

# BARRIERE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

**October 2023**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a fast and furious start to the 2023-2024 school year!

The PAC BBQ was a big success, thanks to all the parents who helped out and to all the families who attended! Also, our Terry Fox fundraiser was great this year. Thanks to the many families who donated, helping us raise almost \$500.00 which will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation.

### **Some important upcoming dates:**

Please be reminded that we have no school this coming Monday as it is Thanksgiving on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

We have parent-teacher interviews next Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will be dismissed early that day with busses picking up students at 12:30 from the school. Please make sure your child will be adequately taken care of at the end of that school day and that you have scheduled a time with your child's classroom teacher if you have not already so.

Regarding our hot lunch food program, we are still waiting a few items so that we can get the program started for the year. We are hoping to start the food program in the first week of November. More information will be sent out on this as it comes available.

As always, please reach out to the school at anytime to schedule an appointment with any questions or concerns you may have.

We look forward to another great month here at Barriere Elementary.

Mike Brogan  
Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2023/24

October 9<sup>th</sup> - No School: Thanksgiving  
October 12<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal for Parent Teacher Interviews  
October 13<sup>th</sup> - PAC Meeting 8:45am in Library  
October 20<sup>th</sup> - No School: Inservice Day  
November 13 - No School: Remembrance Day  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Last day of class before winter break



## 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.

### **Bell Schedule 2023/24**

Warning Bell:	8:30am
Start of Day:	8:35am
Recess:	9:55am -10:10am
Start of Lunch Break	12:10pm
12:10pm all students eat in classroom	
12:30pm all students go outside	
End of Lunch Break	1:10pm
End of Day	2:46pm
Bus Bell	3:01pm



## 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

## 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.

## BUS DRIVERS & ROUTES

BusNumberRouteDriver

A1732East Lake (29) Gary

6734McLure (33) Wendy

A4736Cahilty (27) Sharon

A4737Little Fort (31) Rolf

A8736ChuChua (30) Loraine

A3736BrennanCreek Kathy

### CLOSED CAMPUS

Barriere Elementary is a closed campus, which is a fancy way of saying that students will not be permitted to leave school grounds at lunch, unless they are walking home (to a house) for lunch. In that case students will be required to provide written permission from the parent/guardian and check in at the office before leaving.

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

Barriere Ridge Stop – Little Fort bus (AM ONLY) & East Barriere (PM ONLY)

Barriere Laundromat Stop – Chu Chua bus

Connor Road Stop – Squam Bay bus

Armour Mountain Stop – Squam Bay bus

If you have any problems or questions regarding bus routes, please call the Kamloops District Transportation Department @ 250-372-5853. As you can appreciate the school cannot be responsible for organizing and monitoring over 200 students and their bus schedules. It is vital that families arrange for and plan their child's daily transportation to and from the school. We appreciate your understanding with this issue.



# BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

We will be running our annual book fair from October 10 - 13. Similar to past book fairs, students will have opportunities throughout the week to browse the book fair and purchase items.

The in-person book fair will be open to families on Thursday Oct. 12 all afternoon until 4 pm. This year Scholastic has moved back to **in-person fairs only**, so there will be the **no** option to purchase books online from a virtual book fair.



## New Titles to Watch For

- 1 **PANDARINA**
- 2 **I SURVIVED: THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE (GRAPHIC NOVEL)**
- 3 **FLUFFY MCWHISKERS: CUTENESS EXPLOSION**
- 4 **THE BAD GUYS: LET THE GAMES BEGIN**