



NEWSLETTER May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It's hard to believe we're already approaching May! As we reflect on the year so far, I'm incredibly proud of the progress and achievements we've made together. One particularly exciting endeavor has been our school-wide art project. Stay tuned for more details on the unveiling!

May is shaping up to be an eventful month with several noteworthy events on the horizon. May 3rd, we have scheduled classroom photos, so please mark your child's calendar accordingly. Thursday, May 9th, we have a special presentation from Art Starts titled "Speed Control," featuring a band that plays rock music from around the world. This promises to be an enriching experience for our students.

Looking ahead, we have our school track day on May 14th, followed by the track and field Zones in Kamloops on May 24th. Additionally, please note that May 17th is designated as a professional development day for our teachers and support workers.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable and fulfilling May ahead. Remember, I am committed to being accessible to our families. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school to schedule an appointment with me.

Warm regards,

Mikel Brogan, Principal

PAC NEWS

PAC hosted on April 16th a seed sowing activity and bbq supper. Even though the weather did not cooperate as much as we wanted the event was a big success. It raised enough money to purchase a new bbq.

The next PAC meeting is May 3rd in the library at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The next PAC activity is having a concession for students at the May 14th School Track & Field Day. Have the kids bring money to purchase treats.

Battle of the Books

This year our Battle of the Books program ran from September until the end of April. Students read from a list of books selected by the Teacher-Librarians, and then were quizzed on their knowledge of each book. Our school sent two team to represent us at the Zone Battle on April 18th at Westsyde Secondary School. Our grade 5 team placed second at Zones to move on to the District Battle Competition on April 25th at the Henry Grube Centre in Kamloops. A big thank you to all the students who participated in the program as well as to the parents who drove to the competitions, read to their students and encouraged them along the way. If students want to participate in the 2024 – 2025 Battle of the Books program, the reading list will be available in June and the books will be available at the Public Library over the summer break.

-Mr. Renfrew & Ms. Oates-

Volunteering

If you are volunteering with students, we require a criminal record check. This is a safeguard for your child and other children. If at any point during the year you think you are going to volunteer, please plan ahead at getting the Criminal Record check done. This encompasses driving students, coaching, helping out at activities **as well as going on fieldtrips!** Please see the office and we can do a letter to the RCMP requesting a criminal record check be done.

Classroom Pictures May 3
School Track and Field Day May 14
Inservice Day, no school May 17
Victoria Day, no school May 20
Zone 4 Track and Field meet May 24
Ready Set Learn May 29
District Track and Field May 30

Ready Set Learn

EARLY CHILDHOOD CHECK-UP DAY

When: May 29th, 2024 at 10 am—12 pm

Where: Barriere Elementary School Gymnasium

This free event focuses on providing resources, information, and support to parents and children ages 3 and 4 years old.

We do welcome all families with children up to the age of 5 to come and learn and play together!



This event will include guest presenters with booths set up including:

- Information and tools from various service providers and professionals which foster healthy child development such as nutrition, growth, dental, vision, getting ready for kindergarten, child safety and more!
- Food, raffle prizes, games and giveaways!

Please call 250-672-9916 to register

In order to ensure we have enough supplies for gift bags with age appropriate, developmentally stimulating gifts. Please be sure to register your child by RSVP-ing to Barriere Elementary School.