



Barriere Elementary School

Newsletter September 2018

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Upcoming Events

Gradual K entry	Sep 7-11
First full day of Kindergarten	Sep 12
PAC Back to School BBQ	Sep 12
Inservice Day, no school	Sep 21
Orange Shirt Day	Sep 28
Picture Day	Oct 2
Parent Teacher Interviews, early dismissal at noon	Oct 18
Inservice Day, no school	Oct 19

Principal's message

The Barriere Elementary staff welcomes back to school all of the students and parents in our community as well as those families who have recently joined us. We hope everyone had a great summer holiday and is now ready to get back into the routines for the fall.

Now, that the initial flurry of school start-up has reached the end of the first week, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Mr. Cory Carmichael, as your principal. As such, I would like to extend my sincere thanks in advance to the Barriere community for welcoming our new and returning staff and students. Barriere Elementary is a very special place for learning. I am excited to be a member of the BES team for another year and I look forward to a very productive and rewarding year. I would like to welcome our newest staff member Mrs. Gillis who will be taking on the role of our grade 4/5 class. Mrs. Gillis has spent a great deal of time in our building, first as a student teacher two years ago, and then as a Teacher on Call frequently last year.

Each year staff wrestles with placement decisions, and it is usually the case that the majority of placements are fine. Worries that might seem enormous during the first few days school usually disappear once classroom programs and relationships have been established. As parents, you can do a lot to dispel your child's insecurities about this through your positive encouragement, support and consistent messaging. Each year is a new opportunity to make new friends, experience different learning environments, develop new social, academic and individual skills leading to increased resilience and personal independence. We want you to know we appreciate your concerns and requests regarding your child's classroom placement and have listened. This year students were placed in preliminary classes with their potential teacher for the year instead of returning to last years teacher, which provided time to make minimal adjustments to class composition while placing new arrivals. So far, 20 new students have registered at BES over the past two weeks. We have weighed the academic, social, and behavioural needs of individual students, as well as class composition, provincial regulations, and Certified Educational Assistant supports available to us, carefully, before assigning children to their classes. Thank you for your support and patience during this process

As with every start of the school year, there is a period of readjusting to routines, sleep schedules and the pace of school, including new friendships, new teachers and sometimes a new school. If you have any concerns please schedule an appointment with myself or your child's teacher anytime, to discuss your concerns.

Thanks you for being a member of our Barriere Elementary family. We value your support and participation in our school and look forward to a great year.

Safe Arrival : Toll free number 1-844-350-2647

A reminder for parents new to BES and the Kamloops/Thompson school district, SD73 has moved to an automated safe arrival program. This means that parents must call into the system in the morning. Any student arriving after 8:40am will be considered late or absent, triggering the automated system to call home/cell for up to twenty minutes until a response is logged indicating the reason for the student's absence.

Please contact the school for more information or go to the link below

www.go.schoolmessenger.ca

If you have an Android or Apple device, you can also download the SafeArrival app.

Closed Campus

As we begin a new year, Barriere Elementary has decided to become a closed campus, which is a fancy way of saying that students will not be permitted to leave school grounds at lunch, unless they are walking home (to a house) for lunch. In that case students will be required to provide written permission from the parent/guardian and check in at the office before leaving.

Lunch Schedule

This year Barriere Elementary will begin a new lunch time schedule that was developed as a staff to address several factors including supervision, behaviour, and timetabling. The new schedule will have lunch begin at 12:20pm and end at 1:20pm. All students, will eat their lunch in the classroom from 12:20-12:40pm and then go outside for lunch. As with any new schedule, there will need to be adjustments and time to reflect on the effectiveness of the structure. We appreciate your support and patience with this new schedule.

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS & CELL PHONES

After school is a busy and hectic time in the office, so...Please ensure that your child knows his/her after school plans/schedule before leaving for school in the morning, including bus routes, after school programs and/or prearranged pick up.

Students may use cell phones to communicate with parents before or after school or at appropriate break times. Cell phones are not to be used in class and must be stored away securely, and at the students own risk. Please review with your child the appropriate times to use their cell phone, and remind them that they are not to video, take pictures or post images of other children/students. Please be mindful that you are not texting your child during class time as this is a distraction and disruption to their learning. If you have a message that can not wait until the end of the day, please contact the school and the message will be delivered to your child

BIKES, SCOOTERS & OTHER FUN THINGS

Many of our students make their way to and from school on two or multi-wheeled forms of transportation. Please review with your children how to safely operate their bike, board or scooter, be aware of traffic and to wear their helmets.

LOCKERS

Lockers have been assigned to students at the rate of one locker for every two students. Should the pair wish to put a lock on the locker, we request that it be a combination lock only, with the combination being recorded with the teacher.

