Barlow Creek Elementary School

October Newsletter

Principal's Message

1 month in the books! And a great month it was!

We've completed many firsts together - first day of school, first week of school, first Terry Fox Run, first end of the month assembly.

Last year, the school focused on Barlow Blazer traits. This year the staff and I have chosen to do things a little differently. We will be focusing on 1 positive character trait a month. We will teach, talk, practice, and identify this trait in and around the school. The trait for October is **COMPASSION** and was introduced at our month end assembly. Please talk with your child about compassion, help them recognize acts of compassion and even better support them in engaging in acts of compassion.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club Coordinator, Kayla O'Flynn, works hard every morning to prepare healthy breakfast options for students. She could always use a little extra adult help to prepare breakfast. If you have some time in the morning, she'd welcome help in the kitchen around 7:40am.

Pink Verification Forms & School Supply Fees

If you have not yet returned your pink verification forms please do so **ASAP**. We must have accurate contact information for every student.

If you have not yet paid for your child's school supplies, please reach out to us so we can work with you to get that completed.

Important Dates:

Oct 5-7 Grade 6/7 class to Gavin Lake

Oct 12 Thanksgiving Day **NO SCHOOL**

Oct 15 Hot Lunch Day (if ordered) Hot Dogs

Oct 19-22 Lollipop fundraiser $1/each

Oct 21 PAC meeting 6pm in Library

Oct 23 Pro D day **NO SCHOOL**

Oct 27 Pumpkin Carving Event

Oct 28 Early Dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences **Dismissal 11:18am**

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Oct 30 Hot Lunch Day (if ordered) Pizza

Oct 30 Halloween costumes can be worn to school **NO** replica weapons may be brought to school

StongStart

Barlow Creek has a StrongStart centre that is open Monday - Thursday from 8:15 - 11:15am. This is a parent and child participation program for children aged 0-5 yrs old.
Drop in any day that works for you!

Gr 6/7 Fundraiser

The Gr 6/7 class will be holding a Lollipop fundraiser on **Oct 19-22**. Students can purchase a lollipop for $1. The funds raised will go towards purchasing hoodies for our Grade 7 students.

Attendance

In order for students to progress academically and socially, it is very important that they have **regular attendance**. Being absent, even just 2 days a month, adds up to approximately one month of missed school by the end of the school year.

Pumpkin Carving Event

A great big **thank you** goes out to our generous PAC who are supplying the school with 27 pumpkins for our annual Pumpkin Carving Event. This event will take place on Tuesday, October 27th between recess and lunch. Be on the lookout afterschool for some creative pumpkins making their way home.

Bus Cancellations

Bus Cancellations will be announced on the **School District homepage** - www.sd28.bc.ca (look under announcements) and on the **SD28 Transportation Department Facebook page**: https://www.facebook.com/SD28Transportation

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wed, Oct 28th and **Thurs, Oct 29th** are early dismissal days so that parents and teachers can meet. Students will be **dismissed at 11:18am** on those days. Bussing will be running on those days. You can expect your bus child to arrive home approximately 3 hours earlier than normal.
Please watch for a notice coming home detailing a day and time for meeting with your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Meetings will typically occur between 11:30 - 4:00pm. If the time given does not work for you, please reach out to your teacher to arrange another day and time.
Students on IEP's will not recieve a notice as your IEP meeting counts as your Parent/Teacher conference.

Contact Info:

School Phone Number: 250-992-5134

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