



Barlow Creek Newsletter

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June 12, 2026

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of the school year is days away! Thank you, sunachadindli, maarsi, merci beaucoup to the students, staff and families for everything you do to make Barlow a wonderful place to learn and grow. I have enjoyed my three years at Barlow Creek and will miss everyone.

We have been focusing on all the BLAZERS for June. Students are recognized for being brave, learners, accepting, zippy, earthy, responsible and self-aware. Everyday we work to treat others the way we want to be treated, listen and accept other points of view and embrace our differences as it is our diversity that makes us stronger.

June is National Indigenous Peoples' History Month and Pride Month. This is a wonderful reminder that every child matters and deserves to be treated equally.

Sunachailya to our Barlow Creek Elementary PAC for their ongoing commitment to making our school awesome. We appreciate your support and generosity!

Sunachailya to all of the volunteers who have participated in school events this year. We couldn't have done it without your kindness and time.

Congratulations to our Grade 7 Grads. Wishing you all the best as you move on to your next adventure.

Ms. Danuser
Principal



UPCOMING DATES:

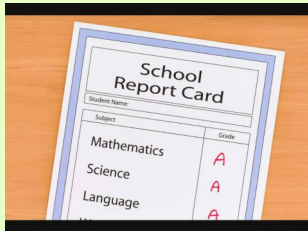
Grade 7 Grad 4-6 pm	Jun 12
Library Books Due	Jun 16
Ms. Gauthier 3/4 class to PG Exploration Place	Jun 18
Last day for District lunch programs	Jun 19
PAC & Student Voice year end dance—11:47	Jun 19
National Indigenous People's Day @ Lhtako Dene Park	Jun 21
Grade 7's 1/2 day QJS Orientation—8:00-11:47	Jun 22
Grade 7 parent info meeting @ QJS 6:30-7:15pm	Jun 22
PAC Sports Fun Day & lunch 10:15—2:00	Jun 23
June Assembly @ 9:00am	Jun 24
Summative Learning updates home	Jun 24
Last day of school	Jun 24
First day back—early dismissal @ 11:18—buses are 3 hours early	Sep 9
First full day	Sep 10
All Kindergarteners—8:10-10:40	Sep 11
School photos taken	Sep 17
School Supply money is due	Sep 23
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation & Orange Shirt Day	Sep 30

LOST & FOUND

Please come and check over our lost & found. We have quite a few items. Items left over will be donated at the end of the year.



Learning Updates



Learning updates will be issued on Wednesday, June 24th.

If you are unable to pick-up your child's report on Wednesday, please make arrangements with the office.

Learning updates will NOT be mailed home.

Learning updates will be available in the office
Thursday, June 25th from 10:00am to 1:30pm that day only.

Thank you to all of the performers for sharing their talents at our Talent Show. You did a wonderful job. Thank you to all of the families for supporting our performers. Thanks to Student Voice for another great event. Thanks to the staff and students for their support.



District Lunch Program

The last day for the District Lunch Programs is
Friday, June 19th.

Please remember to send a lunch for your children for the final week of school.



HEALTHY MINDS

Summer is coming, however that doesn't mean worries and anxieties go away for our students.

- Check out <https://healthymindsbc.gov.bc.ca/> for resources for educators (early years to grade 12) and parents and caregivers. All of the courses offered are self-paced and no-cost.
- Of special interest for parents and caregivers are the Walking Alongside Youth - Anxiety and Walking Alongside Youth - Depression courses.
- There have also been updates to the Everyday Anxiety Strategies for Educators (EASE). There are now three EASE courses - EASEY (Everyday Anxiety Strategies Early Years), EASE K-7 and EASE 8-12.
- BC Children's Hospital has created a new Mental Health and Substance Use Language Guide for Families and School Communities <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/erase/documents/mental-health-wellness/mhsu-language-guide-for-families.pdf>



Track and Field

The Barlow Creek Track & Field Team went to Correlieu to compete against the other elementary schools in Quesnel. Our track team did great and everyone represented Barlow Creek well!



Thank you to all the Barlow Staff, parents that helped out, Correlieu and all the volunteers!

Some of our students placed in the top 3 for their events.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our athletes!



