



# Barlow Creek Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dahooja Barlow Creek Families,

We are one week away from the end of our first term. Learning updates will be sent home Thursday, December 18 and it has been wonderful to see all the progress the students have made so far.

Sunachailya to our Barlow Creek PAC for all of their support and generosity. Sunachailya to our Student Voice members for doing a splendid job on their first big event.

Sunachailya to our students and families for getting to school on no bus days. Attendance counts and we miss you when you don't show up.

Our December 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 January 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 for our events and fundraisers. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a safe and merry holiday season!

Sunachailya,  
Ms. Danuser



**Online Safety** There are more and more cases of youth being targeted via sandbox games like Roblox and Minecraft. Knowing whether a person is real can be a challenge. Safer Schools Together has some excellent [resources for parents](#) to help their children be digitally responsible. Please visit the following website for resources -

<https://saferschoolstogether.com/resources/parent-caregiver-resources/> Here are two websites where you can check if images are real or AI generated – <https://wasitai.com/> and [Sightengine.com](https://sightengine.com) Remind your children to check in with a trusted adult if they are unsure about anything when they are online.

## **UPCOMING DATES:**

Candy Cane Candy Grams handed out	Dec 16
Term 1 Learning Updates go home	Dec 18
School Spirit Pajama Day	Dec 19
Assembly—10:20 am	Dec 19
Student Voice and PAC Winter Dance @ lunch	Dec 19
Winter Break	Dec 22—Jan 4
First School Day of 2026	Jan 5
Hot Lunch Forms sent home	Jan 6
Div. 5 Curling 9am—1pm	Jan 9
Hot Lunch Forms due	Jan 12
PAC Meeting — 6:00pm library	Jan 21
January Assembly — 10:20am	Jan 26
School Spirit Tacky Tourist Day	Jan 28
River Rush Visit — 10:30-11:30	Jan 28
Kindergarten Registration	Jan 27—March 14
Non Instruction Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	Jan 30

## **PAC FUNDRAISER:**

PAC will be doing a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser in the New Year. Check backpacks for order forms.



## 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.

## SKI TRIP UPDATE

Our Grade 3 to 7 Ski Trip dates to Troll are  
**February 23 and 26, 2026**

We will be sending information and permission forms home in early January.

With Ms. Gauthier having a split grade 3/4 class, it has been decided that they will go Skiing @ Troll and **WILL NOT** be going swimming or skating with the Primary classes this year.



## Dakelh Language and Culture

Practice some Dakelh/Southern Carrier with your children.

**Ndi goh lhuki ho'en** - I saw one rabbit.

**Ndi nangus nankoh ho'en** - I saw two foxes.

**Sacho Yudi'ai** – December – Eve of the big moon

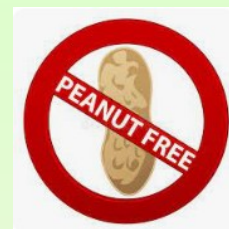
**Khi** – Winter

**Sizigri Whuzdli dzen** - Merry Christmas

## Allergy Alert

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

**All SD #28 buildings are scent free.**



## 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!

**Thank you!**



## BLAZERS

The following students were acknowledged at our November Assembly for being LEARNERS: **Kinlei Garcia, Ardas Kaur, Lochlan Schwieger, Maddie Lawrence, and Gemma Smith-Gourlay.**

## BLAZERS DRAW

Staff give students BLAZERS for demonstrating positive behaviours. At our monthly assemblies all the students who had a BLAZERS for the month are entered into a draw for a t-shirt. Our November winners were **Aiden Kunkel for being ACCEPTING** and being kind and counting all the poppies for the classes for Remembrance Day and to **Zoey Ferguson for being a LEARNER** and doing her catch-up work without any reminders!

You **DO NOT** have to order on-line. You can call in your order or just mention the **BAR25** discount in the store or on the phone and you will get the 25% off.



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



## HOT LUNCHES

New hot lunch order forms will be sent home in January 2026.



## PAC CHRISTMAS LUNCH & AFTERNOON ACTIVITY

Thank you to the PAC for providing a lunch from McDonald's on

**Friday, December 12th.**



## WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS

**If any household that has spare / outgrown winter snow pants and gloves, 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](http://barlowcreek.sd28.bc.ca) or the school district website, [www.sd28.bc.ca](http://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.



### 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-**

### 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.

Please provide a water bottle.

Thanks in advance.

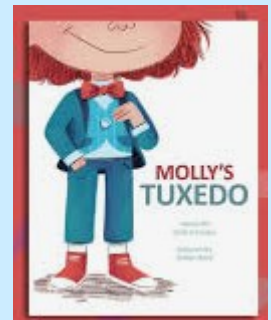
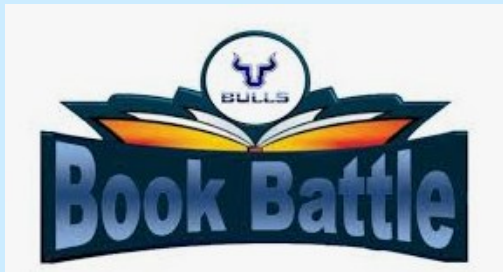


### Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide

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/>





November's book battle books were "Rosie Revere, Engineer" and "Molly's Tuxedo". The winner of November's book battle is "Molly's Tuxedo"

The December Book Battle books are "Be Quiet" and "Molly's Tuxedo"  
Happy Book Battling!



