



Barlow Creek Newsletter

Ms. N. Danuser, Principal

November 22, 2024

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dahooja Barlow Creek Families!

Our first term is zipping along and we have lots of learning to do before December 20. Thanks to all the families who come out to our assemblies and support our Scholastic Book Fair, Greencapes Puppy Calendar and the PAC Big Box of Cards fundraisers.

Our November BLAZERS is Accepting – when you are accepting you are kind, you include others and you embrace different viewpoints. Being accepting means being compassionate and caring and treating others the way you would like to be treated. Our December BLAZERS is Zippy – being enthusiastic and positive about learning. When you are zippy you are excited and willing to try new things and encourage others to be positive.

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

Sunachailya,
Ms. Danuser
Principal

BLAZERS – Staff give students BLAZERS for demonstrating positive behaviours. At our monthly assemblies all the students who had a BLAZERS that month are entered into a draw for a t-shirt. In September our winners were **Malin L.** and **Logan W.** for being Responsible. In October our winners were **Gavin D.** for being Accepting and Responsible **Hunter D.** for being a Learner. Way to go BLAZERS! Keep up the great work helping others, volunteering for jobs and taking care of your classrooms.

UPCOMING DATES:

NI Day — Indigenous Focus School Teachers Only	Nov 25
Last day of Volleyball Matches @ Parkland 3:00pm	Nov 26
Green Capes Puppy Calendar fundraising due	Nov 28
PAC Meeting @ 7:00	Nov 28
Assembly 12:50pm	Nov 29
Hot Lunch—Subway	Dec 5
School Spirit Christmas Dress-up Day	Dec 10
Candy Cane Candy Gram sales at lunch	Dec 10-11
Winter Concert—1pm	Dec 13
Cookie Dough available for pick-up	Dec 18
Candy Cane Candy Grams handed out	Dec 18
Term 1 Learning Updates go home	Dec 19
Hot Lunch—Hot dogs	Dec 19
School Spirit Pajama Day	Dec 20
Assembly—time to be determined	Dec 20
Winter Break	Dec 23—Jan 3
First School Day of 2024	Jan 6
Hot Chocolate Sales	Jan 9

Please remember to return your backpacks from the Backpack Buddy Program.

Thank you



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 2025!

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 14 and March 14, 2025.

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.

Tak'ih nangus – three foxes

Dinkih goh – four rabbits

Benghaz Nats'ukih – November – half the time we travel by boat

Skwunlai sooh – five robins

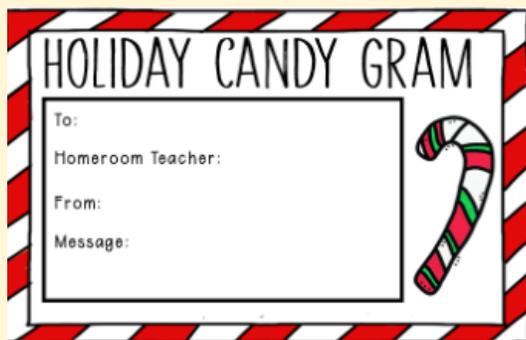
Lhk-ut-takih duni – six moose

Language Lessons

We had a delightful visit with Dakelh/Southern Carrier language teacher Arlene Horutko. She shared cultural stories and the students are learning how to introduce themselves in Dakelh/Southern Carrier and answer everyday questions. She will be back at Barlow for two weeks in April 2025.

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 10 & 11. They will be handed out Dec 18.

STORYBOOK PUMPKIN PATCH

A special thank you to all the students and families that participated in our Storybook Pumpkin Patch. We had thirty-nine entries showcasing all kinds of wonderful books from non-fiction, to graphic novels to storybooks.

All students who participated were entered in a draw, which was won by Olivia Smith and her *Bad Seed* pumpkin. Students and staff also had the opportunity to vote for their favourite pumpkin and the winner was

Mason Long with his *Nightmare Before Christmas* pumpkin.



Keep reading!

Ms. Sumner

IMPORTANT:

Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus

Monday, November 25th

NO SCHOOL

Starting November 20, 2024!!

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 26TH.**

Mini tournament @ Parkland with Riverview at 3:00pm.

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!

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

If any household that has spare / outgrown winter snow pants, 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.



Allergy Alert

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

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.



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.
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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.

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/>

PAC NEWS

The PAC would like to thank everybody who purchased a Big Box of Cards fundraiser

PAC meeting:
Thursday, Nov 28, @ 7:00pm



Troll Skiing News

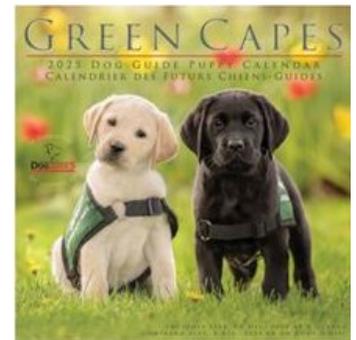
Our intermediate students will be skiing March 3 and 6, 2025. We will be sending registration forms and information home in the new year! Watch for updates.



