

BARRIERE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

May 2022



Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It has been a very busy month since our return from Spring Break. Our Day of day of Suwentwecw was a big success. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it such a success, particularly Ms. Eustache for all her hard work.

In the coming weeks, we are excited to announce our school spirit days. The first one will be held on May 11th and it will be (crazy) hat day!

Also, as we now enter into track season, we have our school track and field day on May 11th and Zones in Kamloops on May 25th!

I want to thank our wonderful PAC for all they do. They will be running a concession at the upcoming track and field day and need volunteers.

Please note that we do not have school on May 20th and May 23rd.

As the weather gets warmer, please make sure that students are bringing proper clothes and water bottles.

We have been getting some calls about people driving too fast around the school, so please make sure to exercise safety when around the school.

I want to thank everyone for being so welcoming! I look forward to the fun things we will achieve together as the year wraps up.

As always, I try and have an open door policy, so please feel free to come in or call me anytime with any questions you may have!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mikel Brogan, Principal

Upcoming Events

School Track and Field Day (PAC is running a Concession Stand) - May 11

In-service Day, no school - May 20

Victoria Day, no school - May 23

Zones Track and Field Day - May 25

Jump Rope for Heart - May 31

District Track and Field Day - June 3

Grade 6 field trip to Eagle Bay - June 8-10

PAC organized Fun Day - June 27

Airband performance - June 28

last day of school (dismissal time tba) - June 29

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

(stay tuned for the time)

May 17th:

Airband songs choices need to be in to Mrs.
Underhill to be approved

May 24th:

Sign up for their airband audition

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.schoolcashonline.com