BUS PASSES

Students need to be using their bus passes to get on and off the buses. The school district is legally responsible for taking attendance on buses. If students need a replacement bus pass, please contact the Transportation Department at:

250-992-8361



Bus passes are good for next school year. Please make sure your student retains their bus pass over the summer.

School Supplies – September 2026

We are once again offering you an efficient, affordable and easy way to purchase your child's school supplies for the next school year.

Kindergarten to Grade 3 is \$50.00

Grade 4-7 is \$60.00.

PAC is generously paying for planners this year. This helps us keep the costs of school supplies the same with the rising costs of supplies



We are accepting cash or cheques made out to Barlow Creek Elementary until the end of June and again in the first two weeks of September.

Due Sept 23rd.

Indigenous Language and Culture

Here are some new words for you to practice Dakelh/Southern Carrier with your children.

Ndi'i yus intoh – This is a wolf

Ndi'i sbalyan intoh – This is an eagle

Dain Bunun – June – The time of summer

Dain – Summer

Sunachadindli – thank you for your kindness

Arlene Horutko will be here June 16 to 18 for Dakelh/Southern Carrier language lessons.



Backpack Buddies

Please remember to return your backpacks before the summer break !!

Other services available are:

Nourish Food Bank

Quesnel GreenHope Society

Address: 170 Front St, Quesnel, BC V2J 2K1

Hours: Wednesday 10–11 a.m.

Thursday 5–7 p.m.

Friday 10–11 a.m.

Saturday 10–11 a.m.

Sunday 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Monday 10–11 a.m.

Tuesday 11 a.m.–1 p.m.



Address: 138 McLean St, Quesnel, BC V2J 2N7

Phone: (250) 991-0481

Hours: Wednesday 2–6 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Friday Closed

Saturday Closed

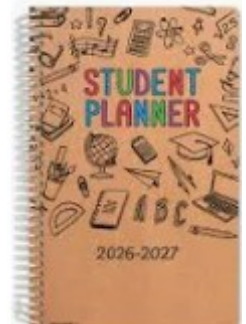
Sunday Closed

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

PAC NEWS

Thank you to the PAC for covering the costs of our planner for the 2026-2027 school year



PAC Fun Sports Day—June 23

Barlow Creek PAC is planning a variety of games and events for a day of fun beginning at 10:15 am to 2:00 pm on June 22. There will be face painting, lawn games, races, team relays, water games, and prizes. PAC will be providing 2 pieces of pizza, fruit, a drink and a frozen treat to each student. Depending on what is left after everyone gets fed there may be more food available. Please send extra lunch if you don't think this will be enough for your child.



The next PAC meeting is on Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm in the library.

This is an Annual General Meeting.



BLAZERS

At our May Assembly the following students were recognized for demonstrating being Self-Aware. Congratulations to **Theodore Chesley, Clara Sandaker, Mackenzie Erickson-Collins, Karter Hargreaves, and Savannah Graham!**

The winners of the Barlow baseball caps in the BLAZERS draw in May were **Marlon Tataryn** for being Responsible by putting away the Chrome-books without being asked and **Jada Sandaker** for being accepting and putting away equipment at lunch time.



Fire Safety House visit

Special thanks to Chief Ron and Kirby for the fire house safety visit.



Please check your homes for any library books.



**All library books are due
Tuesday, June 16, 2026**



Monthly Library Awards

Top Library Patrons

These are awarded to keen readers who regularly check out books and are enthusiastic about library. May's Top Library Patrons are **Grayson Flynn-McQueen, Clara Sandaker, and Charlie Cave.**

Dressing for the Weather

Reminder to send a change of clothes in backpacks. Please bring a hat to school for sunny days to protect us from the sun when we are outside.



DOMINO'S School Fundraiser

You get 25% off all menu items and the school gets 20% of the sales.

**ALL SUMMER
LONG!!!**



VALID ONLINE AT WWW.DOMINOS.CA

Library News

Good readers are curious. They ask questions. This year in library **Ms. Montgomery's** grade six and seven class focused on these two: Who are we hearing from? And, who are we not hearing from?

We read stories and we explored ideas of representation and different perspectives and how hearing *about* someone is not the same as hearing *from* someone.

