

# BALMORAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Balmoral Elementary is a place designed with life-long learning in mind.

## From the principal's desk..

Greetings Families,

We are enter the phase of testing students to determine what grade level they function at academically. Be on the look-out for information to be sent home.

I am looking forward to working with families to help with growing students abilities to perform at or above grade-level both academically and behaviorally.

You will receive information from the classroom teacher regarding recent testing outcomes.

Thank you,  
Principal Miller



### Our Mission and Vision

**Mission:** Our mission is to educate students to be critical thinkers and active learners, to challenge students to fulfill their potential, and to prepare students to contribute positively to society. This is a place designed with lifelong learning in mind.

**Vision:** In Our Vision, we aspire to create a community where every child experiences compassion, respect, and encouragement while fostering their development to the fullest potential.

## Instructional Wisdom

### Grades vs Test Scores

Tests are designed to see whether a student is meeting standards adopted by the Department of Education.

Students are tested on all of their prior knowledge and potentially items they have not been exposed to academically.

# Social Worker Corner

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For more information on how to help kids manage anxiety:

[anxiety:https://childmind.org/article/what-to-do-and-not-do-when-children-are-anxious/](https://childmind.org/article/what-to-do-and-not-do-when-children-are-anxious/)

Standardized tests are a stressful time for many students. Here are some tips to help your child manage anxiety around test-taking.

- Ahead of time, practice relaxation strategies with your child so they can stay calm during testing (this can include deep breathing, thinking of a calm place in their mind, etc...)
- We all deal with stress better if we are well-rested, so making sure your child is getting enough sleep is helpful (experts recommend 9-12 hours per night for kids 6-12)
- Kids are good at picking up on our adult feelings, so try to project a calm and supportive attitude that shows them you have confidence they will do their best



## Attendance Updates

Goal: students will attend school 90 - 100% of the school year.

State guidelines -

Students that miss more than nine days are considered chronically truant.

Students that miss more than 18 days of school are considered chronically absent.

Attendance impacts our school rating overall.

Percent of students that are chronically absent: 5%; chronically truant: 8%

## Our Students

In our school, we operate in voice zones: Red Zone - no talking; Yellow Zone: whisper voice; Green Zone: indoor voice.

Students do a great job in all areas except at the end of the day during bus dismissal. We have all 455 students in the gym and it can get pretty loud. Please speak to your student regarding no talking in the gym after school. It permits us to communicate via radio and to be able to hear in the event of an emergency.

