



Barlow Creek Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Autumn! We are well into the first term of the school year which means Parent/Teacher interviews are coming up on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29 and 30. Teachers will be sending home notices with appointment times on October 21. Please check your child's planner for the notice.

Our Barlow BLAZERS for October is Learners and this month we are discussing all the ways to be learners. Being a learner includes: noticing things, being observant, asking deep thinking questions, making connections, predicting, inferring, analyzing and self-reflection. We will be recognizing students who demonstrated learning skills at assembly on October 28 at 12:55pm. Our BLAZERS for November is Accepting – being kind and including others and embracing different view points. At the assembly we draw for school t-shirts and other prizes for all the students who received BLAZERS in October.

We appreciate your ongoing support and patience. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Ms. Danuser
Principal

PAC UPDATES:

Our PAC is supporting our Pumpkin Carving by donating all the pumpkins. This will take place October 28 after the October Assembly.

Next PAC Meeting November 21st @ 7:00pm

PAC Fall Fundraiser

Thank-you for supporting our PAC. The PAC is waiting on confirmation for a fall fundraising event. **STAY TUNED!**

Thank-you for your continued support!

UPCOMING DATES:

Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)	Oct 1- Nov 8
Wheelchair Sports	Oct 23
Hot Lunch—Subway	Oct 24
Provincial Pro-D Day- No School School for teachers only	Oct 25
October Assembly 12:55pm	Oct 28
Pumpkin Carving after lunch	Oct 28
Parent / Teacher Interviews Early Dismissal @ 11:18am	Oct 29 & 30
Halloween Dress Up & Costume Parade. PAC Halloween Dance. @ lunch	Oct 31
Daylight Savings time – turn back clocks 1 hour	Nov 3
Quesnel River Rush Visit	Nov 5
Hot Lunch—Hot Dogs	Nov 7
Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov 8
Remembrance Day—No School	Nov 11
Dakelh/Southern Carrier Language Teacher Arlene Horutko	Nov 12-15
Scholastic Book Fair	Nov 19-21
PAC Meeting @ 7:00	Nov 21
NI Day—Indigenous Focus School for teachers only	Nov 25
Volleyball Practices Mondays & Wednesdays	lunch



Quesnel Literacy is looking to do their Fostering Literacy Program at Barlow Creek. They are looking for 3 volunteers to help Tuesdays and Thursdays after school 2:15 to 3:45pm to provide an hour of one to one reading practice and set-up and clean-up. If you are interested please contact Katherine at 604-701-1165.



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.

Please check our website for any cancelled bus information.

Ms. Danuser will email if she knows ahead.

Dakelh Language and Culture

We are excited to have another visit from Dakelh/Southern Carrier language teacher Arlene Horutko. She will be here in November 12 to 15 and then for two weeks in April 2025.

Practice some Dakelh with your children.

Da'ket – Fall

Duk'ai Hadulh Bunun – September – the time when the trout return

Lhooz Hadulh Bunun – October – the time when the whitefish return

lhuk'i tsa – one beaver

nank'oh sus – two bears

SIGNING IN AND OUT OF THE SCHOOL

Beginning on Tuesday, October 15th, all visitors entering Barlow Creek Elementary School and other school district sites will have to sign in and out at the office.

Please use the main office doors and check in at the office when you arrive and leave to sign in and out.





Thursday, October 31, 2024

Wear Your Costume !

Costumes must allow freedom of movement, must NOT include masks which cover the entire face, must not involve excessive gore or a weapon of any kind (NO guns, swords or the like)

IMPORTANT:

Pro-D Day - Friday October 25th

Throughout the Province, teachers are at school learning and students are at home.

Clothing

The weather is beginning to change, and some days are quite damp and cold. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly enough for outdoor play.

Please send a change of clothes for your child to keep in their backpack.



Volleyball



Thank-you to our teacher volunteer, Olivia Bruce for coaching our intermediate students in learning the skills required to play volleyball. Your time with our students is greatly appreciated!

Practices: Mondays & Wednesdays @ lunch



FAMILY RESOURCES

Confident Parents Thriving Kids Programs

<https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca/>

Anxiety Program: teachers, counsellors etc can refer

<https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca/anxiety/>

Behaviour Program: referral from doctors or nurse practitioners

<https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca/behaviour/>

This is another CPTK resource that is used for supporting Indigenous families in particular.