Since our library needed a visible and beautiful space to highlight books with Indigenous authors and stories we looked at how Indigenous artists took practical objects and made them beautiful and chose a bookshelf to reimagine. We looked at how Metis artists have used traditional beadwork designs to inspire paintings, then supported by the educational and Metis cultural knowledge of **Ms. Gauthier** and our Indigenous Education Support Worker, **Ms. Debbie Harrington**, the students worked to create Metis inspired designs featuring local plants.

Then with techniques taught to them in class by **Ms. Montgomery**, and working closely with our Librarian, **Ms. Sumner** and **Ms. Harrington**, the students worked collaboratively in small groups to recreate their designs in paint on the sides of our bookshelf.

Our library now has a place to highlight works by Indigenous authors and a representation of all the learning we did together on the journey to create it. We were able to come together as a community of learners and take a step towards reconciliation.

We are grateful to **Ms. Gauthier** and **Ms. Harrington** for their willingness to share their culture and their knowledge with us as we moved through this project. Thank you as well to **Ms. Montgomery** who collaborated with us, teaching, planning and scheduling around this project. Finally, we are proud of all the students who worked so hard and did so much learning and showed what we can do when we come together with respect.

Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place). – First Peoples Principles of Learning

Student quotes:

"Milana and I, we painted. We painted flowers, daisies, and I like them because they are easy....We chose dot art because it is for our Indigenous books" **Lia**

"We are painting the shelf to decorate the library with art done by the grade 7s and to learn about culture" **Noelle**

"Me and the whole class are painting a shelf in May at the school for the [First] Nations people to show appreciation" **Milana**



AIR QUALITY HEALTH INDEX

Learn what the **air quality** around you means to your **health**



AIR QUALITY

In the event that there are air quality advisories, we will use the guidelines below when deciding if students should remain indoors.

Level 0-6 = kids go outside

SUN SAFETY

✓ **HYDRATE**
Aim to drink around 1.5 to 2.5 litres daily and limit sugary drinks. Eat foods that have a higher water content: melon, tomatoes and cucumber

SUN SAFETY

✓ **SEEK SHADE**
Reduce UV radiation by taking shelter-Under a tree, umbrella or another shady spot.

SUN SAFETY

✓ **COVER UP**
Wear clothing that covers your skin.

SUN SAFETY

✓ **APPLY SUNSCREEN**
SPF 30 or higher, 20 minutes before sun exposure. Reapply every 2 hours.

BARLOW CREEK GRADS 2025/2026

**CONGRATULATIONS
YOU DID IT !!**



#81 Sydney West / # 24 Noelle Simms /
#21 Danica Simms / #34 Eamon Shanks /
#55 Reed Clegg / #69 Kaidence Stainger
/ #15 Vera Schwieger / #88 Milana Volynskaia / #17 Lia Whitford-Gillespie

Missing:
#03 Bailey Reimer
#33 Marlon Tataryn
#26 Arna Everett

Grade 7 Grads

We would like to wish our grade 7's all the best at the Quesnel Junior School. Many of them have attended Barlow Creek since Kindergarten. Grads, we are proud of you, we will miss you and wish you many successes in the years to come. Say HI in the mornings catching the bus.



Welcome to Kindergarten!

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

Please contact Northern Health Authority after May 1, 2026
@ 250-983-6850



Kindergarten Parents!

Please check out the poster below for the next important steps before your child begins kindergarten next year.

On the Road to Kindergarten

Kindergarten Next Exit

January
Kindergarten registration starts

REGISTER NOW

April 29th
Inching Our Way to K
event at the Indoor Soccer Field, 2:30-4:30pm
RSVP: shaunalothrop@sd28.bc.ca

May 20th
Kindergarten Parent/Caregiver Information Session @ Voyageur School Library, 6:30-7:30pm
If interested email: shaunalothrop@sd28.bc.ca

Late May/Early June
Welcome to Kindergarten event at your catchment school

June 10, 11, 12, 15, 16
Northern Health Immunization Clinic
Call 250-983-6850 to book an appointment

by June 30th
Registered students will receive their gradual entry starting date

Sept 10th or 11th
1st day of Kindergarten! (half day attendance)

