



# Barlow Creek Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dahooja Barlow Creek Families!

Welcome to 2024 and a new school term. This month we will be focusing on "Fairness" and treating people fairly. Being fair means being reasonable and open-minded and letting everyone share their ideas. We are also talking about standing up for others when they are being treated unfairly. In February, we will be focusing on "Trustworthiness". Being trustworthy means you are someone that others can depend on. Please take some time to talk about these character traits with your children.

We have a variety of field trips and school activities before spring break. We appreciate your support with all of our learning.

Sunachailya to our Barlow Creek PAC for the Christmas lunch and cookie decorating activity and your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school!

Sunachailya,

Ms. Nancy Danuser, Principal



## ***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!**

**Even on colder days we may still head outside because temperatures can change!**

A change of clothes in your backpack is a great idea!

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

Ski forms for Grades 4-7 go home	Jan 22
January Assembly—8:45am	Jan 26
K—Grade 3 skating day	Jan 26
Hot Lunch—Panago	Jan 26
Kindergarten Registration	Jan 29— March 15
District Non-Instructional Day	Feb 2
Hot Lunch—Subway	Feb 8
Ski forms are due back	Feb 9
Candy guess jar fundraiser Winner announced	Feb 12 Feb 14
PAC Meeting	Feb 15
K—Grade 3 skating day	Feb 16
School Closure - BC Winter Games	Feb 22 & Feb 23
Hot Chocolate Fundraiser	Feb 28
Pink Shirt Day & Morning assembly 9:15am	Feb 28
Hot Lunch-Hot Dogs	Mar 1
Troll Skiing Days	Mar 11 & Mar 14
Hot Lunch-Panago	Mar 15
Learning updates go home	Mar 14
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	Mar 18 to April 1

### 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

### 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.

### 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

### UTENSILS:

Please remember to send the required utensils for your children's lunches.

Be sure to send **WATER BOTTLES** and **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/>

## Dakelh Language and Culture

Practice some Dakelh with your children.

**Sizigri Whudzli Dzen –**

Merry Christmas

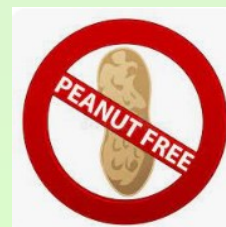
**Sacho Bunun acho Yudi'ai –**

January - Time of the Big Moon

**Lhk'ut takih –** Six

### Allergy Alert

We are peanut and shellfish free. Please refrain from sending food that includes these ingredients.



All SD #28 buildings are scent free.



## Lhtako Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games

The Winter Games Committee is still looking for volunteers. Please visit the website if you are interested in supporting this community event.

**February 22 to 25, 2024.**

<https://bcgames.org/games/bc-winter-games/>

## PAC FUNDRAISER



## BARLOW CREEK PAC FUNDRAISING



Barlow Creek Elementary School Fundraiser

This year we are running a fundraiser with West Coast Seeds for the purpose of raising funds for new outdoor equipment. We chose this fundraiser because we would like to promote a program that is environmentally friendly and promotes growing food.

Did you know that every packet you sell will earn 40% for our organization. West Coast Seeds provides Canada No 1 seeds that are untreated and non- GMO which means that it promotes sustainability. They have provided a wide range of their bestselling vegetables, herbs, and flowers, to give a little something for everyone.

All seeds can be ordered on the fundraising site ([fundraising.westcoastseeds.com](http://fundraising.westcoastseeds.com)). Please ensure that you order from this site only, otherwise we will not earn the 40%. When you are ready to order, make your choices and add to your cart. Once you have completed your order, **find our organization Barlow Creek PAC** on the dropdown menu. Add in your details so that we can contact you when the orders are ready for pick up. **Please make sure to order by February 7 2024** to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to order online, please contact Ashley Gilks(250-991-1214) fundraising organizer for help.

Thank you in advance for your support!  
Barlow Creek PAC



## Coming Soon!!

Hot Chocolate Fundraiser  
Wednesday, February 28th!



## CANDY GUESS JAR FUNDRAISER

Guess how many candies for Valentine's Day  
**February 12—purchase**  
**February 14-Winner**





## WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

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

### IMPORTANT:

**We are still looking for a spare Noon Hour Student Supervisor.**

**Please come to the office with a resume.**



## PRINCE GEORGE COUGARS

### **Indigenous Night: January 20th, 2024 @ 6PM VS The Portland Winterhawks!**

The Cougars have partnered with Lheidli T'enneh First Nation and Four Rivers Co-op in order to bring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Indigenous Night game to Prince George, and to mark this special occasion the team will don jerseys specially designed by Lheidli T'enneh artist Kym Gouchie. While we celebrate indigenous culture, this evening also promises indigenous vendors throughout the concourse, drum and dance performances throughout each intermission and the concourse, along with a guaranteed \$20,000 jackpot, and player autographs in the concourse at CN Centre after the game. The specialty jerseys will be worn on January 20th and will be available for auction from January 19th at 5:00 pm until Saturday, January 28th at midnight and can be seen [Here](#) and [Here!](#) Last year was a powerful and educational night, and this year is looking even bigger and better!

### **Nickelodeon Night: February 4th, 2024 @ 2PM VS The Kamloops Blazers!**

Partnering with Nickelodeon and the Children's Miracle Network, our night against the Blazers comes complete with special theme jerseys (SpongeBob SquarePants!), fun giveaway items, and in-game activations as well as a post-game skate with the team for all fans! Funds raised through RE/MAX Presents: Nickelodeon Night for Children's Miracle Network will go towards supporting local children's hospitals in Western Canada, striving to help kids in our community get back to being kids! This event hasn't been announced officially as of yet, but plans to be a fantastic family event!

### **Cougars Fight Cancer: February 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 @ 3PM VS The Seattle Thunderbirds!**

Another afternoon game taking place on Family Day, our generous donors from across Northern BC provide tickets for those affected by cancer to attend the game for free! The PG Cougars will be highlighting the incredible, world-leading work being done by the Cancer Center of the North and the people leading that charge. The team will be wearing specialty pink jerseys for the game, as well as featuring a Mega 50/50 with a guaranteed jackpot of \$60,000. All proceeds from the 50/50 as well as the pink jersey auctions will be benefitting the BC Cancer



## 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.**



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Dear Parents/Guardians of students in Mrs. Browne, and Ms. Bruces' classes;

Students in Divisions 4 & 5 will have the opportunity to go skiing/snowboarding at Troll Ski Resort on **March 11th & 14th**. We will be sending registration packages home January 22nd.

Students will be travelling to and from the ski hill by school bus on these days. We've included \$5 per day to help cover bussing costs, the PAC has generously agreed to support the costs. For students requiring rental equipment the full cost for skiing per day (including a one-hour lesson) will be \$46, to be paid prior to the first day of skiing. Total **cost per day \$51.00. Two days = \$102.00**

We will be looking for parent volunteers to chaperone, and one or two parents who are able to transport student ski gear to and from the hill. If you are available, please contact the school office. Parent chaperones ski for the same discounted price as students.

Thanking you in advance, - Nancy Danuser







# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025

Begins January 29, 2024 at your neighborhood school

Eligibility: Children must turn five years of age between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024

Required Documents:

- Birth Certificate/Passport/Status Card
- BC Medical Card/BC Services Card
- 2 documents that show Proof of Address in Quesnel



Registration in French Immersion Program:

Please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako at 250-747-2634

If you have questions, please contact School  
District 28 Administration office at  
250-992-8802



**Thank you**