<https://welcome.cmhacptk.ca/bigworries/>

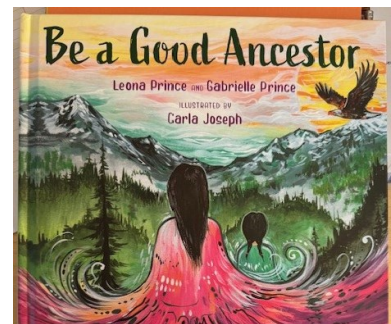


This month's book battle is between "The Raven and the Loon" and "Be a Good Ancestor"

Students in each class decide on what makes a good picture book.

Then they read each book and vote for the best book.

The winning book will be announced at our October 28 assembly.



Picture envelopes were sent home in case anyone is having trouble ordering online.

If you have already ordered online, then you can simply re-use the envelope.

Any question you can contact Teija @ (250) 925-4380



Pumpkin Book Character Contest

Decorate a pumpkin to look like one of your favourite childrens' book characters and bring it to our "Storybook Pumpkin Patch" and have a chance to win a prize.

Think of your favourite book and design your pumpkin to look like a character.

Use a real or artificial pumpkin that is NO LARGER than a basketball. It should fit on a paper plate and your child must be able to carry it independently.

Gather your decorating supplies. Acrylic paints or permanent markers work best. You can add materials like yarn, buttons, wiggly eyes, etc. There are no *security gourds* in the library so please do not use anything precious on your pumpkin.

Decorate your pumpkin without carving, cutting or poking holes in it.

Fill in the blanks on the back of this page (this is your entry form).

Bring your pumpkin and this page back to school on Monday, October 28th. Pumpkins will be returned October 31st (if your child needs help getting it to and from school and back home please plan accordingly).

Remember: Your family may assist and participation is completely voluntary.