MEDICAL ALERT PLANNING

Parents: Remember, it is your responsibility to let the school know if your child has a serious health condition or requires medication at school. Contact the school office if you would like more information or to pick up the required forms. If your child already has a form on file at school please review and update the plan as soon as possible. School District personnel are not permitted to administer medication to students unless specifically authorized to do so by a Doctor. Please ensure you obtain a form/s from us that authorize the school to administer a prescription or identify the steps to take in a medical emergency. All medications must be clearly identified and labelled with your child's name. School staff is also not permitted to administer non-prescription medication either.

NUT ALLERGIES

At BES we have several members of the staff, as well as students, who have severe allergies to nuts. These individuals carry EPI-PENS, but an allergic reaction can result in an emergency situation and hospitalization with life threatening consequences. As a parent I can relate to how difficult it is to get my child to eat their lunch or actual identify food groups they will eat. However, I cannot stress enough that at BES the importance of making sure students are sent with nut free lunch and snack options in all classes from K-7. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Lunch Program

The lunch program will be available again this year, starting on Monday, Sep 10th, for students who would like to participate. Punch cards are available from Mrs. Eustache in the Breakfast Room.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

One very important group at each school is the Parent Advisory Council. The PAC is an advisory council, supporter and fundraiser for the school. The 1st PAC meeting will take place this Tuesday, September 11th in the BES Library. As well, the PAC will be hosting a BACK to School BBQ on September 12th from 5-7pm at the school.

WANTED: Noon Hour Supervisors

We are in need of parents or other caregivers/guardians for this important position. If you are interested in an opportunity to spend time with wonderful, funny and energetic students, and contribute to a safe, positive and dynamic school environment, please contact the school. This position is not a five-day-a-week commitment either. If you only have one or two noon times available and want to help, we will be thrilled to accept your help.



Don't forget to register your team for the amazing race!
All information can be found at
barriereoutdoorclub.weebly.com

Contact Louise Lodge @ 250-879-1268

**Volunteers are needed on the day too 😊

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ !
September 12th, 2018 from 5-7pm at Barriere Elementary
Hotdog, chips & drink: \$5
Burger, chips & drink \$6
Event facilitated by and proceeds benefiting Barriere Elementary PAC

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.

SCHOOL STAFF 2018/2019:

Principal: Mr. C Carmichael

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. P. Migl

Certified Education Assistants:

Mrs. R. Buchanan

Ms. A. Salle

Mrs. S. Wolfe

Ms. L. Eustache, FNEW

Ms. C. Beeds

Ms. T. Murphy

Primary Teaching Staff:

Mrs. L. Young

Mrs. L. Underhill

Mrs. M. Peterson

Mrs. L. McGravey

Mrs. K. Matthews

Miss R.Hoffman

Intermediate Staff:

Mrs. L. Dunstan

Ms. J. Gillis

Miss C. Oates

Mr. K. Allan

Learning Assistance Resource Teacher:

Ms. J. Schilling

Primary and Intermediate Prep:

Mrs D. Fraser

Teacher Librarian:

Librarian Assistant:

Ms. A. Kennedy

StrongStart Facilitator:

Mrs. T. Murphy

School and Family Consultant:

Mrs. J. Kerslake

Speech/Language Pathologist:

Ms. A. Wright

Custodial Staff:

Ms. P. Brown

Ms. L.Sollows

2018/2019 Teacher/classroom assignments:

Please note that depending on increased student enrolment may lead to reconfiguration of classes and the creation of combined classes.

DIV 002	Mr. Allan	Gr. 6
DIV 003	Ms. Dunstan	Gr. 5/6
DIV 004	Ms. Oates	Gr. 4
DIV 005	Mrs. Matthews	Gr. 3
DIV 006	Miss Hoffman	Gr. 2/3
DIV 007	Ms. McGravey	Gr. 2
DIV 008	Mrs. Peterson	Gr. 1/2
DIV 009	Mrs. Underhill	Gr. KF/1
DIV 010	Mrs. Young	Gr. KF
DIV 011	Ms Gillis	Gr. 4/5

BUS DRIVERS & ROUTES

Bus Number	Route	Driver
A1732	East Lake (29)	Kathy Grummit
6734	McLure (33)	Simon Jung
A4736	Cahilty (27)	Sharon Threatful
A4737	Little Fort (31)	Rolf Brem
A8736	Chu Chua (30)	Jack Kelley
A3736	Brennan Creek	Lance Naylor

Students who live in town are welcome to ride the following buses:

Barriere Ridge Stop – Little Fort bus (AM ONLY) & East Barriere (PM ONLY)

Barriere Laundromat Stop – Chu Chua bus

Connor Road Stop – Squam Bay bus

Armour Mountain Stop – Squam Bay bus

If you have any problems or questions regarding bus routes, please call the Barriere Bus Garage @ 250-672-9313 or the Kamloops District Transportation Department @ 250-372-5853. As you can appreciate the school cannot be responsible for organizing and monitoring over 150 students and their bus schedules. It is vital that families arrange for and plan their child's daily transportation to and from the school. We appreciate your understanding with this issue.

**** Please email Mrs Migl a short note at pmigl@sd73.bc.ca if you would like to receive a copy of our monthly newsletter by email.**