

BLT SR. Elementary School

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that November is already here! With the colder weather upon us, I wanted to take this time to remind all parents to dress your children appropriately for the weather. Students are outside multiple times a day during the school day and it is important that they have hats, mittens or gloves, and a coat to wear to keep them warm. Once the snow comes they will need to wear snow pants to be permitted to play in the snow.

We are also nearing the end of term one! Teachers are busy collecting evidence and data for report cards and preparing their report card comments. On that note, reports cards are just one way to communicate student achievement. If you ever have any questions about how your child is doing, please do not hesitate to contact their teachers.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Learning Conferences (Formerly called Parent/Teacher interviews) will take place on Wednesday, December 4th from 6:00 to 8:00pm and Thursday, December 5th from 1:00-3:00pm. We will be using an online platform this year to book parent teachers interviews. More details coming next week.

Please also remember there is NO SCHOOL on December 5th as we are doing school based professional development with the teachers in the morning.



December/November
2024

Dates to

Remember:

November 4—SAC
Meeting 6:30pm

November 8— Remem-
brance Day Assembly

November 11—
Remembrance—NO
SCHOOL

November 25-28— Hol-
iday Concert Week

November 22—
Assessment and Evalua-
tion Day —NO SCHOOL

November 29—Report
Cards Go Home

December 4—Learning
Conferences 6-8pm

December 5 — Profes-
sional Development in
AM and Learning Con-
ferences in 1-3pm—No
School

December 20 — Last
Day before Holiday
Break

January 3 — First Day
Back for Students for

BLT SR. HOLIDAY CONCERT WEEK

The School concerts will be held in the last week of November at 1:15pm and evening 6:30pm.

Concert 1, Tuesday, November 26th, 1:15 and 6:30pm

2 Notman, 2 / 3 Betts, 3 Crotty, 2 Cann, 2 Sargent, 4 Webb, 4 McEachern, 4 / 5 Blackmore, 5 McPherson.

Concert 2, Wednesday 27th—1:15 and 6:30pm

2 Shillington, 2 Urquhart, 3 H-K , 3 / 4 Rafuse, 4 Wells, 4/5Delaney, 5 Foley, 5 Westhaver.

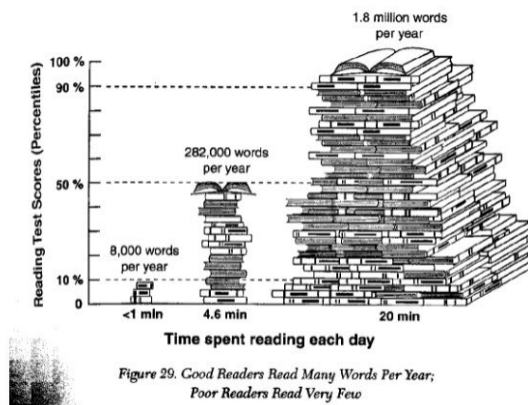
Concert 3, Thursday, 28th—1:15 and 6:30pm

2 Blandford, 2 Ogilvie, 2/3 Robinson , 3 Doxtater, 3 Stokes, 3 / 4 MacIntyre, 4Rhyno, 5 Smith, 5 Ferguson.

Literacy at Home Tips for Parents

Tips for Reading with your Child

- Read to your child frequently
- Re-read the same books
- Pause to talk about the story
- Ask questions to check for understanding
- Ask “why” questions to encourage problem solving
- Explain new, unfamiliar words
- Draw your child’s attention to letters, and the sounds that the letters make
- Reading with your child each day can make a world of difference!!!!





BLT SR. Remembrance Day Assembly

We are having our school wide Remembrance Day Assembly on November 8th at 10:05am. Due to our gymnasium capacity limits and the large size of our student population, we are not able to invite parents and families to our assembly. We are honoured to have Military and retired Military members from the community to join us as invited guests. If you are such a person, please contact acollins-grimmer@hrce.ca and we will plan for you to join us.