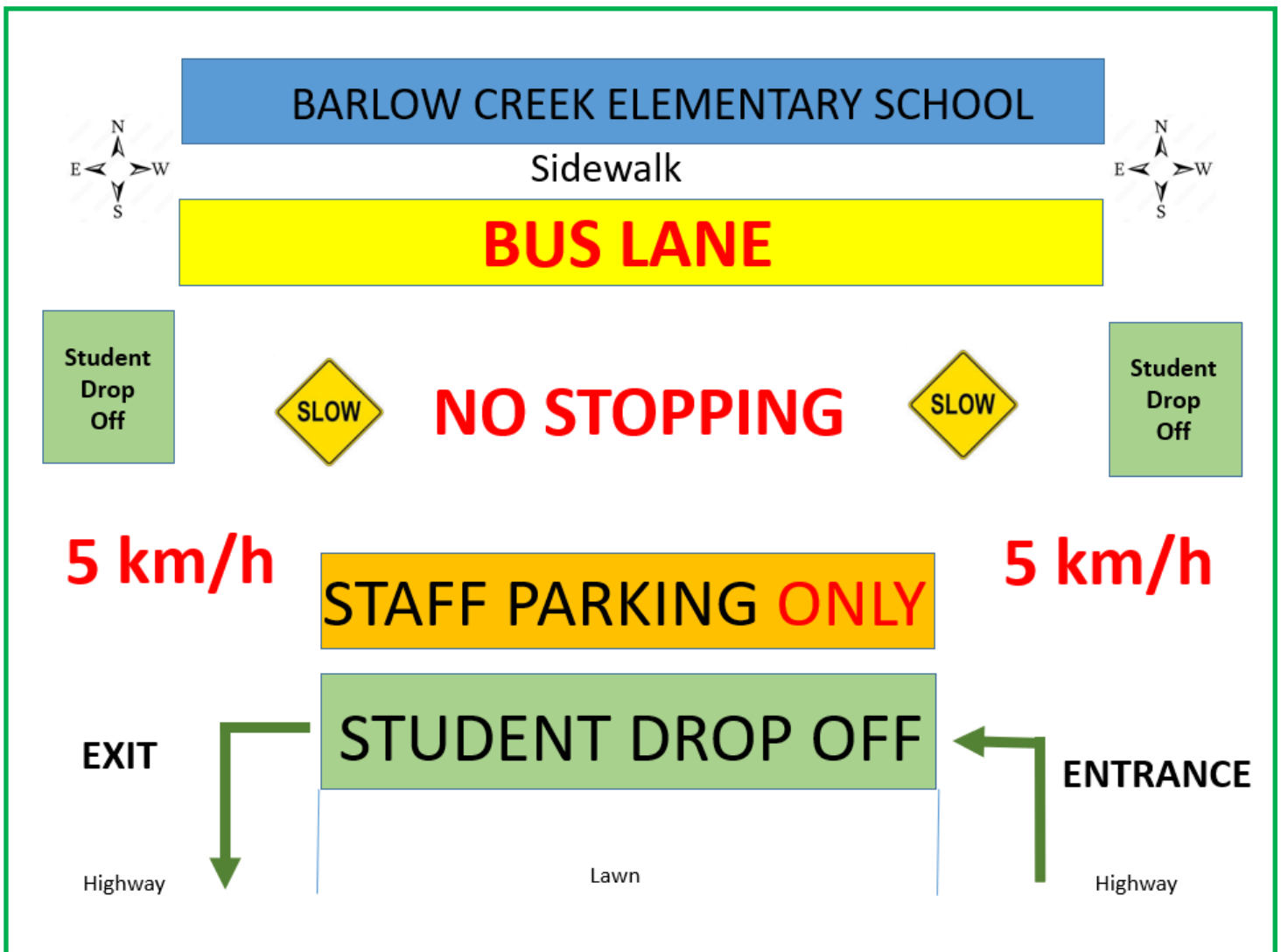
PARKING

Please review the parking lot map.

It is very important that we only come in the “Entrance” and leave thru the “Exit”.

We need the traffic to all flow in the same direction.

It is for the safety of everyone.



Dog Guide Puppy Calendars

We are doing a new fundraiser in partnership with the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Here is the main information:

Place your orders online at:

www.superpupcalendar.ca/barlowcreek (right click on the link)

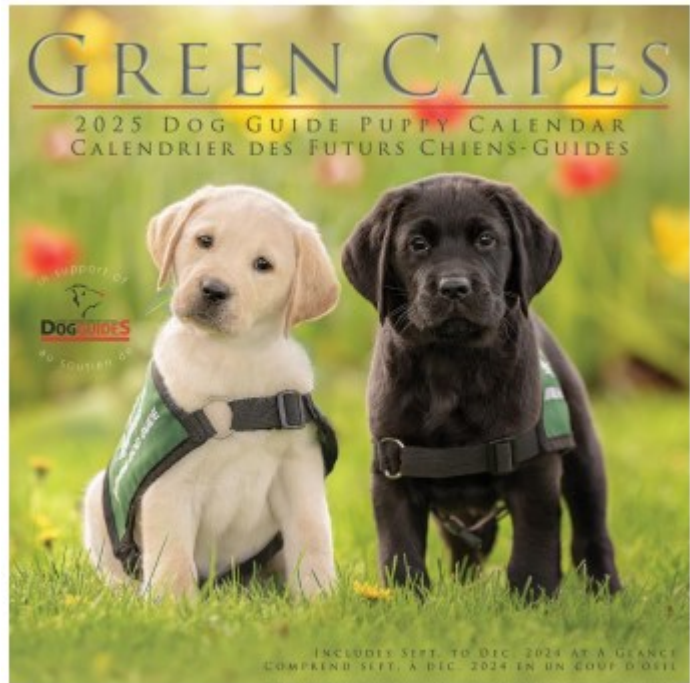
From October 11, 2024 to November 22, 2024

Calendars can be picked up at the school or will be sent home with students by the first week of December. We will send details once all orders have been received.

Proceeds help support Barlow Creek Elementary School and Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Cost is \$20.00

**Barlow Creek
Elementary School
will get \$10 from
every calendar sold
to support outdoor
learning at school.**



If families are unable to order online please send money and number of calendars you wish to the school with your child by November 18th to get your order in by the deadline.

Student's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

of calendars purchased: _____ X \$20.00 = _____

Teacher: _____

Please enclose cash or cheque made out to Barlow Creek Elementary with this order form



All about the Foundation Skills Assessment

What is the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA)?

The FSA is a learning assessment for all grade 4 and 7 students. It focuses on the areas of **literacy** and **numeracy**.

FSA results are one way of measuring how the education system is doing in these key areas. It assesses how students think, communicate and reflect - not just the facts they know.

The FSA is not intended to be used to rank students, teachers, or schools. The FSA is a snapshot of student learning at a moment in time. For parents and caregivers, it tells you where your child is at in their literacy and numeracy development, as well as areas where they may need support. When all students participate, it also gives the Ministry of Education and Child Care a clear picture of how the education system is performing as a whole.

Why is the FSA important?

The Ministry of Education and Child Care sets the standards for what your child learns and, along with teachers, figures out ways to measure how well they are learning. The goal is for your child (and all students in BC) to get a great education that readies them for life after graduation and helps them become educated citizens.

One way the Ministry ensures the quality of student learning is through the FSA. The FSA helps us understand what learning looks like across the entire province. It lets us see how different groups of students are learning and find out where they might need extra help. It also helps us understand how well BC is doing over time.

