Barlow Creek Newsletter

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"A Great Place to Learn and Grow"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is my farewell to you as Principal of Barlow Creek. The past 7 years at this school have been some of the most rewarding years of my life.

I would like to thank all of you, students, teachers, support staff and parents/ guardians for all you have done to make this school so special. I have been inspired everyday by the achievements of our students and the dedication of our teachers and staff, and support of our parents. Each one of you has contributed to making this a truly great place to learn and grow. You have all worked together to create a positive learning environment which encourages and fosters individuality and belonging. It has been my privilege to be a part of this.

I will miss my work here and seeing all of you but I am confident that the future of the school is in good hands, with Ms. Nancy Danuser as our new Principal. I leave knowing that our school community will continue to learn, grow and thrive in the best school in our District.

I am looking forward to my retirement and what lies ahead.

Good luck to all of you, and thank-you for your friendship and support and for being such a great community of people!

Have a fabulous summer!

Sincerely,

Diane Smith – Principal

Report Cards

Report cards will be issued on Wednesday, June 28th.



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

Report cards will not be mailed home.

Report cards will be available in the office <u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 29th</u> from <u>10:00am to 1:30pm</u> that day only.

Our school picture day is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26th.



Please put this date on your calendar. We are pleased that Teija Kovanen Photography is our photographer this year.

Barlow Creek Elementary PAC Scholarship

Saisha Murphy is the Grade 12 recipient of the 2023 Barlow Creek PAC Scholarship.

Saisha will be attending Thompson River University to begin her studies toward a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Biology with the long-range plans of becoming a doctor specializing as an Anesthesiologist. She has been on the Principal, Honour and Effort Rolls throughout Grades 8-12, received the Colleen Thompson Award in 2017, is Food Safe certified Level 1 and has her Babysitting Certificate. Saisha has been active with the volleyball club, track & field, badminton, ultimate frisbee, has score kept and refereed many elementary and

secondary school sports games, has run multiple events during the Special Olympics Track and Field, participated in the Terry Fox Run and Jump Rope for Heart.

Congratulations, Saisha!

Grade 7 Grads



We would like to wish our grade 7's all the best at the brand new Quesnel Junior School. Many of these grads 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.

Barlow Creek Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

The staff and I at Barlow Creek would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions our PAC has made to the school community over the 2022-23 school year.

The Barlow Creek PAC has involved parents who volunteer their time to attend monthly meetings, develop and participate in fund-raising activities, and support the financial needs for activities for of all of our students and their families.

This year, over 100 students benefited from reduced bus transportation costs to both skiing/snowboarding and swimming lessons. By providing support for transportation, the PAC significantly reduced costs for all students' families in these activities.

Some of the other benefits our PAC has provided this year include;

- Christmas lunch for staff and students
- Easter Egg hunt for all students
- Financial support for teachers' classrooms
- Lady bug/butterfly kits for primary classes
- · Year-end Taco luncheon for kids
- Barlow Creek scholarship for a former student toward post-secondary learning

In September, the first PAC meeting will be <u>Monday</u>, <u>September 21st @ 6 pm</u> in the school library. Please put this date on your calendar. We need <u>YOU</u>! This is the AGM (annual general meeting) where positions for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Hot Lunch Coordinators are elected. We would be thankful for your presence at our meetings to help to make decisions for our students. Even a little bit of your time supporting our fundraising activities or assisting with special lunch days is greatly appreciated.

In closing, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our 2022-23 PAC executive and volunteers for all their efforts and a job well done.

Kayla O'Flynn—President Volunteers

Michelle Godfrey—Vice-President Cheryl Toth

Tanille Simms—Treasurer Kelsey Ryan

Jessica Lawrence—Secretary Richelle Black

Ashley Gilks—Hot lunch Co-Ordinator







BARLOW CREEK GRADS 2022/2023



Casey



Andrew



Keelie



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Becky



Emma



Garen



Jase



Tristan



Cash



Nicholas