Indigenous Veterans Day

Indigenous Veterans Day, observed on November 8, acknowledges the unique contributions and sacrifices made by Indigenous soldiers. This day highlights the bravery and commitment of Indigenous veterans, who have served with distinction despite facing historical and ongoing challenges.

Remembrance Day

Every year on November 11, we observe Remembrance Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the armed forces during World War I, World War II, and other conflicts. This solemn day is marked by ceremonies, moments of silence, and the wearing of poppies in honour of those who have served and fallen.

Together, these days remind us of the courage and resilience of all who have served.





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SCHOOL CLOTHING

Orders close November 12th for delivery prior to Holidays!

*Please Note: There are TWO separate online stores.
Adult and Youth sizes are available.
Please read carefully when ordering.*



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Link to BLT SR Store:

<https://stores.inksoft.com/BLTSR2024/shop/home>



Inclement Weather

Did you know? HRCE takes great care when making the decision to alter the regular operations of schools and school buses in the event of severe or inclement weather.

It is HRCE’s goal to communicate any changes to the regular operations of schools and/or buses as close to 6:00 a.m. as possible. **A 6:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- All schools are delayed in opening by two hours and bus pickups are delayed by two hours; or
- All schools are open, but some or all busses are not operating for the day; or
- Some schools (either individually or by family) are closed for the day; or
- All schools are closed for the day.

If weather deteriorates, or is forecasted to worsen throughout the morning, **an 11:00 a.m. announcement could be:**

- Bussed students will be picked up two hours earlier than their regular dismissal time; and
- Walking students will be dismissed at their regularly scheduled lunch hour.

How will I find out?

- By email to the addresses in PowerSchool
- By text message, **if you have opted-in**. If you aren’t sure if you have opted-in, text Y to the following number: **978338**
- [On the HRCE website](#)
- [On X \(formerly Twitter\)](#)
- [On Instagram](#)

It’s important to always have a plan in place for childcare in the event of any cancellation. For more information on how HRCE manages during inclement weather, visit hrce.ca/weather.

Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week, observed in the second week of November, focuses on raising awareness about the issues facing transgender and gender non-conforming individuals. The week highlights the challenges transgender people face, such as discrimination and lack of healthcare access, and promotes acceptance and inclusivity by encouraging supportive policies and practices.

The week helps to foster solidarity within the transgender community and with allies, providing emotional support and strengthening the transgender movement. It culminates in the Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20, a day to honour those lost to anti-transgender violence, emphasizing the need for continued protection and support.

Be an ally

An ally is someone who actively and consistently supports, stands with and advocates for the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. The best way to be an ally is to listen with an open mind. It is our responsibility to treat all people with dignity and kindness.



Report Cards for the 2024-2025 School Year

Report cards are one way to communicate student achievement during the school year. With report cards coming home later this month here is some information to help you understand the layout and changes to reports this year. This year report cards will be sent home on

November 29th.

How Progress is Reported—2 Ways

Sections on the Report Card

- 1. Demographics—information identifying the student
- 2. Attendance Report for the Year
- 3. Learner Profile— checklist on work habits and social skills

Developmental Scale

- Well Developed
- Developing as Expected
- Needs Development
- Insufficient Evidence

Letter Grade—Level of Understanding

- A—Thorough
- B—Good
- C—Basic
- D—Limited

Grade 2 & 3 Report Cards

- Grades are recorded using developmental scale all three terms.
- Integrated English/French Language Arts and Mathematics are reported on in all three terms.
- Music and Physical Education are only re-reported during term 2 and 3

Grade 4 & 5 Report Cards

- Grades are recorded using developmental scale for term one only
- Grades are recorded using letter grade for terms two and three
- Integrated English/French Language Arts and Mathematics are reported on in all three terms.
- Music, Core French, and Physical Education are only reported during term 2 and 3 using developmental codes