## Lunch Time Stars

At lunch time we are focusing on star behaviour. Students are stars when they stay in their seats, listen to the adults, eat quietly and do a quiet activity when they finish eating. There is a draw at the end of each month for prizes for all the lunch stars. The Lunch Time Stars for November were **Jada Sandaker, Alex Cunningham and Danyella Moore.**



## THE MIDDLE YEARS DEVELOPMENT INSTRUMENT (MDI) IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL IN JANUARY/MID-MARCH!

School District #28 Quesnel 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 Years Development Instrument (MDI). The Middle Years Development Instrument (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 13<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

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/>

If you don't want your child to participate, please contact your child's teacher, fill out the withdrawal form at the end of the parent/guardian informed passive consent letter, or contact the MDI project staff at [mdi@help.ubc.ca](mailto:mdi@help.ubc.ca).

### LIBRARY BOOKS



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

### 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 **Alex Cunningham, Arlo Anderson and Jada Sandaker.**





# NOONLIGHT MADNESS

**SATURDAY DEC. 13TH 11AM-2PM**

Our Holiday Headquarters will be outside at Franks Supermarket where you will find:

*Free!*

Hot Dogs

Santa & Mrs. Claus

Festive Feels

Hot Chocolate

S'mores

Warm Fire

Popcorn

Prizes

Christmas Music

## How to win a prize...

Shop at any South Quesnel business between Dec. 1st-13th, save your receipt, and bring it to our Holiday Headquarters between 11am-2pm on Dec 13th OR bring a new toy to support our toy drive for the Amata House, every toy gives you an entry!

**Each receipt/Toy donation = 1 entry to win one of 4 gift baskets valued at \$400 each!**

The winners will be drawn in the evening of the 13th, and contacted by phone.

**The more you shop,  
the more chances to win!**





Jan 3rd  
through  
March 7th

**Freestyle Skiing & Snowboarding**

*Register Now!*



[WWW.TROLLFREESTYLECLUB.CA](http://WWW.TROLLFREESTYLECLUB.CA)







# TRY FREESTYLE DAY

Interested in joining  
our club but not sure  
what it's all about?  
Come try it out for the  
day!

**JANUARY 2ND 2026**  
10AM-12PM

## FREE!



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# StrongStart

A **FREE** Parent & Child participation program for **0-5 yr olds**

**Join the fun at a StrongStart centre!**  
**You and your child will make new friends, play, create art, go to the gym, sing songs, engage with stories, and so much more!**

**Drop in available at:**

<b>Baker StrongStart</b>	<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>8:30-11:30am</b>
<b>Barlow Creek StrongStart</b>	<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	<b>8:15-11:15am</b>
<b>Bouchie Lake StrongStart</b>	<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>8:15-11:15am</b>
<b>Dragon Lake StrongStart</b>	<b>Mon-Fri</b>	<b>8:30-11:30am</b>

**Please contact Ms. Cari to learn which days have openings (250-747-2142)**

*The school district operates 4 StrongStart BC early learning centres that provide **free**, school-based, high quality early learning programs for children aged 0-5 years old who are accompanied by a parent or caregiver. At StrongStart you and your child will have opportunities to play, make new friends, create art, go to the gym, sing songs, engage with stories and so much more!*

*Feel free to drop in to:*

<i>Baker StrongStart</i>	<i>Monday to Friday</i>	<i>8:30am-11:30am</i>
<i>Barlow Creek StrongStart</i>	<i>Monday to Thursday</i>	<i>8:15am-11:15am</i>
<i>Bouchie Lake StrongStart</i>	<i>Monday to Friday</i>	<i>8:15am - 1:15am</i>
<i>Dragon Lake StrongStart</i>	<i>Monday to Friday</i>	<i>8:30am-11:30am</i>





The On The Road team is coming back to the Quesnel by popular demand and will be presenting shows at [West Park Mall](#) on Saturday and Sunday December 13 and 14, 2025 with a 45-minute show on each day. Come explore with us!

#### Showtimes:

- Saturday, December 13 at 3pm
- Sunday, December 14 at 11am



Science World's fantastic On The Road program brings fun, high-energy live demonstrations and activities to communities all around the province that pique science curiosity, boost science literacy and inspire future science and technology leaders. Learn more about the [meaningful impact](#) On The Road makes across B.C.!

#### Details

##### Date

Dec 13 – 14, 2025

##### Time

Various Times

##### Location

Quesnel

##### Tickets

Free

Good morning Quesnel, West Park Mall has Science World coming December 13th 3:00pm to 3:45pm & December 14th 11:00am to 11:45am. We also have 4 Christmas trees that are decorated and ready to go if you would like to bid on them, they are beside the Santa Display. Stop by and have a look.

Both shows are unique & different