The Ministry uses this information to make sure that your child's learning is "on track" and that they don't fall behind. This data also allows us to know how BC students are doing in relation to students in other provinces in Canada and the rest of the world. The FSA provides both the Ministry and parents and caregivers with the assurance that students possess the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future.

Literacy is your child's ability to understand language and communicate in a variety of ways.

Numeracy is your child's ability to apply important math skills, solve problems, and communicate solutions.

The FSA:

- Is **not** a high-stakes assessment
- Is **not** meant to be used for ranking students, teachers, or schools
- Does **not** impact student marks or report cards
- Provides valuable information about student learning
- Ensures all students are developing a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy
- Guides improvements to BC's education system

Information for Parents and Caregivers



How will your child participate?

The FSA will be completed by your child as part of their regular classroom learning. Your child does not need to prepare for the assessment. The FSA has five parts that can be spread out over several days or weeks during the fall of your child's grade 4 and 7 school year. Each component of the assessment will never be longer than an hour, so it won't take too much time away from classroom learning. Here is what your child can expect:

Component	Description	Time
Paper-based literacy task	A collaboration activity and 3 written response questions	60 minutes
Online literacy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Paper-based numeracy task	3 written response questions and 1 self-reflection question	45 minutes
Online numeracy task	30 questions	60 minutes
Self-reflection	1 selected-response question and 1 written-response question	5 minutes

Some students may feel nervous about tests. Talking about the FSA at home can help your child understand the purpose of the assessment. It can also help your child feel more confident writing it.

You will receive your child's test booklet back after it has been marked. Marking is done by teachers using the provincial proficiency scale, the same scale used for report cards for kindergarten to Grade 9. For FSA, "Developing" and "Proficient" have been combined on the scale into a single category, so that you know if your child is "On Track" in their literacy and numeracy learning.

Emerging	On Track	Extending
means your child is beginning to understand the expected concepts	means your child mostly understands the expected concepts	means your child is able to apply their learning in new and different ways

Along with written comments from teachers and the proficiency scale on report cards, the FSA results can be another helpful source of information to see where your child is in their literacy and numeracy development and where they can go next in their learning.

How are the FSA results used?

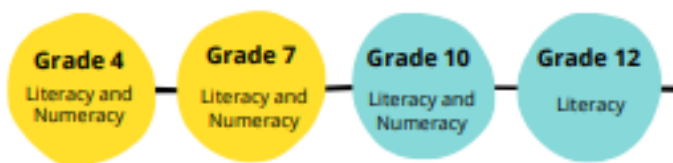
The FSA results offer insights to parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, districts, and the Ministry. They provide valuable information to all levels of the education system that help improve student learning.

- For parents, caregivers, and teachers, these results can show how students are doing in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers, schools, and districts can use the FSA results to help support classroom teaching. They can see where students are doing well and where they might need more help.
- Schools, districts, and the Ministry can use the FSA results to help make the education system better. The Ministry also relies on the FSA to uphold high learning standards to help all students develop their literacy and numeracy skills.

It's important to know that the FSA results aren't for ranking students, teachers, schools, or districts. Rankings don't help learning and don't make BC's education system better. The FSA is just one data point and doesn't reflect all the teaching and learning that happens in a school. That's why the Ministry doesn't make, share, or support any rankings.

When are literacy and numeracy assessed?

Foundation Skills Assessments Graduation Assessments



Contact Us

assessments@gov.bc.ca

Curriculum.gov.bc.ca





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VOLUNTEER FAIR



JOIN OUR NON-PROFIT COMMUNITY

We are excited to invite you to participate in our upcoming Non-Profit / Volunteer Fair! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with passionate individuals looking to make a difference in our community.

What you can expect:

- Tables that showcase services offered by nonprofits
- Share information about your programs
- Recruit new volunteers / Sign up to volunteer
- Complete business volunteer hours
- Engage with local nonprofits
- Support your community

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 19, 2024

9 AM - 2 PM

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262 Kinchant St.

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INTRODUCES



CanSkate

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5:15-6:00PM**

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CSA APPROVED HOCKEY HELMET,
SKATES & WINTER GEAR**

1 DAY/WEEK = \$143

2 DAY/WEEK = \$286

+ INSURANCE \$58.65

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FOR AGES 2-5

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TO PLAY AND EXPLORE.

DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2024

TIME: 3:00 - 4:30 P.M.

LOCATION: LEBOURDAIS PARK



SD28 Quesnel
Together we can