



Barlow Creek Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dahooja Barlow Creek Families!

We have arrived at the end of our first term of the 2024-2025 school year. We have had many successes and have persevered through many challenges as well. It has been wonderful to see all the progress students have made since September. Way to go Barlow Blazers!!!

Our December BLAZERS was 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. Our students did a great job demonstrating this in December. Our January BLAZERS is Earthly – taking care of the environment, only using what you need and being a good citizen.

Sunachailya and thank you to all the families who supported our fall school and PAC fundraisers. We appreciate your generosity.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a safe and merry holiday season!

Sunachailya,

Ms. Nancy Danuser, Principal



PAC FUNDRAISER:

PAC will be doing a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser in the New Year.

We appreciate your generosity.

Thank-you for your support!



UPCOMING DATES:

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| Winter Break | Dec 23— Jan 3 |
| First School Day of 2025 | Jan 6 |
| Hot Chocolate Sales | Jan 9 |
| MDI Grade 6's | Jan 14 |
| School Spirit Day—School Swag | Jan 16 |
| PAC Meeting—7:00 library | Jan 16 |
| River Rush Visit—10:45-11:45 | Jan 21 |
| Kindergarten Registration | Jan 27— March 14 |
| January Assembly—1:00pm | Jan 31 |
| World Read Aloud Day | Feb 5 |
| School Spirit Day—Jersey Day | Feb 6 |
| District Non-Instructional Day | Feb 7 |
| Valentine's Candy guess | Feb 11-12 |
| Statutory Holiday—Family Day | Feb 17 |
| PAC Meeting—7:00 library | Feb 20 |
| Grade 4-7 Troll skiing | Mar 3 & 6 |
| Term 2 Learning Updates go Home | Mar 13 |
| Spring Break | Mar 15-30 |



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.

Dakelh Language and Culture

Sizigri Whuzdli dzen—Merry Christmas!

Practice some Dakelh with your children.

Lhtakalti dulkw'ah – seven frogs

Lhk'ut-dink'ih spalyan – eight eagles

Sacho yudi'ai – December – the eve of the big moon

Khi – winter

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!



SKI TRIP UPDATE

Our Grade 4 to 7 Ski Trip dates to Troll are

March 3 and 6, 2025.

We will be sending information and permission forms in January.



Allergy Alert

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

All SD #28 buildings are scent free.



Book Battle – December's book battle books were "The Raven and The Loon" and "Ogopogo". The winner of October's book battle is "The Raven and The Loon" The January Book Battle books are "Perfect" and "This Book Just Ate My Dog"

Happy Book Battling!

BLAZERS – In **November**, we acknowledged a student from each class who demonstrated being “**Accepting**.” The Accepting Barlow BLAZERS are **Kinlei Garcia, Porscha Garcia, Summer Wells, Maddie Lawrence**, and **Noelle Simms**.

At our **December** Assembly we acknowledged a student from every class who demonstrated being “**Zippy**” this month. The Zippy Barlow BLAZERS are **Daniel Ginter, Danyella Moore, Hannah Lepetich, Duncan Hawkrige**, and **Dominik O’Flynn**.

BLAZERS DRAW– The winners of the BLAZERS draw in **November** were **Brantley Preteau** for being **Responsible** and taking pride in how his classroom looks and cleaning up the room. The other winner in November was **Isaac Simms** for being **Accepting** and helping bring equipment in at lunch time.

December—Winners were **Clara Sandaker, Accepting** for showing kindness in our classroom and including others.

Kalioppe Trudeau, Accepting for including others

Matthew Nyquist, Responsible, thank you for cleaning up the sleds that others left behind.



Please remember to return your backpacks from the Backpack Buddy Program. If you have a backpack through the holidays, there should be a note inside. If you have a backpack at home you can exchange it at the Friendship Centre for a full one. Thank you!

HOT LUNCHES

New hot lunch order forms will be sent home in January 2025.



PAC CHRISTMAS LUNCH & AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

Thank you to the PAC for providing a lunch from McDonald’s and Kernel’s popcorn, and a lunch time dance on



**Tuesday,
December
10th.**



WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

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



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.saferchoolstogether.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 com-



Sunachailya and thank you to **Kendl Cave, Michelle Godfrey, and Tanille Simms** for all of their help in Ms. Bruce's class with gingerbread cookie making and building graham cracker houses. We are grateful for your time and assistance. The cookies were delicious and the houses were a delight to look at.



Special Thanks to Division 5 Volunteers

Thank You!

We had so many cookies that they were donated to The Seasons House

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please check around your homes for any library books and send them back to the school.



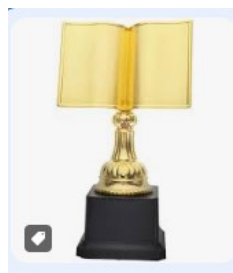
Exceptional Library Class Trophy –

November's Exceptional Library Class award goes to a class for being flexible in their thinking and being ready to learn even when moved to a new location. Great work!

November's trophy goes to **Ms. Gauthier's** class.

December's Exceptional Library Class award goes to a class for excellent work in regularly returning their books and for demonstrating such strong knowledge of the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts.

December's trophy goes to **Mrs. Kronebusch's** class.



Top Library Patron Awards –

These are awarded to keen readers who regularly check out books and are enthusiastic about library.

November's top library patron awards go to **Ryder Lawrence, Clara Sandaker, and Porscha Garcia**.

December's top library patron awards go to **Quinn Everett, Eamon Shanks and Colton Apps**.



A Free 10 Week Program to Inspire Healthier BC Families in Northern BC!

Learn together about:

- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity
- Screen time
- Sleep Routines
- Wellness



For families with at least one child ages 8-12
(One parent/caregiver must attend each week)

Online self-directed option is available for families outside of the age range

Program includes:

- Q&A's with health professionals
- A family cooking class
- Post program recreation credit based on attendance

Virtual Via Zoom YMCA BC - Northern BC
Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm

January 23 - March 27, 2025

Generation Health Community funding is provided by the BC Ministry of Health



Scan QR Code or [Click Here](#) to Register and Learn More

QYSA Winter Season

10 week programs, beginning
the week of January 6th

PROGRAMS

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TINY TOTS

- 2022 & 2021 PLAYERS
- INTRO TO SOCCER SKILLS
- FUN AND FLEXIBLE PACE
- 50-MINUTE SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS
- QYSA LEAD, PARENT GUIDED

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COMMUNITY

- 2020 - 2007 PLAYERS
- FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS AND BACKGROUNDS
- FOCUS ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING & ENJOYING SOCCER
- WEDNESDAY STATIONS & SATURDAY INTER-PROGRAM GAMES
- QYSA LEAD, PARENT VOLUNTEER GUIDED

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STRIKERS

- 2017 - 2007 PLAYERS
- DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR DEDICATED PLAYERS
- MOTIVATING GROWTH IN PERFORMANCE, EFFORT, & ATTITUDE
- WEEKDAY SESSIONS & NEIGHBOURING COMMUNITY GAMES
- DESIGNATED, BCSOCCER-TRAINED HEAD COACHES

WWW.QYSA.CA/REGISTRATION

