



Barlow Creek Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dahooja Barlow Creek Families!

Things are busy at Barlow Creek these days. Students are engaged in their learning and making progress which is lovely to see.

This year we are practicing the monthly character traits from the student planners. November is Perseverance and classes are talking about the importance of keeping going when faced with challenges and not giving up. In December we will be focusing on Responsibility.

There is excitement in the air with the falling snow. Please remind your children to keep the snow on the ground and play safe.

Suchanailya and thank you to Matt Clegg for taking time to coach volleyball with our intermediate students.

Ms. Telford is in the office Monday thru Friday 8:00-12:30 pm to answer any enquiries.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at (250) 992-5134 should you have concerns about your child's education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Suchanailya,

Ms. Nancy Danuser, Principal

UPCOMING DATES:

Winter Games Torch Relay & Lighting Ceremony—Spirit Square	Nov 17 5:00pm
Photo retakes—West Fraser Timber Park 12pm—1pm	Nov 19
Hot Lunch—Hot dogs—due to No Buses on Nov. 17	Nov 20
Krispy Kreme Doughnut Orders Due	Nov 20
Last day of Volleyball	Nov 20
International Children's Day	Nov 20
Non-Instructional Day Indigenous Focus Day	Nov 27
Hot Lunch—Subway	Dec 7
Krispy Kreme Delivered - Between 11am-3pm	Dec 12
Winter Concert—1pm	Dec 19
Grade 6 Immunizations AM	Nov. 22
Report Cards	Dec 21
Winter Break	Dec 23— Jan 7
First School Day of 2024	Jan 8

PAC FUNDRAISER:

The PAC is doing a Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser

Orders due by: November 20

Delivery Date: December 12—between 11am-3pm

Thank-you for your support!



Support for Families

We realize that with the rising inflation many families may be struggling financially. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has provided School Districts with extra Family Affordability Funds to help families who may need a little extra help. Please contact the school if you need any support.

Healthy Practices

Throughout cold and flu season we have been experiencing increased student and staff absences. We wanted to remind everyone to stay home when sick as this stops the spread of illness. Students, visitors and staff should stay home if they have symptoms of illness such as: fever or chills, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, runny nose, headache, sore throat, sneezing, body aches, loss of sense of smell or taste, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue or tiredness, vomiting, severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing.

THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN 2024! SD No. 28 has partnered with the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) at the University of British Columbia to measure and promote children's social and emotional development, health, well-being, and assets through the Middle Year Development Instrument (MDI). The MDI is a self-report questionnaire that asks children in middle childhood about their thoughts, feelings and experiences. The MDI is the first survey of its kind to gather information about the lives of children both in school, in the home and in the community, from their own perspective. The survey questions align with the BC Ministry of Education's K-12 curriculum, which includes a focus on promoting children's personal and social competencies. Grade 6 students are invited to complete the MDI during class time between: January 15 and March 15, 2024.

For more information and to view the questionnaires:
<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/mdi-overview/>

Parent FAQs: <https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/monitoring-system/mdi/parent-caregiver-info/>

Dakelh Language and Culture

Practice some Dakelh with your children.

Takih -Three

Dink'ih - Four

Skwunlai - Five

Benghaz Natsu'kih -November -
When we travel by boat half the time

Language Lessons

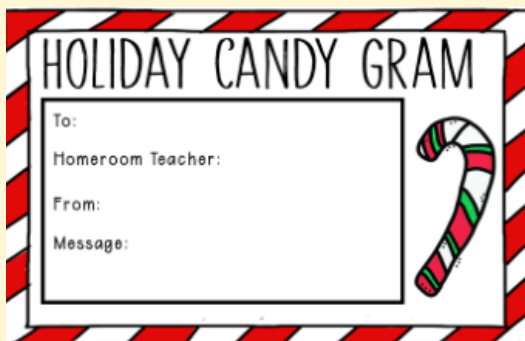
We are looking forward to having Arlene Horutko, SD #28 Carrier Language teacher, join us Dec. 5 to 7 for Dakelh Carrier Language Lessons.

Allergy Alert

We are peanut and shellfish free. Please refrain from sending food that includes these ingredients.
All SD #28 buildings are scent free.

Safety Drills

For safety we have a number of drills we are required to complete each school year. Fire, intruder/lockdown, gas leak and earthquake drills are done throughout the year. Typically, we do not give advance notice of drills. If your child may need advance notice please let their classroom teacher know.



CANDY GRAMS FUNDRAISER

Candy Cane Candy Grams will be sold for \$1 Dec.13 & 14.
They will be handed out Dec. 20.

Lhtako Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games Request

The Winter Games Committee is still looking for a Captain and Co-captain for Barlow Creek Elementary for accommodations. Please contact Rick Abbott (rickabbott@live.ca) if you are interested in supporting this community event at our school. Barlow Creek is the venue for karate and accommodations for the karate athletes during the games, February 21 to 25, 2024.

IMPORTANT:

Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus

Monday November 27th

No school for students.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to **LORRAINE HIPKISS** for her lovely donation of fleece mittens and toques.



Coming Soon!!

Grade 7 Hoody Fundraiser! Grade 7 students will be selling cookie dough from Quesnel Bakery to raise money for hoodies.

Volleyball **LAST VOLLEYBALL IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH.**

Thank you to our parent volunteer, Matt Clegg for coaching our intermediate students in learning the skills required to play volleyball. Your time with our students is greatly appreciated!

Practices: Mondays & Wednesdays 2:25—3:45

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

If any household that has spare / outgrown winter coats, we would gladly accept them for kids to borrow.

Dressing for the Weather

We would like to remind ALL students to dress for the weather! Unless it is extremely cold (-15C) we will be outside for lunch and recess. Wear layers, along with proper attire - such as, a **warm jacket, snow pants, mittens/gloves, toque and boots!** A change of clothes in your backpack is a great idea!

School Communications

Most communication, such as bus information, newsletters, etc., will be emailed from the school. You can also check our school website, barlowcreek.sd28.bc.ca or the school district website, www.sd28.bc.ca. Our website is linked to the school district website so up to date school district information is on the Barlow school website as well.

LUNCHES:

Please remember to send the required utensils for your child(ren)'s lunches.

Kids have been coming to the office for spoons on a continual basis.

We don't normally stock spoons. Thanks in advance.



Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide

Parenting is hard, and the rapid rise of technology and social media use in the lives of their kids makes it harder. To help, Safer Schools Together is sharing access to their parent's guide for raising digitally responsible youth. The guide was designed to help introduce Parents and Caregivers to leading social media platforms, video games, and relevant trends that are either being used already or have the potential to be used by their children. This guide is full of tips, how-to's and definitions for the most widely used apps – including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram and more. Click on the link below to get your free copy.

<https://resources.saferschoolstogether.com/link/352883/>



Student Walking Safety

As we head into winter with shorter daylight hours, we wanted to share some tips for students walking to bus stops and schools.

- * Be visible - Students should have some form of clothing, backpack or other item that is reflective, or some form of light to shine as they walk.
- * Walk on sidewalks or paths – It is always best to walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- * Eyes up, phones down – be attentive while walking to avoid tripping and watch for traffic.

We also ask that all drivers SLOWDOWN while driving in school zones and bus stops and watch for students during your morning and afternoon commute.