Fundraising

Green Capes Puppy Calendar fundraising.

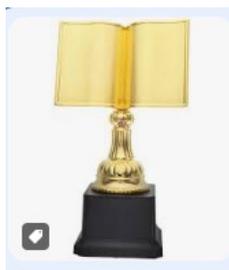
If families are unable to order online please send money and number of calendars you wish to school with your child by November 28th to get your order in by the deadline. Online order-



Book Battle – October's book battle books were "The Raven and The Loon" and "Be a Good Ancestor". The winner of October's book battle is "The Raven and the Loon" The November Book Battle books are "The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors" and "Ogopogo"

Exceptional Library Class Trophy –

October's Exceptional Library Class award goes to a class for showing their enthusiasm and dedication to our design your own library project. They have been thinking deeply, sharing supplies fairly, and doing great clean ups. This month's trophy goes to **Ms. Bruce's** class.



Top Library Patron Awards –

These are awarded to keen readers who regularly check out books and are enthusiastic about library. This month's top library patron awards go to **Arlo Anderson, Alex Cunningham, Eli Dunn, Cabela Green, and Hannah Lepetich.**



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Amended School Calendar 2024-2025

School District #28 Quesnel

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Website: www.sd28.bc.ca

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- Sep 2: Labour Day
- Sep 3: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
- Sep 4: Back to school (1/2 day for students)
- Sep 30: National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- Oct 14: Thanksgiving
- Oct 25: Provincial Pro-D (no school for students)
- Oct 26,30: Early Dismissal (to facilitate Parent Teacher Interviews)
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day
- Nov 25: District Planned Non-Instructional Day - Indigenous Focus (no school for students)
- Dec 23-Jan 2: Winter Break

- Jan 6: Students back from Winter Break
- Feb 7: District Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
- Feb 17: BC Family Day
- Mar 17-28: Spring Break
- Apr 11: Regional Pro-D (no school for students)
- Apr 18: Good Friday
- Apr 21: Easter Monday
- May 19: Victoria Day
- Jun 6: School Planned Non-Instructional Day (no school for students)
- Jun 25: Last Day for students
- Jun 26: Administrative Day (no school for students)
- Jun 27: Summer Break begins

Professional, District, Ministry, Non Instructional Days - No School
 Statutory Holidays - No School

School Holidays - No School
 Early Dismissal

Amendment: April PRO-D

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Barlow Creek Bell Schedule
2024-2025

7:45	Outside supervision begins
8:10	Classes begin
10:00	Recess begins
10:15	Recess ends
11:47	Lunch (kids outside first)
12:20	Students come in to eat
12:43	Warning bell
12:46	Afternoon classes begin
2:18	Dismissal bell
2:25	No bell (Bus 45 departs)
2:38	Load students (Bus 46 departs – 2:45)
<u>3:15</u>	Load students (Bus 16 to Wells – 3:25)

Changes:

Removed the 8:05 warning bell

Added the 12:43 warning bell



November 2024

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Government of British Columbia is pleased to inform you that your child may be able to receive the **\$1,200 B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant**.

Children may be eligible if:

- The parent or guardian, and the child, are B.C. residents, and
- The child is between the age of 6 and the day before turning 9.

Once you open an account, known as a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP), and apply for the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant (BCTESG), \$1,200 will be deposited into the RESP for your child. Students can then use the money to pay for post-secondary education or training expenses.

Plan today: you don't have to put any money into the RESP to receive the \$1,200.

Step 1: Get Social Insurance Numbers (SINs) for you and your child. Go to <http://www.canada.ca/social-insurance-number> to find out how.

Step 2: Make an appointment with one of 56 financial organizations that offers the BCTESG. A list of partners is available here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/canada-education-savings/resp-promoters-list.html>

Bring the **SINs for you and your child and proof of B.C. residency** and say: **"I want to open an RESP and get the B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant for my child."**

Learn more:

BCTESG homepage QR Code



BCTESG homepage URL

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/BCTESG>

Question? Contact: BCTESG@gov.bc.ca Your child may also be eligible for other, federal incentives, see: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education/education-savings.html>.

