



Barriere Elementary School

Newsletter January 2018

Care – Connect- Contribute

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. It is great to see all of the student's smiling faces back and ready to charge into the 2018 school year.

Basketball, cross country skiing and snow shoeing are all in motion at BES and students are getting ready to plan and prepare their Heritage and Inquiry Fair Projects.

We also have started our Big Buddies Program with the High School, where secondary students are paired with some of our students to provide mentorship and build positive connections.

It is awesome to see some of our former students return to support our students in a leadership capacity.

The Grade 7 students will also be starting a Healthy and Respectful Relationships program with Ashley Piva as the facilitator and our Grade 5 and 6 classes will continue to work with Thompson Rivers University instructors regarding sensory smart classrooms and self-regulation strategies that support social, emotional and academic success. I look forward to another great year working with students, staff, parents and community.

Cory Carmichael
Principal Barriere Elementary School

Upcoming Events

Young People's Concert #2	February 9 th
Family Day, no school	February 12 th
Kindergarten Registrations	February 13 th -16 th
Blue River Ski Race	February 21 st
Non Instructional Day – NO SCHOOL	(New!) February 22 nd & 23 rd
Second Term Report Cards distributed	March 16 th
Last Day before Spring Break	March 16 th
First Day back after Spring Break	March 26 th
Good Friday, no school	March 30 th
Easter Monday, no school	April 2 nd
Young People's Concert #3	April 13 th



Kindergarten Registration Dates

Kindergarten Registration dates are **February 13-16, 2018, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.** Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for Kindergarten on these dates.

To be eligible for attendance in Kindergarten in September 2018, a student must be five years of age by December 31, 2018. Please bring your child's original birth certificate, Care Card and a proof of address with you when registering.

Dress for the Weather

Just a continuing reminder that with cooler temperatures and snow falling students need to be prepared to come to school dressed for the cold (toques, mitts, warm coats, snow boots, etc) and ready to go out at recess and lunch breaks. As well, please make sure your child's clothing is labelled so if lost, it can be returned.

Welcome to Parent Presentation

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Thursday, January 18th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

We will be hosting a BCTF seminar titled "Supporting Your Child's Learning" at Barriere Elementary School. BCTF and Barriere Elementary School PAC invite parents and caregivers to a workshop that will increase awareness about the many ways adults can model and encourage children down the path of learning. You are encouraged to join us Thursday, January 18th for this one hour session. Please fill out and return the registration if you will be able to attend.

Thank you for supporting Barriere Elementary School PAC

Please note: Snacks and beverages will be provided
This session is for adults only
Registration forms are due back January 12th, 2018

Unplug and Play

Unplug and Play Week is from January 20-January 27.

Pamphlets will be sent home with students in the next week that will show you the various activities that are being held throughout the city. Every school that participates in Unplug and Play will be entered into a draw to receive a prize. Our goal is to encourage families to find a healthy balance between screen time and active family time. We build literacy skills when we play and learn together. Please encourage your family to participate in Unplug and Play!



Barriere StrongStart

DATE: Monday - Friday
TIME: 8:30 - 11:30
PLACE: Barriere Elementary School
4475 Airfield Road

Every morning from 8:30 to 11:30, early childhood educator Tracy Murphy welcomes parents and caregivers and their preschool-aged children to the FREE drop in center, to join in early learning fun.

While attending StrongStart BC programs you can expect to learn and play with your child, interact and make new friends, plus find ways to assist your child learn their numbers, letters, printing skills and early literacy skills.

Ladies used Clothing Sale

**January 20th and 21st, 2018, 10am – 3pm each day
Barriere Lions Hall**

We are seeking donations of good, clean, gently used clothing, purses, shoes and costume jewelry.
(Clothes hangers are also appreciated)
Items can be dropped off at the Lions Hall on Jan 17, Jan 18 and Jan 19 from 10am-1pm each day.

All proceeds go to the Anti Violence Advocate Society – to sustain the Respectful Relationship program in our schools.

For more info, please call Barb Gordon at 250-672-2111 or gordonbarbara515@gmail.com

Blue River Ski Race

The Blue River Ski Race will be held for students in Grade 2-7 on **Wednesday February 21st**. The final number of students wanting to participate will need to be in by Monday February 12th. Miss Hoffman will be having a meeting and sending out information about the race on Tuesday January 16th at Recess for all those students interested. Please keep in mind that we will need parent volunteers to drive to and from Blue River on the day of the race.