had a great time. Thanks you to everyone who raised money for the Terry Fox Foundation. We raised a total of \$200! Fundraising proceeds will go towards researching ways to fight cancer. Way to go Badgers!

GRADE 6 & 7 BADGER VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball practices are in full swing! With sign ups being low again this year, we have combined the boys' and girls' teams and will participate in the Gr. 7 Boys division of the HSD volleyball league. The team will be playing on Thursday evenings, beginning on October 8th. The regular season will wrap up on November 5th. Spectators are welcome to attend school athletics events and we welcome support for our student athletes during both home and away games! Let's go Badgers!

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.

Also a reminder that the speed limit around the school is 30 kms. Please be aware of your surroundings when dropping off and picking up your children. We have many students who walk or bike to school with some arriving early for sports practices. The safety of our students is a top priority.

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
- Child Abuse Registry Check
- Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector 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 bothwell@hsd.ca to find out.

HSD INDIGENOUS LEARNING DAY change of date

HSD Indigenous Learning Day has been changed to October 21 for grade 5/6 students. It will be held at Kleefeld Park.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Badger Leaders will be starting up in October! Gr. 7/8 Students who choose 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

At Bothwell School we are committed to provide a safe environment for all children. In common with most other schools, we have students with nut allergies. Bothwell School is 'Nut Aware'. We do not describe the school as being 'Nut Free' because we can't guarantee that students or adults have not brought nuts, or traces of nuts, into the building. We ask that you are aware of this, and take care to make sure your child's lunch does not contain nut items that would put someone else's child in danger. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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.

SUMMER READING FINAL RESULTS



The final results of our Summer Reading program are in! We had 43 students participate in our summer reading program. 38 students brought their books back on time and were entered in a prize draw and these are the winners: Oliver F-D., Matias G., Thatcher S., Nathan P., Jenovic K.

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

COSTUME PARADE

On Friday, October 30th, 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.



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 Cedarwood Camp trip by selling Niakwa frozen pizzas, frozen pizza shells and gift cards !

When: Oct 1-15, 2026

Where: Bothwell School parents can pick up their Niakwa Pizza orders from the school on **November 20th between 3:00 - 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 Cedarwood Camp trip that is scheduled for January 7-8 this year.

Grade 5-8: The approximate cost for 2 days and 1 night Camp before fundraising is \$125.

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!

