

Barlow Creek Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

We are happy to have your children back to school and have enjoyed listening to their stories about their exciting summer adventures.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns about your child's education. I appreciate you and your voice in helping us develop educated citizens.

NEWS FLASH – No School

On September 13th, 2022, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Monday, September 19th, 2022, will be a holiday for federal government employees to mourn Queen Elizabeth II on the day of her state funeral, and that his government is working to co-ordinate with the provinces and territories. We understand that federally regulated employers are not being required to provide this as a paid day off for their employees.

In recognition of the Prime Minister's announcement, and based on collective agreement provisions granting federal statutory holidays, provincial public sector employers should recognize September 19th as a holiday on a without prejudice basis for employees who are normally entitled to new provincial and federal holidays. This direction will ensure consistency across B.C.'s public sector given that there are collective agreements with provisions respecting federally recognized holidays. Given the short notice, employers are to make best efforts to suspend, reschedule or operate at a reduced level.

For K-12 public education, all schools and school district offices will be closed on Monday, September 19th, 2022.

UPCOMING DATES:

Her Majesty the Queen's - funeral - no school	Sept 19
District lunches begin	Sept 21
Lockdown Drill	Sept 22
PAC meeting - AGM	Sept 22
Library @ 6:00 pm	
Terry Fox Run	Sept 24
Picture Day - Photoheart.ca	Sept 28
<i>Pink Verification and start-up permission forms due back</i>	Sept 23
National Week for Truth & Reconciliation	Sept 26 to 30
Orange Shirt Day (in-school acknowledgement)	Sept 29
National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - no school	Sept 30
Fire Drill	Oct 3
Thanksgiving - no school	Oct 10
Provincial Pro-D Day	Oct 21
School for teachers only	
1/2 Day for Parent/Teacher Interviews	Oct 26 & 27

NUT-FREE / SHELL FISH FREE LUNCHES

Food Sharing

Students should not be sharing their food items with others at school. We are a nut-free (all nuts)

School Access – Visitors and Parents

Our front door will remain unlocked for parents and visitors to pick-up and drop off at the office. If you wish to talk to your child's teacher, please make an appointment or call the school. Thank-you!

Breakfast/Lunch Programs

Our breakfast program began this week (September 12th). Our coordinator, Mrs. Messom is delivering food to each classroom. Our District lunch program is for families in financial need. If you would like to sign your child up for our District lunch program, please call the office or let myself or your child's classroom teacher know. The District lunch program will begin on September 21st.

Sick Policy – stay home when sick

Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, Covid-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school. All adults and staff must also assess themselves for illness and must not come to school when sick. Parents will be called to pick-up students who become ill at school.

Student Photos

Paula Sword and her team from Photo Heart Studios will be here on **Wednesday September 28th** to take school photos. Packages have been sent home with your child today (September 15th). Please return your completed photo package to the school if you would like to order. All details are included on the envelope. All students will have their photo taken, however, purchases are your choice.

PARKING LOT

Please DO NOT park in staff parking slots while dropping off and picking students up.

You can park in the lane in front of the staff parking and on either end of the school near the dumpster and the forest.

And please **REDUCE** your speed in the parking lot.



Today, your child(ren) will be bringing home important paperwork for you to read, sign and return to your child's classroom teacher. This paperwork includes;

A pink student information verification sheet (*very important to review, make necessary changes in a "coloured" ink, sign and return, even if none of your information has changed*).

Please be sure to include a current parent email address

Two stapled green sheets with information on the back, (reverse permission to receive fruits and veggies for your child, out of school learning experience consent form, consent for release of student information, & student acceptable internet usage).

K's & missing forms only – G suite permission – on green

Please sign and return by **Friday, September 23rd**.

Thank-you!



BELL SCHEDULE

7:45 am - Outside Supervision begins

8:05 am - First bell

8:10 am - Class begins

10:00 - 10:15 am - Recess

11:47 am - 12:45 pm - Lunch

(Kids go out to play first)

2:18 pm - Class dismissed

2:38 - Late bus #46 (departs 2:43 pm)

3:15 pm - Late bus #16 (departs 3:30 pm)

PAC - AGM

Thursday, September 22nd

@ 6:00pm - Library

ALL Parents Welcome !



Electronic Device Policy

At Barlow Creek Elementary, we believe that electronic devices are a distraction to student learning. They can also negatively impact peer relationships at school and in the community (text messages, pictures, videos, etc.). Cell phones, iPods, iPads, tablets, or other Smart devices are not permitted for use at school unless specified by the classroom teacher for curricular purposes. This includes in the morning after student drop-off, at lunch or after school while awaiting buses or parent pick-up. Should a student need to contact a parent, they are to request permission from their teacher to use a phone in the school. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off and stored in backpacks while students are at school. Please note that students bringing devices to school do so at their own risk—the school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment. If a student is found using their device during school hours, it will be held at the office for a parent or guardian to pick up.

Student Supervision

Please note the following pick-up/drop-off times. The 1st bell is at 8:05 a.m. for students to line up and come in, and class is dismissed at 2:18 p.m.

***Morning supervision begins at 7:45 am. ***

Students dropped off at the school prior to 7:45 am will not be supervised.

If you are picking up your child early, please use the front door and report to the office.

Classes will not be interrupted by visitors.

INDOOR SHOES

Barlow Creek has an indoor/outdoor shoe policy. Students are expected to take off their outdoor shoes and change into indoor shoes when entering the building. This will help keep our school clean and maintain a healthy learning environment for all the students. Please label all shoes with your child's name.

