Barlow Creek Elementary School

November Newsletter

Principal's Message

October turned into a busy, busy month! Our Grade 6/7 class headed out to Gavin Lake for a 3 day adventure, which they loved! All the classes were busy getting down to learning and then sharing important information with families at Parent/Teacher conferences. The staff and I really feel strongly that when families and the school work together to support the students, we all win!

The positive trait that we are focusing on school-wide this month is **Perseverance**. A big word for little mouths, but such an important life lesson; try, try, and try again. We introduced this to the students last week and will continue to teach, talk, demonstrate, and highlight it throughout the month.

Check out the important dates below so you are aware of upcoming events.

Gr 6/7 Fundraiser

The Gr 6/7 class will be holding a Tattoo a Teacher fundraiser on **Nov 24th-26th**. Students can purchase a temporary tattoo for a teacher of their choice for 50 cents a tattoo. Then on **Friday, Nov 27th** the teachers will wear all the tattoos that the students purchased. The funds raised will go towards purchasing hoodies for our Grade 7 students.

Cold Weather Coming

We've seen glimpses of the cold weather that is coming our way. Please ensure your child(ren) are **dressed warmly every day**. Students will not be coming inside before school, at recess, or afterschool unless the temperature is below -15.

Important Dates:

Nov 3 - StrongStart Picture Day

Nov 10 - Remembrance Day Assembly

Nov 11 - Remembrance Day **No School**

Nov 12 - Hot Lunch Day Subway lunch

Nov 16 - PAC meeting 6pm in the Library

Nov 23 - NI Day **No school for students**

Nov 24-26 - Tattoo a Teacher Sales
50 cents a tattoo

Nov 26 - Hot Lunch Day Pizza lunch

Nov 27 - Teachers wear their tattoos

Dec 7 - Winter Concert @ 1:00pm

Dec 16 - Learning Updates go home

Dec 18 - Last day of classes before Winter break

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!

Peanut Butter

We have reviewed all of the pink verification forms and can confirm that we have no students with anaphylaxis reactions to peanut butter. So, **peanut butter is now allowed** in snacks and lunches.

Sick Kids

We know that cold and flu season is here. Please help stop the spread of the illnesses by not sending your child to school when they are actively coughing, have a fever, or have thrown up in the past 24 hours.

Change to Afterschool Plans

Please let the office or your child's teacher know if someone different is picking up your child or they have a change to their afterschool plans. It's tricky at the end of the day to make phone calls to confirm afterschool arrangements for students before the buses arrive.

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

Literacy Tip of the Month

Research shows that children hear and learn many more words when adults read to them and with them regularly.
This gap can continue to grow as children get older if they do not have daily opportunities to read with an adult at home. Reading together helps children learn new vocabulary, improves their understanding of what they read, practise important reading skills, and develops reading fluency (reading smoothly and confidently, not quickly).
Just **10 minutes of reading together each day** can make a big difference in your child's learning and literacy development.

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