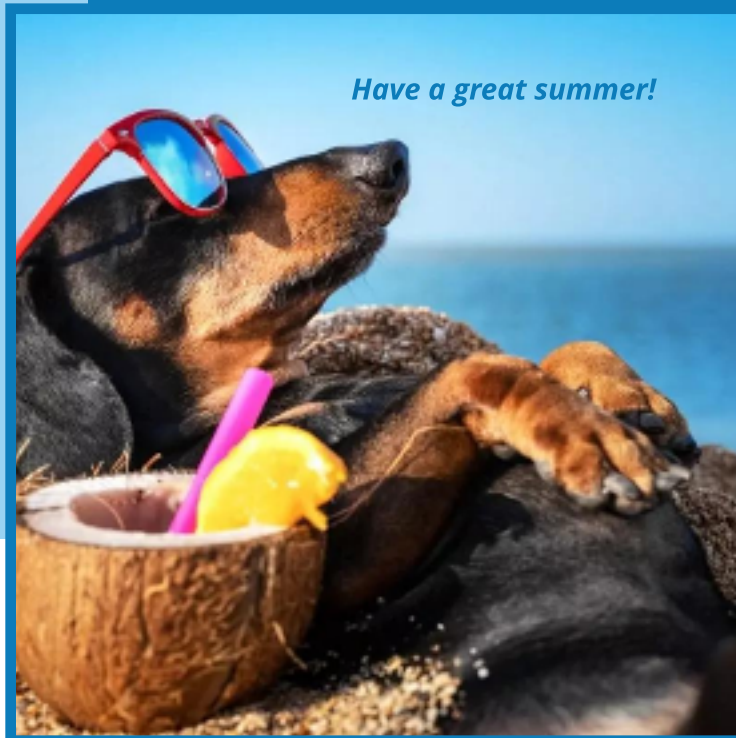


# BARRIERE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

## June 2023



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are already going into the last month of the 2022-2023 school year!

It has been a great year with all the many things we have accomplished together. None of these things could be possible without the hard work and teamwork presented by the many people that make our school community such a special place!

For this last month, we have many fun things planned that will make the end of the year go very quickly. Some of the upcoming highlights of the month include our Kindergarten Orientations coming up on June 5th, our grade 6 Eagle Bay trip coming up on June 7th-9th, and our upcoming Fun Day on June 26th. One of the highlights of that day will be yours truly, Mr. Scott and potentially more teachers braving the dunk tank to raise money for our wonderful school PAC!

Please also be advised that the last day of school is Thursday 29th. That day will be a half day with a 12:41 p.m. dismissal. Busses will leave shortly after, and our year end assembly will be starting at 10:45 a.m. in our school gym, with families invited.

In good news, the district has funded brand new metal shutters that are currently being mounted on the outside of all school windows. This will be of benefit in helping better protect our school in various ways.

As always, I want to thank all of our amazing families, staff and students who give so much to making Barriere Elementary School such a great place to learn. Feel free to reach out to me personally with any questions you may have. Have a great June everyone!

Kindest regards,

Mikel Brogan

Principal of Barriere Elementary School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

School Picture Day: June 5

Kindergarten Orientations: June 5

Gr 6 Eagle Bay trip: June 7-9

Museum day (all classes): June 12

PAC fun day: June 26

Airbands: June 27

Last day of school, report cards

dismissal at 12:41pm : June 29

Grade 6 graduation and year end assembly :

June 29 @10:45am in the gym

First day back for Grades 1-6: Sep 5

Please remember :

If your child is taking a different bus to a friend or caretaker after school, please make sure you send a written note for the busdriver! Bus drivers will not allow kids on the bus without a note!

## NUT-FREE FOOD

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 sent with nut-free lunch and snack options in all classes from K-6. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### Hot Lunch Program

Please refer to our website for the current hot lunch menu.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

### IMPORTANT !

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



## 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.

## Barriere Elementary 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>



# Thank you

## FROM BES PAC

As we approach the last few weeks of school the BES PAC would like to thank you for all of your support this year! From participating with fundraisers or volunteering, thank you!

If you are available to help out for Fun Day, Monday June 26, please contact us and join us Friday June 9th at 10am in the Library.

Have a safe and fun summer and we will see you in September!

Link to sign up for volunteering on fun day:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ-p38XXMDfJexnWmHgSYK6G5sG2E8Ur9K0biAYqq4W7rVg/viewform>



# BES PAC AGM

*June 9, 2023*

Please join us  
Friday June 9th at 9am  
in the BES Library for our  
2022/2023 AGM

Following the AGM will  
be our Fun Day Meeting  
10am-11am

## *PAC Executive Positions*

If you would like to put your name forward  
for a PAC EXECUTIVE POSITION please submit  
your name and desired position via email  
or Facebook messenger by June 9, 2023  
[barriereelementarypac@gmail.com](mailto:barriereelementarypac@gmail.com)



# PAC Executive POSITIONS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT YOUR NAME FORWARD FOR A PAC EXECUTIVE POSITION PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND DESIRED POSITION BY JUNE 9, 2023

## CHAIR

- a) Attend and preside at all meetings.
- b) Ensure that an agenda is prepared and presented.
- c) Know the constitution and bylaws.
- d) Know where to find resources to assist members.
- e) Appoint committees where authorized to do so by the executive or membership.
- f) Consult PAC members regularly.
- g) Ensure that the PAC is represented in school activities.
- h) Ensure that PAC activities are aimed at achieving the purposes of the organization.
- i) Be official spokesperson for the organization.
- j) Be given the option to be a signing officer.
- k) Draft an annual report prior to next AGM

## SECRETARY

- a) Attend all scheduled executive meetings and general meetings.
- b) Record, distribute and file the minutes of all executive and general council meetings.
- c) Issue and receive correspondence on behalf of the Council.
- d) Be given the option to be a signing officer should the need arise.
- e) Safely keep all records of the Council.
- f) Provide copies of documents as needed to members of the Council.
- g) Draft an annual report prior to next AGM

## DPAC

- a) Attend all DPAC meetings in person or online if given the option.
- b) Maintain current registration of the PAC.
- c) Provide a report at all regular council meetings.
- d) Receive DPAC newsletters, brochures and announcements and provide to the Executive or relevant committee to circulate.
- e) Be given the option to be a signing officer should the need arise.

## VICE CHAIR

- a) Assume the responsibilities of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence or upon request.
- b) Assist the Chairperson in the performance of his/her duties.
- c) Accept extra duties as required.
- d) Be given the option to be a signing officer.

## TREASURER

- a) Attend all scheduled executive meetings and general meetings.
- b) Receive all funds for the Council.
- c) Deposit all funds collected on behalf of the Council in an account at a recognized financial institution approved by the PAC.
- d) Disburse funds authorized by the Council.
- e) Ensure that proper financial records and books of account are maintained.
- f) With the assistance of the executive, draft a budget and tentative plan of expenditures.
- g) Report on all receipts and disbursements at all general and executive meetings.
- h) Ensure that another signing officer has access to the financial records and books of account in the treasurer's absence.
- i) Be one of the signing officers.
- j) Apply for annual gaming grant.
- k) Draft an annual report prior to next AGM.