



Barriere Elementary School

Newsletter October 2018

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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Day, no school	Oct 8
Adams River Salmon Run field trip grades K-6	Oct 11
Parent Teacher Interviews, early dismissal at noon	Oct 18
Inservice Day, no school	Oct 19
Drop Everything and Read	Oct 22 in the afternoon
Young People's Concert #1	Oct 30
School Picture Retakes	Nov 1
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov 9
Remembrance Day Stat, no school	Nov 12
Inservice Day, no school	Dec 3
Last day before Christmas break	Dec 21

Principal's message

It is hard to believe, but September has gone by already and October is well underway. It has been a great start up to the school year so far at BES.

Our students enjoyed a fantastic Back to School BBQ put on by PAC while settling into their new classes for the year. September also provided many great opportunities for our students, from participating in coding and animation workshops in the intermediate grades, to listening to Phyllis Webstad share her Orange Shirt story.

Students also participated in the Terry Fox Run, raising a total of \$228.00 dollars - a loonie for every student at BES.

All classes were also treated to seeing a presentation about raptors with a live falcon and hawk in the library.

The start of the school year also saw an increase to the school's population with an increase in enrolment, 27 students and counting to date!

This increase has resulted in a new primary division/classroom being added to the school, beginning in early October. So, as much we miss the grade 7s...thanks for the empty classroom, it is going to be filled.

As we head into October, a reminder that the weather has changed quickly and students are asked to dress for the cooler and wetter climate - maybe digging out the snow gear will bring the sunshine for a little bit. We look forward to another busy and exciting month ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of the BES school community.

MEDICAL ALERT PLANNING

Medical Alert Planning forms have been sent home to parents/caregivers of students with a serious health condition and/or students who require medication at school. Please return those forms to the office asap. Thank you!

Lunch Program

The lunch program will be available again this year for students who would like to participate. \$25 punch cards are available from Mrs. Eustache in the Breakfast Room.

School Fees

In an ideal world we wouldn't have to charge school fees....but we are not there. School fees play a vital role in the operation of the school and how we are able to support students and create learning opportunities for them. I understand that often paying the whole lumpsum fee at once can be a challenge or is not possible. Please see Mr. Carmichael if this is the case and we can work out a payment schedule that supports parents, students and school.

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.

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 at 250-672-9916. 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.

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.

**** 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.**

...attached to this newsletter are the 3 most referred to school policies.