Ministry of Education and Child Care
Student Information, Data, and
Education Network Services

Mailing address:
PO Box 9886 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9T6

Location: 620 Superior St
Victoria BC V8W 9H8

*** * * * EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 30TH * * * ***

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)

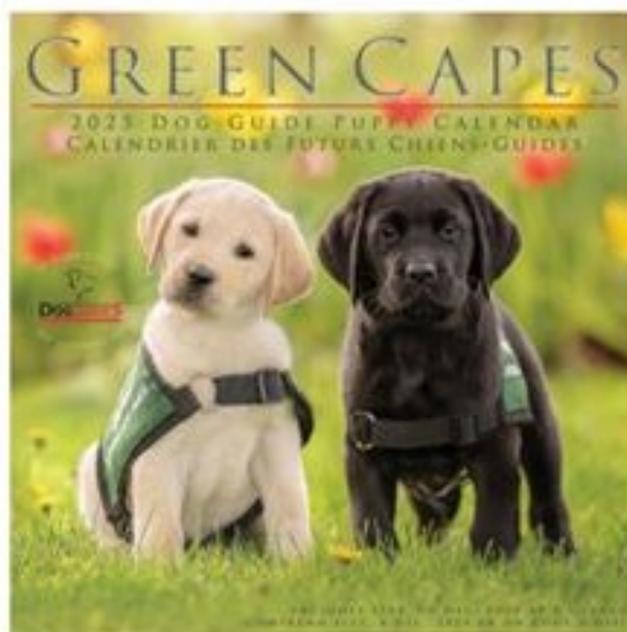
From October 11, 2024 to November 22, 2024

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



Looking for a place where girls are empowered to take the lead, jump into awesome activities and explore what matters to them? That's Girl Guides of Canada.

When your daughter joins Girl Guides, you are giving her the opportunity to discover herself – and so much more. She'll explore, create, learn – and shine. Girl Guides create their own story – because it's their journey to navigate.

Regular meetings start the week of September 16th.

Leaders are needed for both Guides and Pathfinders, but welcome at all levels.

Branch	Unit Name	When We Meet	Where We Meet
Sparks (5-6 yrs, Grades K-1)	1 st Quesnel Sparks	Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm	218 Kinchant St
Embers (7-8 yrs, Grades 2-3)	3 rd Quesnel Embers	Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm	218 Kinchant St.
Guides (9-11 yrs, Grades 4-6)	1 st Dragon Lake Guides	Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm	Dragon Lake Elem. School, 2655 Hydraulic
Pathfinders (12-14 yrs, Grades 7-9)	1 st Quesnel Pathfinders	Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00 pm	Dragon Lake Elem. School, 2655 Hydraulic

We recommend that you go online to Girl Guides of Canada's website (www.girlguides.ca/jointoday) and follow the prompts for registering;

although, in person registration in September are welcome too. Registration cost is \$ 150.00 for the year. Uniforms can be ordered from the leaders or online at the time of registering. Often ordering at registration is faster.

Don't see a fit for your schedule? We're open to expanding the units and/or having you **volunteer to lead!** When you volunteer with kids you're playing a key role in providing girls with a cheerleader and mentor as you help your girls develop skills and confidence that will last a lifetime.

For more information, please call, text or email:

Katherine Greenwood 250-991-6848 (call or text)
kat427@telus.net



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

YOUTH PROGRAMS

AGES 3 TO 18 FAMILY WINTER FUN! ALL SKILL LEVELS

Join the Cariboo Ski Touring Club's Cross Country Ski Youth Programs for a season of exciting adventures and games with our exceptional coaches and volunteers at Hallis Lake, 10 minutes from Quesnel

- ❄️ Enjoy fun, safe exercise on our 70+km of scenic cross country trails at Hallis Lake, day and night ❄️
- ❄️ Meet new friends and develop technical skills, physical fitness, and a love for the outdoors that will last a lifetime! ❄️

CONTACT sdpcordinator@gmail.com TO RESERVE SPACE OR RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION



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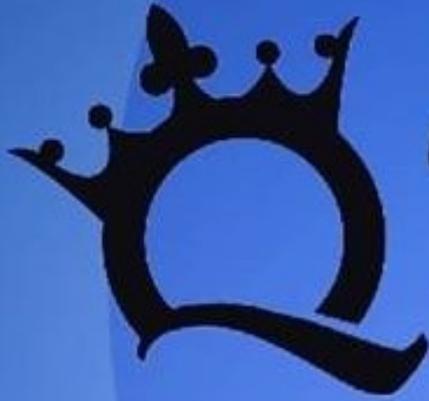
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STARTS | JANUARY 2025

* Dryland Training Begins December

SCAN TO VISIT
OUR WEBSITE





Quesnel Ambassador Leadership Program

Registration is NOW OPEN!

To Register, please fill out a registration form,
found on Facebook, or our website:
[https://quesnelambassadors.wixsite.com/home/get-
involved](https://quesnelambassadors.wixsite.com/home/get-involved)

Registration Closes January 4, 2025

For any Questions, Contact Cara Nault at:
quesnelambassadors@gmail.com
or (250)261-9614

Program Start: January 15, 2025