



NEWSLETTER 2024

Dear Barriere Elementary School Parents,

As we approach the much-anticipated spring break, I hope this message finds you all in good spirits. With March 18th marking the start of our well-deserved break, I eagerly look forward to the return of our enthusiastic students and dedicated staff on April 3rd.

Celebrating Progress: On March 13th, we'll be sharing our second set of report cards, offering a chance to celebrate your child's achievements and identify areas for further growth. I encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers for insights into their progress and any questions you may have.

Your Feedback Matters: Currently, I'm in the midst of a routine administrative review, an important phase in my professional journey. This process reflects our commitment to creating an exceptional school that fosters a respectful and caring environment for our students and families. Your input is important to me, and I look forward to hearing your feedback on my leadership of this great school! Please take a moment to contribute your thoughts through this survey. Here is the survey link for your convenience: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/37ZJBHG> You can expect an email from the district containing this link as well in the coming days.

Together we're Better: Celebrating our journey together at Barriere Elementary fills me with a significant sense of achievement. During my time here, we've made remarkable progress as a school community. The resilience and passion shown by everyone go beyond what is expected. We've become a thriving center of growth, dedicated to nurturing productive and compassionate citizens within our school and the broader community.

I'm genuinely excited about the milestones we'll achieve in the future. None of this progress would have been possible without the unwavering support and dedication of our exceptional staff, PAC, parents, and community members. Your ongoing commitment to our school truly exemplifies the essence of teamwork.

As we enter the final part of the 2023-2024 school year after spring break, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each one of you. Your continued support is not only valued but essential as we continue this journey together. Let's keep working hand in hand, knowing that it is through our collective efforts that we truly make a difference in the lives of our students.

Open Communication: My door is always open to you. Whether you have a concern, suggestion, or story to share, please feel free to reach out at any time. You can contact me directly at 250-672-9916 or via email at mbrogan@sd73.bc.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement in your child's education at Barriere Elementary. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable upcoming spring break!

Warmest regards,

Mikel Brogan, Principal



Ready, Set...
SPRING BREAK!



Spring Break March 18th – April 2nd

Classes resume Wednesday April 3rd

Good Friday March 29th

Easter Monday April 1st

Inservice Day, no school April 22nd

Kindergarten Registration

Registration is ongoing for Kindergarten 2024-2025.

Registration packages are available at the school office.

Parents will be required to provide their child's care card, proof of address, child's birth certificate, and custody agreement if applicable. Registration packages for students with an older sibling can be sent home with that sibling. Please contact the office if you want us to send home a registration package.

Mrs. Smailes' Class

Congratulations to Mrs. Smailes class for winning the Pizza Lunch sponsored by the PAC. The Class raised the most donations for the food bank in December.

Science Fair

Students have been busy with their Science Fair projects. They are very proud of their project. We've seen a lot of volcanos this week! We welcome parents and community members to attend on Friday, March 1st in the gym. The Fair runs from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Except during recess and lunchtime.

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. Please see the office and we can do a letter to the RCMP requesting a criminal record check be done.

SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country Skiing

Students Cameron Murphy, Liam Murphy, Brynlee Baird, Kate-Ann Ekins, and Jae-Lynn Lattin participated in the annual Andy Aufschnaiter Memorial Cross-Country Ski Race in Blue River. All students tried their hardest and Kate-Ann (bottom right) finished 4th in her race. Congratulations to all students on your hard work.



Curling

The students are on their last couple of weeks of the curling program. The 20 students in Grades 3-8 have learnt lots and are having lots of fun. There will be a Jam Can Fun Spiel to end off the season. This will take place March 15th & 16th.

