

BARRIERE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

April 2022



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of Barriere Elementary School!

To give a little background about myself, I have close to 8 years experience as a public-school administrator. Prior to becoming a principal, I taught in several rural and urban communities across B.C. Some of my fondest memories in education have been in rural settings and I am very enthusiastic to now be part of the wonderful community of Barriere!

I started my career up in the Cariboo before moving back to Metro Vancouver about 6 years ago. This past summer, we moved to the Interior to be closer to family. I began in the district as the vice-principal at Bert Edwards in North Kamloops, and then had the opportunity to accept the principal ship here in Barriere late last month.

My mission as an educational leader is to help students become confident and creative builders of their futures. My vision focuses on developing the whole child so that they can become well balanced and healthy individuals, who will contribute positively both inside and outside of our community walls. To achieve this, with the help of my educational team, I aim to create an environment that fosters belonging and inclusivity while promoting physical activity, emotional well-being, and healthy living.

I strive to have an open-door policy and try to be as accessible as possible for students, staff and parents. Please feel free to come up and introduce yourself, or call anytime if you have any questions. I look forward to getting to meet as many parents and community members as possible in the coming weeks and months.

As we are already in April, we have a full few months to finish off this school year. I look forward to the great things we will achieve together!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mikel Brogan, Principal

Upcoming Events

Good Friday, no school - April 15
Easter Monday, no school - April 18
Track and Field Clinic - April 21
Class Picture Day - April 21 in the morning
In-service Day, no school - April 25
School Track and Field Day - May 11
In-service Day, no school - May 20
Victoria Day, no school - May 23
Zones Track and Field Day - May 25
District Track and Field Day - June 3
Grade 6 field trip to Eagle Bay - June 8-10

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

All parents of students of Barriere Elementary are welcome to attend our school PAC meetings.

Next meeting: April 12 8:45am

Current fundraiser: **Follow updates of our hard working PAC:**

<https://www.facebook.com/BarriereElementarySchoolPac/> OR www.bespac.org



Our Tier 2 Basketball Champions!
Congratulations!

PICKING UP STUDENTS /DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

In the **morning and after school**, please avoid dropping off and picking up your children from the main staff parking lot . It is very busy in the morning and after school with students waiting for buses. Thank you for your help on this.

If your child needs to be picked up **during the day** for appointments, please go to their outside classroom door to pick them up. If you are unable to pick up at their classroom door, please contact the office.

After school can be a busy and hectic time in the office. Please ensure that your child knows their after school plans/schedule BEFORE leaving for school in the morning, including bus routes, after school programs and/or prearranged pick up. The phone should only be used by students in emergency situations. Thank you you for your support on this matter.

SD73 MOBILE APP

SD73, our staff and our schools are committed to communicating with parents in as many ways as possible. We want you to know what is happening in regards to the education of your children.

Our mobile app is our latest tool. Once downloaded to your Apple or Android smartphone or tablet, the app will allow you to choose to receive news about your school straight to your device, and allow us the opportunity to reach out to you when we have important news to share.

Download SD73 Mobile App (for free) through the [Apple](#) or [Android](#) stores.

STUDENT SAFE ARRIVAL - ABSENT/LATE

If your child is going to be absent or late, you will need to contact the Safe Arrival line by 8:15 on the day. The system logs the absences/lates for our attendance system. Parents will contact the system by:

- calling the toll free # 1-844-350-2647
- visit: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>
- Smart phone app (iOS and Android version; both available for free) - download from iTunes or Google Play

[BES WEBSITE](#)

Please visit our website regularly for useful information (ie. dates, important event, newsletters, PAC information, COVID 19 protocols, Breakfast/Lunch information

<https://barriere-elem.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>



STUDENT TRANSFERS - OUT OF CATCHMENT SCHOOLS

Parents may request to have students attend a school outside of their school's catchment. If parents would like to apply, they need to apply for transfer.

- Application for Transfer Requests
 - Each year, students and parents will be given notice that they may, starting on March 1, request transfer to another school for the upcoming school year.
 - Such notice shall be publicized in school newsletters and on the District website.
 - Only transfer requests submitted in writing to the receiving principal and approved by students' parents shall be considered.
 - A deadline for transfer requests shall be established by the Superintendent and publicized in school newsletters and on the District website. The deadline, unless otherwise determined by the Superintendent, will be at noon (12:00 PM) on the Thursday before Labour Day, so that students who move into the catchment area during the summer will have priority
 - A child's entitlement to enroll at any school or to transfer to another school shall be determined based, in descending order, on the following priorities:
 - A catchment area student who attended the school in the previous year;
 - A catchment area child;
 - A non-catchment area student who attended the school or program in the school in the previous year;
 - A non-catchment area child with a sibling in the school;
 - A non-catchment area child; and,
 - A non-District child.

For more information, please review [Administration Procedure 305](#).

Baby Sitting Course

There is a babysitting course being offered in Barriere at the end of April:

Date: April 30

Time: 9:00-3:30

Location: Barriere Chamber office

Fee: \$125

Course information: <https://www.tru.ca/regionalcentres/barriere/firstaid.html>

Course Registration: <https://webapps.tru.ca/CourseReg/tradesContStudies>