Day 1

SD28 Quesnel
Together we can



QUESNEL MINOR HOCKEY
P R E S E N T S

BAUER
FIRST
SHIFT
P R O G R A M



REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1	PROGRAM FEE \$299
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INCLUDES
FULL HEAD TO TOE
BAUER GEAR &
ON ICE INSTRUCTION



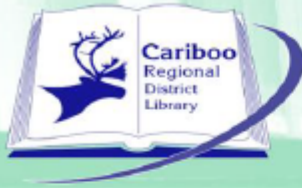
MUST BE
NEW TO HOCKEY
TO REGISTER
AGES 5-10

SPECIAL THANKS TO
HOCKEY CANADA FOR SUPPORTING
THE NEXT GENERATION OF HOCKEY PLAYERS.



HOCKEY
CANADA





CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARY

2026 SUMMER READING CLUB

CARIBOO DISTRICT LIBRARY – QUESNEL BRANCH

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The CRD Library – Quesnel branch invites your child to participate in the 2026 BC Summer Reading Club: *Under the Sea!* This weekly summer program is offered for children 3 – 12 years of age and runs from July 7th to August 20th, with an end of summer party on August 21st (times to be announced). Registration is ongoing throughout the summer, completely FREE and begins June 12th. Children receive a reading record on their first week to keep track of their summer reading endeavors. The classes consist of reading, crafting, games, and fun!

Regular reading throughout the summer helps children maintain and improve their reading skills while school is out. When they join the BC Summer Reading Club, children are encouraged to read whatever they wish (including picture books, nonfiction books, graphic novels, and even comics!) in whatever language they feel most comfortable. They may also listen to someone else read or tell stories, including audiobooks.

The BC Summer Reading Club is sponsored by the British Columbia Library Association (BCLA) and local public libraries with the generous funding assistance of Public Libraries Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs, and CUPE BC. Please consider sending thank you notes to your local CUPE BC office, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and your local library Board, letting them know their support is greatly appreciated.

For more information, and to learn about our other free summer activities for kids, please contact the Quesnel library. You may also visit the BC Summer Reading Club Kid's Website at www.bcsrc.ca. Additionally, follow our Facebook [CRD Quesnel Library](#) for more updates!

SRCQ Email: srcq@cariboord.ca

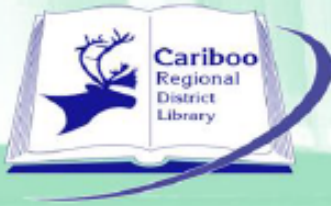
Library Phone Number: (250) 992-7912

Happy reading! We hope to see you at the library this summer!

Katelynn Grant (Ms. Katie)

2026 Summer Reading Club Coordinator.

www.cln.bc.ca



CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARY

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT FORM – QUESNEL BRANCH

NAME OF LIBRARY PROGRAM: 2026 SUMMER READING CLUB

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____

*EMAIL: _____ **necessary for registration confirmation*

PHONE NUMBERS (home) _____ (cell) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE _____

ALLERGIES, BEHAVIOURAL CHALLENGES, DISABILITIES, MEDICATIONS, MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

I, _____ CERTIFY THAT MY CHILD, _____ IS
CAPABLE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LIBRARY PROGRAM.

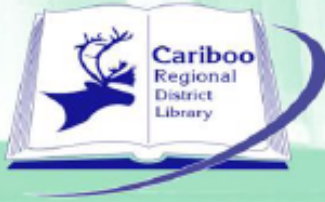
I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO TAKE PART IN ANY PICTURES THAT WILL BE TAKING
PLACE DURING THE COURSE OF THE LIBRARY PROGRAM. (PICTURES MAY BE USED TO
PROMOTE LIBRARY PROGRAMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.)

INITIAL IF YES ____ NO ____

I AGREE THAT THE SPONSORING BODIES OF THE PROGRAM SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR
ANY INJURY ARISING OUT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE LIBRARY PROGRAM. I UNDERSTAND THAT
THE PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST REMAIN IN THE LIBRARY BUILDING FOR CHILDREN 5 YEARS AND
UNDER.

