

BARRIERE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

June 2022



Dear Parents and Caregivers;

It is hard to believe we are already entering the last month of the school year!

I would like to acknowledge that May was a great month here at Barriere Elementary! Particularly, it was the first time in two years that we were able to welcome parents and students for our grade 3-6 track and field event. Thanks to the PAC for volunteering their time to raise money for school related matters while running the concession stand.

I want to extend a big congratulations to all students, including the 52 students who qualified for Zones and the 12 who qualified for districts. Additionally, we had 4 students who qualified for 3 or more events which is outstanding for a school of our size. The district finals will be held this Friday at Hillside Stadium in Kamloops. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the sportsmanship and effort put forth by ALL students in all events. I am very proud of everyone!

As we enter into one of the traditionally hottest months of the school year, I would like to remind parents to please send students to school with the appropriate items, such as water bottles that students use regularly when the weather is hot. Also, please have your children come to school with fully covered shoes for safety purposes.

Regarding our lost and found, we have many items still left to pick up. We will put them outside during the last week of the school year for parents to come and look for lost items. Any unclaimed items will go to charity.

For this month, please be aware that we have school spirit days on June 8th (backwards clothes day) and June 22nd (beach day). Please all be aware that we have our always exciting PAC Fun Day on June 27th. Thank you to the PAC for organizing and also running a concession that day!

It has been great to be part of this wonderful school and community. Thank you to everyone who has come to introduce yourselves and for being so welcoming as a community. I look forward to a great end of the year and upcoming school year ahead!

As always, please free to contact me anytime with any questions you may have.

Kindest regards

Mikel Brogan-Principal of Barriere Elementary School

Upcoming Events

District Track and Field Day - June 3
Grade 6 field trip to Eagle Bay - June 8-10
Kindergarten Orientations - June 14
PAC organized Fun Day - June 27
Airband performances at 12:45pm in the gym - June 28
last day of school (dismissal time 12:30pm) - June 29
Year End Assembly (incl. Grade 6 grad) in the gym at 10:30am - June 29
Report cards go home - June 29
First Day back for students Grade 1-6 - Sep 6

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Next meeting (AGM): June 8th, 2022 at 8:45am in the breakfast room

If you are interested in a Executive position, please let PAC know by the end of May.

Fun Day meeting May 17th at 9am in the library for anyone interested in helping. Volunteers will also be needed for the actual event on June 27th.

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

Rapid Tests

If you are interested in picking up a Rapid Test kit for your child(ren), please come to the office at the beginning of the day or after school.

Friendly reminder about the use of cell phones

We understand you may want your child to have a cell phone at school for safety reasons. If you would like them to have one, please remind them that the cell phone must stay in their backpack for the day. It MUST NOT be brought out during lunch or recess. Several students are wanting to take photos and videos of other students and this is not allowed as per our Student Code of Conduct. .

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](#).

Back by popular demand:

AIRBAND PERFORMANCES

June 28th

12:45pm in the gym

School Fees

There are still outstanding school fees.

If you could kindly clear up the balance within the next 2 weeks we would greatly appreciate it.

Preferred method of payment is online at
sd73.schoolcashionline.com