



# Barriere Elementary School

Newsletter September 2019

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## Upcoming Events

Inservice Day, no school	Sep 23
Orange Shirt Day	Sep 30
Picture Day	Oct 3
Parent Teacher Interviews	Oct 10
Thanksgiving Day, no school	Oct 14
Inservice Day, no school	Oct 25

## 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 ready to get back into the routines for the fall.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Mrs. Tiffany Hawkins, as your new principal. I wish Mr. Carmichael all the best at his new school in Kamloops. I have had the opportunity to meet a few of our families and I am looking forward to meeting all of our Barriere Elementary school community.

I would like to welcome our newest staff members. Mr. McCaughtery will be teaching our intermediate students. Ms. Kuch is our new day custodian.

Every year the staff works diligently on making decisions with regards to class placements. To support in the decision making process, we weight the academic, social, and behavioural needs of individual students, as well as class composition, provincial regulations, and Certified Educational Assistant supports available to us. Sometimes there is anxiousness around the beginning of the school year about class placements, but those worries will usually disappear once there has been opportunity to experience the classroom and relationships begin to build. Parents can help to ease the worries about class placements by providing positive encouragement, support and consistent messaging. Each new year brings many opportunities. Students can build new friends, experience different learning environments, develop new social, academic and individual skills that leads to increased resilience and personal independence. We want you to know we appreciate your concerns and requests regarding your child's classroom placement and did our best to fulfill those requests. 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.

## **WEBSITE**

As you may already be aware of, we have an updated website. Thank you to Ms. Migl for keeping it up to date. You will find lots of useful information on the website (i.e. dates, important events, newsletters, Parent Advisory Council information, Breakfast Program information).

Website address: <https://barriere-elem.sd73.bc.ca/>

## **SAFE ARRIVAL : Toll free number 1-844-350-2647**

A reminder for parents new to BES and the Kamloops/Thompson school district, SD73 has 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](http://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.

## **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.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Please be aware, starting in November, the school newsletters will be sent out by email every month. There will also be a copy on our school website as well as paper copies at the office. If you are unable to receive the newsletter by email or retrieve it off of the website, please contact the office for other arrangements. Contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we move to this new system of communication.

## 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. At BES, it is important to make sure students are being sent with nut free lunch and snack options in all classes from K-6. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## BREAKFAST/SNACK/LUNCH CLUB

This club will be available again this year, starting on Monday, September 9th, 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.



Barriere StrongStart	
	<b>DATE:</b> Monday - Friday <b>TIME:</b> 8:30 - 11:30 <b>PLACE:</b> 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.

## After-School Club – Barriere Library

This club for kids features fun activities including games, crafts, puzzles, book sharing, and a chance to get to know your library! Drop-in.

Date: Wednesdays, 3pm-4:30pm, Barriere Library

## SCHOOL STAFF 2019/2020 (\*New to School)

CUPE	TEACHERS	DISTRICT STAFF
<b>Administrative Assistant</b> Ms. Migl	Mr. Allan Miss Hoffman	<b>SCHOOL PSYCH</b> Greg Pearce
<b>LIBRARY ASSISTANT</b> Ms. Kennedy	Ms. MacDougall Mrs. Matthews *Mr. McCaugherty	<b>SPEECH AND LANGUAGE</b> Abby Wright
<b>AEW</b> Ms. Eustache	Ms. McGravey Ms. Oates Mrs. Peterson	<b>SCHOOL &amp; FAMILY CONS.</b> Jennifer Kerlake
<b>CUSTODIANS</b> *Ms. Kuch, Day Ms. Sollows, Night	Mrs. Underhill Mrs. Young	<b>INCLUSION SUPPORT</b> TBA
<b>CEAs</b> Ms. Beeds Mrs. Buchanan Ms. Murphy Ms. Salle Mrs. Wolfe	<b>PREP</b> Ms. Fraser TBA <b>LART</b> Mrs. Schilling <b>Librarian</b> Mrs. Leone	<b>Community Partners</b> Angela Semrick, PHN
<b>STRONG START</b> Mrs. Murphy	<b>Student Teachers</b> Three teachers in: Mrs. Matthews' class Ms. McGravey's class Ms. Peterson's class	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b> *Mrs. Hawkins

### BUS DRIVERS & ROUTES

Bus Number	Route	Driver
A1732	East Lake (29)	Kathy Grummett
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.