



## **Bairdmore Elementary School**

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### **Mission Statement**

Bairdmore Elementary School is dedicated to educational excellence through challenging and enriching experiences for all, in a safe and caring community.

*Principal*  
Mr. Rob Gendron

*Vice-Principal*  
Mr. Doug Jonasson

### **About Us**

- We are a welcoming and caring staff of 48 in a K-6 setting that provides quality education to a student population of 440.
- We work very closely with our Parent Advisory Council as together we enrich the opportunities for our students.
- We have an excellent web page with many academic links that is a powerful support and resource for the Bairdmore Learning Community.
- We are very active in the use of technology by our students in order to enhance their learning.
- We continue towards a bully free environment through creating a safe and caring learning community with an emphasis on RESPECT.
- We have a strong commitment from staff providing students with many extra-curricular opportunities in many different areas including, phys-ed, music, Chess and Math Clubs, French and many other areas.
- We have an active Bairdmore Parent Advisory Council that actively seeks ways to support and enrich the lives of our students.

### **2008/2009 School Plan Priorities**

- To continue to augment the assessment and learning strategies used by teachers to enhance student growth as learners and that they have an active role in the assessment process.
- To continue to augment the use of technology in the classroom as a tool to strengthen student learning.
- To further foster a safe and caring learning community through respect.

### **2008/2009 Highlights**

- The use of technology is widely used in the school as a tool to enhance teaching and learning. The use of Smart Boards are widely used throughout the grade levels.
- Grade six students continued to excel in Leadership roles in the gym, library, music and office.
- All of our grade six students participated in the Canadian Math League Contest resulting in 70% of students receiving commendable performances. Also we had students taking first and second place in this category..
- Grade Four students benefited from the northern travels of Mr. Gerald Khuel as he taught students about adventures to Nunavut.
- Our musical, "Pirates" was presented in April which was superbly performed by grade 5 and 6 students and exceptionally well received by the community.
- We had 93 students participate in the Manitoba Marathon making up 6 relay teams and the participation in the Super Run. Two of the relay teams were medal winners, receiving, gold and silver medals for their age category.
- There were 47 students between grades 5 and 6 who participated in the Divisional Track and Field Meet. All athletes performed very well and were excellent ambassadors of Bairdmore School.
- Minister of Education, Mr. Peter Bjornson came to speak and read to our grade six students in April.
- All students in grade 3 participated in a Chess Club which was enthusiastically embraced by all the students.
- Two of our early years students participated at the National Chess Tournament in Toronto.
- At the Divisional Chess Competition, winning the Early Years title and our Middle Years students participation resulted in a tie for fourth place.
- All students benefited from at least 2 educational fieldtrips that supported and enhanced their curricular studies. Fieldtrips ranged from the Museum of Man and Nature to farm trips. All were very positive for students.
- Teachers worked very hard to prepare, plan and implement Strong Beginnings. Strong Beginnings focuses on assessment work with students that will guide instruction by the teacher.

- Teachers worked diligently to augment their assessment skills in literacy and numeracy through divisional inservicing as well as professional development and professional readings and divisional expertise.
- An Internet Safety evening was presented to parents to help parents keep informed of the dangers of unsupervised access to the internet.
- Students at all levels continue to be involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities provided by staff such as Volleyball Club, Basketball Club, Running Club, Skipping Club, Intramurals, Marathon Club, Chess Club, Math Club, Musical Theater, Chanter Club, French Newspaper, French Club, Manitoba Young Readers Association, United Nations Speaking Club, Spelling Bee, Skipping Club and many others.
- All students in K-6 participated in Voyageur activities in February.
- Bairdmore School sent 6 students to the divisional French Poetry Competition in March. One student won her category and represented Pembina Trails at the provincial competition and another student placed second.
- The Bairdmore Advisory Council continued to support and enrich the lives of the students through their financial support of our new computers, a new bridge system in the gym, new computers for the Early Years lab, community hot lunch for the students, volunteer work and support. Their energy and commitment is greatly appreciated.
- Mr. Aaron Burnett came and shared his musical talents with our students. It was a wonderful performance that was enjoyed by all.
- Mrs. Marie Geelen from Ontario came to Bairdmore and worked with our students on the role of respect and leadership. These workshops helped to strengthen the strategies for students when faced with difficult situations and reinforced the understanding that all students are leaders.
- One of our grade four classes participated in the Roots of Empathy program. Baby Katie was a big hit with students.
- Freeze Frame worked with our grade four and five students on Claymation. The films created were outstanding.
- A Guitar Club was offered at the grade four level.
- Helmet Safety presentation was held for all students.
- The Kindergarten to Grade 5 Dance in the Park was held and was a huge success for students and parents.
- Circles of Love reading was held throughout the year with many special guest readers: Mr. Lawrence Lussier; Superintendent of Education, Mr. Peter Chura from CTV T.V., Mr. John Sauder from CBC T.V., Mr. Rod Bruinoge; MP, Mr. Hugh McFaden; MLA,
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