

BARRIERE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

December 2021



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Reminder

Due to safety reasons, student are not allowed to throw snowballs at each other.

Please continue to review the **Daily Health Check** with your child. If a child goes home from school with one of the symptoms on the list, they need to remain at home for a minimum of **24 Hours**. They are able to return to school once they are feeling better and symptoms are improving. If they have **2 or more symptoms**, parents should contact a health practitioner and should not return their child to school until directed by the health practitioner.

Arrival to school - please note that supervision for students in the morning does not begin until 8:05am.

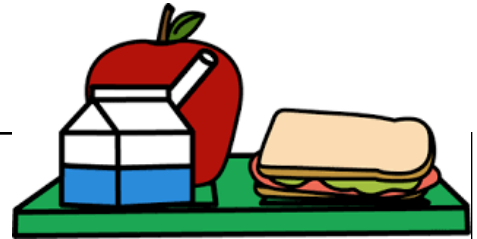
Masks - please send your child to school with a mask and encourage them to wear one.

Thank you for being a part of your child's education. Your child matters to us.

Sincerely,

Mr. Naylor - Acting for Mrs. Hawkins

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM



Our Hot Lunch Program is looking for volunteers to help support on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (10:30-12:30).

Volunteers can choose to work all days or individual days that fit into their schedule. Please contact the school to sign up to the volunteer schedule. *(Volunteers will be under the direction of our Lunch Program coordinator.)*

PICKING UP STUDENTS DURING THE DAY

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.



Masks

According to the Communicable Disease Prevention Plan updated Nov. 10, 2021, all students K-12 are required to wear a face mask indoors and on the school bus.

Please make sure your child is bringing a mask to school!

Food at school

According to the CDP Plan food and beverages should not be shared at school.

If you wish to send food to the classrooms, please connect with the classroom teacher first.

All food items must be commercial and individually packed.

Buses

Please remember that with Covid regulations still in place, students can only ride the bus(es) they are registered on.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inservice Day, no school - Dec 6

Spirit Week - Dec 13-17

Turkey Dinner for all students - Dec 15 at lunch

Virtual Christmas Celebration - Dec 17-Jan 4, 2022

(link will be posted on our website)

Winter break: Dec 20 - Jan 3

First day back after break: Tuesday, Jan 4, 2022

Progress Reports - Jan 31, 2022

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

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.

Turkey Dinner

We are serving a Turkey Dinner (with all the fixings) to all our staff and students on **Wednesday, December 15th during lunch break.**

If you don't want your child to participate, please send a lunch!



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.

Key functions our app includes:

- Receive notifications about alerts, incidents or critical events in your school
- Subscribe to receive updates from your school
- Subscribe to receive updates from the Board of Education regarding consultations, news and updates.
- Download invites for District events, including ProD days, concerts, sport events, etc. to your personal calendar

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

[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 SAFE ARRIVAL - ABSENT/LATE

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

Parents will need to report the student absences before 8:15 on the day, otherwise the system will call you to report that your child is absent. 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

A **registration email** will be sent to parents in advance. These emails are not spam and will contain specific parent login information for the system, as well as, instructions on how to log in as a parent to report your child's absences.

Directions

Once connected to Safe Arrival

- Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc.
- Wait for confirmation number to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.
- absences can be booked in advance and for consecutive days, if needed.



PARKING LOT

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.



Barriere Elementary School presents

Christmas Around the World

A virtual Christmas Celebration

Christmas songs performed by the classrooms
Christmas poems and artwork

We will share the link to view the celebration
on our website from
Dec 17, 2021 - January 4, 2022



**Barriere Youth Soccer
is planning for Spring Soccer!**

**We hope to have soccer for ages 4-16
during April, May and June**

More soccer information to come in January, 2022

We need volunteer coaches.

Training is provided.

U4-U6 Saturdays

U7-U16 two evenings a week

Paid referees are also needed.

For more info check out our FACEBOOK Page or call Kathy Matthews 250-320-1578.

