



### Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year. We are all excited to start the year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the families returning from home school/distant leaning as well to our new families and our Kindergarten students. We are glad to have you a part of our Barriere school community.

Every year the staff works diligently on making decisions with regards to class placements. To support in the decision making process, we weight the academic, social, and behavioural needs of individual students, as well as class composition, provincial regulations, and Certified Educational Assistant supports available to us. Sometimes there is anxiousness around the beginning of the school year about class placements, but those worries will usually disappear once there has been opportunity to experience the classroom and relationships begin to build. Parents can help to ease the worries about class placements by providing positive encouragement, support, and consistent messaging. Each new year brings many opportunities. Students can build new friends, experience different learning environments, develop new social, academic and individual skills that leads to increased resilience and personal independence. We want you to know we appreciate your concerns and requests regarding your child's classroom placement and did our best to fulfill those requests. Thank you for your support and patience during this process.

Newsletters will be sent home via email every month as well as posted on our school website. Please contact the school if you need the newsletter sent home in paper format.

Thank you for being a member of our Barriere Elementary family. We value your support and participation in our school and look forward to a great year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tiffany Hawkins

What do you do if someone  
is **BOTHERING** you?



**Use Your WITS!**



## WITS

As you may be aware, we are using the WITS program school wide. This program focuses on peaceful problem solving. Please review with your child about solving peer conflict on the playground and in the classroom respectfully.

Attached to the newsletter is a great resource that defines the difference between peer conflict and bullying.

Also, visit [witsprogram.ca](http://witsprogram.ca) for more information.



## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM

We are continuing our breakfast/snack/lunch program this year. We have decided to change a few things with regards to this program. We are excited to welcome Glenda Feller. She will be responsible for our **new Hot Lunch Program** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (see menu sent home). Students must pre-order. Each month, a new menu will be sent out and students will need to choose their meals and send in their payment. **September menu DUE Sept. 10.**

We will continue with our **Barriere Elem. Punch Card** for our breakfast and snack program (\$2.00) as well as our Monday and Friday lunch programs (\$3.00). Mondays and Fridays will be a sandwich/pepperoni and cheese, veggies/fruit, juice/milk, applesauce/fruit cup/granola bar. This program will still work on a punch card. Each card is valued at \$25.00. We will contact each family when the punch card needs to be refilled (similar to previous years). These punch cards can be purchased at any time of the year.

Students are welcome to participate in the new Hot Lunch program, Monday/Friday lunch program, and/or the breakfast/snack program.

If you are unable to purchase a punch card or purchase the new lunch program due to financial reasons, please contact Mrs. Hawkins.

## FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS

## PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Next meeting: TBA

Follow updates of our hard working PAC:

<https://www.facebook.com/BarriereElementarySchoolPac/> OR [www.bespac.org](http://www.bespac.org)

# BUS DRIVERS AND ROUTES

\*\*\*subject to change

The buses to the school come from six regions in the area and one from the town central.

East Lake Driver: Kathy Grummett

Cahilty/Heffley Creek Driver: Sharon Threatful

McLure Driver: Lorraine Quinn

Chu Chua Driver: Jack Kelley

Squam Bay Driver: Lance Naylor

Little Fort Driver: Rolf Brem

Students who live "in town" are welcome to ride the following buses:

Barriere Ridge (District of Barriere) Stop- Little Fort Bus

Barriere Laundromat Stop- Chu Chua Bus

Connor Rd. (Nappa Frontage Rd) Stop- McLure Bus

Armour Mountain Stops-Squam Bay Bus



If you have any problems or questions regarding bus routes, please call the Kamloops District Transportation Department (250-372-5853) or the Barriere Bus Garage (250-672-9313).

## BELL SCHEDULE 2021/2022

Warning Bell: 8:30am  
Start of Day 8:35am  
Recess: 10:05am - 10:20am  
Start of Lunch Break- 12:10pm  
*12:10 pm Primaries eat first while Intermediates go out to play*  
*12:30 pm Primaries go out to play - Intermediates stay out and stay in their section of the field*  
*12:50 pm Intermediates go back in to eat and Primaries stay outside*  
End of Lunch Break 1:10 pm  
End of Day 2:46 pm  
Bus bell 2:54 pm

### Playground

Gr K-3 - Orange playground - M, W and F  
Gr. 4- 6 - Blue Playground - M, W and F,  
reverse on Tuesdays and Thursdays

## UPCOMING EVENTS

PAC Meeting - TO BE ANNOUNCED  
In-service Day, no school - Sept. 27  
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Sept. 30 - no school  
Thanksgiving Day - no school, Oct. 11  
In-service Day, no school - Oct. 22

## 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.



## 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.