INITIAL _____

***Please note that poor or unmanageable behaviour may result in the child's
removal from the program.*



CARIBOO REGIONAL DISTRICT LIBRARY

OTHER THAN MYSELF, THE FOLLOWING CONTACTS HAVE MY PERMISSION TO PICK UP MY CHILD FROM THE PROGRAM:

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

PHONE: _____

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD: _____

PHONE: _____

Circle ONE of the following classes that your child will be available weekly for:

3-5 Years Age Group:

TUE: 10:00-10:45am

WED: 10:00-10:45am

THU: 10:00-10:45am

6-8 Years Age Group:

TUE: 11:00am-12:00pm

WED: 11:00am-12:00pm

THU: 11:00am-12:00pm

9-12 Years Age Group:

TUE: 1:30-2:30pm

WED: 1:30-2:30pm

THU: 1:30-2:30pm

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

DATE: _____

LIBRARY PHONE: (250) 992-7912 SRCQ EMAIL: SRCQ@cariboord.ca

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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

National Indigenous Peoples Day in Quesnel is traditionally celebrated on **June 21** at **Lhtako Dene Park** (formerly Ceal Tingley Park). The park, which sits at the confluence of the Fraser and Quesnel rivers, was formally renamed on Indigenous Peoples Day in 2022 to honor the region's First Nations heritage.

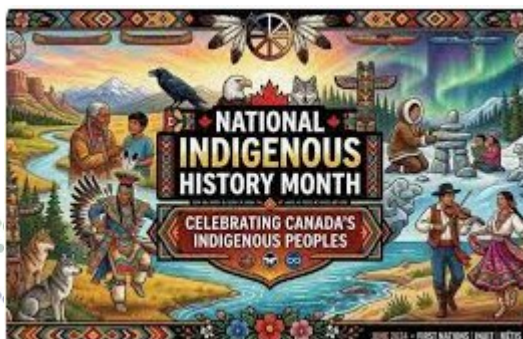


The celebrations are heavily focused on community, culture, and remembrance. Typical events and activities include:

- **Traditional Ceremonies:** Opening remarks from Lhtako Dene leadership, smudging ceremonies, and water ceremonies on the Fraser River.
- **Performances:** Traditional drumming and dancing, including the Women's Warrior Song, Metis jiggers, and jingle dress dancers.
- **Food & Community:** Free community gatherings featuring traditional foods like bannock and burgers.
- **Education & Culture:** Interactive booths and tables offering opportunities to learn about local Indigenous heritage, plant/animal life, and history.

Organized by the **Quesnel Tillicum Society Native Friendship Centre** and the **Lhtako Dene Nation**, the event is usually free and open to all members of the public.

National Indigenous History Month



June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, a time to recognize the rich history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

Quesnel Aquatic Club's Summer Season Registration IS NOW OPEN



May 4 - Jun 16
or
Jun 17 - Jul 18

Pups Program

Age: 4 to 6
2 swim days/week
6 week program
Swim: Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu

Super Pups Program

Age: 6 to 9
2 swim days/week
6 week program
Swim: Mon & Wed or Tue & Thu







May 4 - Aug 2

Elite Program

Age: 7 to 18
[up to] 5 swim days/week
13 week program
Includes: 4-month Rec Pass!

Flex Program

Age: 7 to 18
2 swim days/week
13 week program
Swim: Tue & Thu

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 quesnelaquaticclub@gmail.com
 facebook.com/QuesnelSeaLionsSwimClub
 instagram.com/QuesnelSeaLionsSwimClub



Are you interested in caring for children & youth?

JOIN OUR FOSTER CAREGIVER COMMUNITY.

We are seeking nurturing homes that can offer temporary inclusive care to children and youth, including those with support needs.

Caregiving is a rewarding position, and you won't be alone; additional financial resources and support are available to help you provide care.

Every child and youth deserves a safe place to belong, a home where they feel valued, understood, and cared for.

Make a lifelong difference to a child and youth today.

If you are interested in becoming a foster caregiver, please scan the QR code or visit:
[Foster Caregiving - Province of British Columbia](#)





Big Brothers
Big Sisters
OF QUESNEL

Learning, playing games,
crafting and having fun

Go Girls!

July 6-9

10am-2pm

For girl's aged 10-12

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contact Patti at
(250) 992-7257
336 Front St.
patti.oram@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca
to sign up

