



Barlow Creek Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dahooja Barlow Creek Families!

We are glad to have students back at school and we are working hard on their learning.

Our BLAZERS focus for January is "Earthly" and students are working on taking care of our earth, using only what they need, recycling, reducing waste and keeping our school and grounds litter free.. Our focus for February is "Responsible" with students working on making good choices and doing the right thing.

The primary classes are looking forward to skating in February and the intermediate students are excited about skiing and snowboarding at Troll in March.

Sunachailya Barlow Elementary PAC for the sleds and shovels. Everyone is enjoying them on the sledding hill and digging and building snow sculptures. We enjoyed the McDonald's lunch and Christmas Cheer popcorn too! Thank you!

To our families, 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



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 Due back	Jan 20 Jan 31
Quesnel River Rush—10:45-11:45	Jan 21
Qysa—Soccer @ lunch	Jan 24,31
Kindergarten Registration	Jan 27— March 14
Hot Lunch—Panago	Jan 30
January Assembly—12:50 pm	Jan 31
Ski forms are due back	Jan 31
World Read Aloud Day with Special Guest Speakers	Feb 5
School Spirit Day—Jersey Day	Feb 6
District Non-Instructional Day	Feb 7
QYSA—Soccer @ lunch	Feb 10,14
Candy guess jar fundraiser Winner announced	Feb 11,12 Feb 14
K—Grade 3 skating day 8:45-10:30	Feb 13, 20, 27
Hot Lunch—Subway	Feb 13
Family Day Stat—no school	Feb 17
PAC Meeting - 7:00pm library	Feb 20
Pink Shirt Day February Assembly—8:45 pm	Feb 26
Hot Lunch-Hot Dogs	Feb 27
Troll Skiing Days	Mar 3, 6
Hot Lunch-Panago	Mar 13
Learning updates go home	Mar 13
SPRING BREAK	Mar 15-30
School back in Session	Mar 31

PRIMARY SKATING

Thursdays, Feb 13, 20, 27 from
8:45-10:30

Notices will be going home
next week.



**Why do cows
wear bells?**

Their horns don't
work.

**Why was the
broom late for
work?**

It over-swept.

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.

UTENSILS:

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

Be sure to send **WATER BOTTLES** and **SPOONS**.

Thanks in advance.



DIV. 3 NEWS

Ms. Gauthier's class is working with the Baker Creek Enhancement Society to raise salmon.

Some of the eggs have already hatched.

We are hoping that all eggs will hatch and we can have a successful release to the river.

Dakelh Language and Culture

Practice some Dakelh with your children.

Sacho Bunun – January—Time of the big moon

Lhuk'l hoolooh dluk—nine squirrels

Our Indigenous Education Support Worker Debbie Harrington has been doing a variety of lunch time activities with our students.

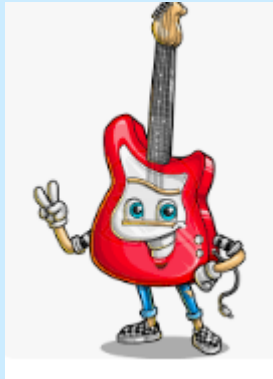
Line dancing for all grade 4 to 7 students has started at lunch on Thursdays.

We are lucky to have
Ms. Harrington at our school.
Sunachailya, Ms. Harrington.



Barlow Creek Guitar Club

We had 10 students that really enjoyed the guitar club. We wrapped up the program last week that has been going since October with a celebration luncheon. We would like to thank Ms. Donna for all her help she provided and for making the certificates for the students.



Ms. Harrington.

Library

Please look around your house, bedrooms, vehicles and backpacks to see if there is any library books.

There is quite a few missing library books.

Thank you,

BARLOW CREEK PAC

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
Delivery 2nd week of February
(stay tuned for order forms)

PAC meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Next meeting:
Thur, Feb 20th
@7:00—library



STUDENT VOICE

We have started Student Voice @ Barlow Creek with our Grade 5-7 students. Student Voice is an opportunity to get input from students to make our school better. School Voice will be helping organize school events like school Spirit Days as well as participating in the assemblies.

Mondays @ lunch in computer lab as needed

Valentine's Day Basket Draw

Guess how many candies are in the jar and win a prize basket

\$1.00 per guess
(maximum 3 guesses)

February 11-12 purchase
February 14-Winner

Thank you for your support



WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

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



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.

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades 4 and 7, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the school at (250) 992-5134.



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

Students in Divisions 4 & 5 will have the opportunity to go skiing/snowboarding at Troll Ski Resort on **March 3rd & 6th**. We will be sending registration packages home January 20th.

Students will be travelling to and from the ski hill by school bus on these days. We've included \$2 per day to help cover bussing costs, the PAC has generously agreed to support the remaining costs. For students requiring rental equipment the full cost for skiing per day (including a one-hour lesson) will be \$48, to be paid prior to the first day of skiing. Total **cost per day \$50.00 (\$48 + \$2). Two days = \$100.00**

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 Screening will be done at Welcome to K in September 2025

All children need to have their immunization brought up-to-date prior to Kindergarten entry. .

Please contact Northern Health Authority after May 1, 2025 @ 250-983-6850



**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

Opens
January 27, 2025
at your catchment school

For registration in the French Immersion program,
please contact École Red Bluff Lhtako at 250-747-2634.


Parents/Guardians,
Please bring the following with you:

- Canadian Birth Certificate/Passport or Status Card
- Proof of Guardianship
- BC Services Card
- Proof of address in Quesnel (2 pieces)

For more information,
call 250-992-8802 or
visit our website at
www.sd28.bc.ca.

 **SCHOOL DISTRICT 28
QUESNEL**



Chess2Inspire Association
2025 BC Youth Chess Championship
Official BC Chess Federation Provincial Tournament
Mar 22 – 23, 2025, Bonsor Recreation Complex (Burnaby)

Do You Know Chess ...?

- Improves Creativity, Memory, Problem-solving Skills, Concentration
- Teaches Planning and Foresight, Decision-making, Logic and Reasoning
- Is Fun, Fun, Fun and Challenging

BC Youth CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 (BCYCC)

Open to all B.C. Juniors (born after: Jan 1, 2007), Limited 300 seats
Qualifier for the 2025 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC), **Surrey, BC**
6 Open Sections by Age and 6 Girls Sections by Age:

- Open Sections - Under 8, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18
- Girls Sections - Under 8, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18

Guaranteed CYCC subsidy & trophies with more than 210 total entries, for the top 5 players in Open sections & Top 2 players in Girls sections (Total \$6,150)

Location: Bonsor Recreation Complex (Banquet Hall), Burnaby [Free Parking]
Skittles/Waiting: Arts Room, MP1 & MP2 (accommodates 190 people)
Date: March 22-23, 2025 (2-day event)
Organizer: Chess2Inspire Association
Chief Arbiter: Stephen Wright (FIDE International Arbiter)

PRE-REGISTRATION Required

Online Registration Only: Early Bird Ends Feb 23nd

Details & Pre-register online at:

<http://chess2inspire.org/bcycc-2025>

Chess2Inspire Association & BC Chess Federation are registered non-profit organizations promoting chess to BC communities



BC Chess Federation