2024 Spring Soccer is here!

On-Line Registration is

Sunday, February 18 – Friday, March 15th

Use this online link to register (only during the dates above) <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/417176>

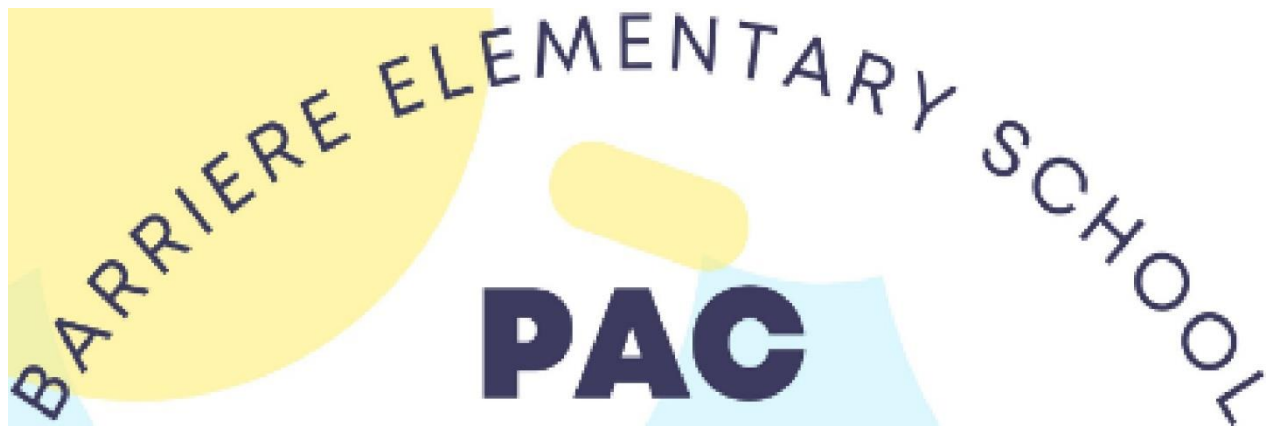
U4, U5 and U6 Born 2020, 2019, 2018	Play Saturday mornings April 20 - June 1 Cost for U4-U6 is \$50 (includes photo, use of jersey on the field only)
U7 - U13 Born 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 2012, 2011	Practices and/or games every Monday & Wednesday at 6pm in Barriere or Clearwater April 22 - June 19 Cost for U7-U13 is \$70 (includes photo, use of jersey on the field and Clearwater Tournament fee)
U16 Born 2008, 2009, 2010	Practices and/or games every Monday & Wednesday at 7:15 pm in Barriere or Clearwater April 22-June 19 Cost for U16 is \$70 (includes photo, use of jersey on the field and Saturday Invitational TBD)

Note: Players are registered in the age group that matches how old they will be in 2024.

For example: born 2016 or 2017 will be U8.

We will be using a team management and on-line registration tool call "TeamSnap" just like last year. We are always looking for volunteers, coaches and referees (refs are paid!)

For more info check out our FACEBOOK page or call Nikki Shewan 250-575-5767.



PAC IS HAPPY TO REPORT THE
FUNDRAISING THIS YEAR WENT
TOWARDS:

- A SPEAKER SYSTEM FOR THE GYM
- FRONT ENTRANCE ART PROJECT
- TEN CHROMEBOOKS PLUS UPDATED TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL

**SAVE THE DATE FOR FUN DAY
JUNE 24th, 2024**



PAC HAS STARTED PLANNING FOR FUN DAY!!

**COME TO OUR NEXT MEETING TO JOIN
IN ON THE PLANNING, OR IF YOU CAN
VOLUNTEER AT FUN DAY PLEASE LET
US KNOW. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Next PAC Meeting

March 1ST @ 9:00AM in the Library

Contact: barriereelementarypac@gmail.com

JAM CAN

Barriere Curling Club

March

15th & 16th



Registration: Enter as a Team or Individual

Pick up the form at the school office

Deadline for registering is Monday March 11th

Cost: \$10.00 / person OR \$40.00 / team

Age: 8 years old to a maximum of grade 8

Come out & join in the fun!!

Spaghetti supper, lunch & concession stand.

Lots of fun & medals

