



NEWSLETTER

February 2025

Dear Barriere Elementary Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the 2025 portion of the school year. Our basketball season is in full swing, and students are excited about the many great activities we have planned as we move through the heart of winter into spring!

As we look ahead to February, there are several important dates and events to note:

- On **Friday, February 7**, there will be no school for students as our staff participate in a **Professional Development Day**. This time allows our educators to engage in meaningful training and collaboration, ensuring we continue to provide the best learning environment for our students.
- The following week, on **Monday, February 17**, the school will be closed in observance of **Family Day**. We hope you take this opportunity to enjoy quality time with your loved ones—whether it's exploring the outdoors, sharing a meal, or simply relaxing together.
- **Report cards** will be sent home on **Wednesday, March 12**, offering valuable insights into your child's progress and areas of growth. Please keep an eye out for them.
- Looking ahead to March, the last day of school before **Spring Break** will be **Friday, March 14**, and classes will resume on **Monday, March 31**. We hope the break provides everyone with a chance to recharge and enjoy some time together.

Thank you for your continued support in making Barriere Elementary a welcoming and thriving community. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Kindest regards,

Mikel Brogan
Principal

Feb 3 - 6 - Kindergarten Registrations
February 7 - Inservice Day, no school
February 17 - Family Day, no school
March 17- March 28 - Spring Break

A Heartfelt Thank You to the Anti-Violence Advocate Society

We are incredibly grateful to Lynn Wright and the Anti-Violence Advocate Society for their generous donation of \$6,000 to our school's food program. This contribution will go a long way in ensuring our students have access to nutritious meals, helping them stay focused and ready to learn.

Your support is a powerful reminder of the impact a caring community can have on the lives of children.

From all of us at Barriere Elementary, thank you for making a difference!



Kindergarten Registration February 3-6, 2025

Registration process:

- Complete [Student Enrolment Form](#) and provide it to your school or pick up a registration package from your catchment school. Return completed forms to school by 3 PM on February 6, 2025 (February 7 is an Inservice Day and nobody will be in the office)
- **Parents will be required to provide child's care card, proof of address, child's birth certificate, and custody agreement if applicable**
- Registration packages for students with an older sibling can be sent home with that sibling in early 2025 (BY REQUEST only). Return completed forms to school with siblings.
- If you have questions, please contact the school directly to book an appointment.

Parents are strongly encouraged to register children for Kindergarten during Kindergarten Registration Week.

Check In at the Office

If your child is arriving late, please ensure they check in at the office—either by informing Mrs. Migl or signing in on the front counter. This also applies to students marked late or absent through the Safe Arrival program. Checking in allows us to update our system, changing the absence to a late arrival.

Barriere Elementary Website

<https://barriere-elem.sd73.bc.ca/en/index.aspx>

Please visit our website regularly for useful information like dates, important events, newsletters, breakfast and lunch information

Volunteering

If you are volunteering with students, we require a criminal record check. This is a safeguard for your child and other children. If at any point during the year you think you are going to volunteer, please plan ahead at getting the Criminal Record check done. This encompasses driving students, coaching, helping out at activities **as well as going on fieldtrips!** Please see the office and we can write a letter to the RCMP requesting a criminal record check to be done.

Online Criminal Record Checks

Barriere Elementary School is now registered with the Criminal Records Review Program, which allows parents and caregivers to apply for their Criminal Record check online using their BC Services Card. Please contact the office for an online link and access code.

If you are planning to volunteer, please start this process early as processing times can still be a few weeks.

****Criminal Record checks done for SD73 are valid for 3 years.****

School bus notes

Please remember: If your child is taking a different bus to a friend or caretaker after school, please make sure to send a written note for the bus driver! Bus drivers will not allow kids on the bus without a note!

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS & CELL PHONES

After school is a busy and hectic time in the office, so... Please ensure that your child knows his/her after school plans/schedule before leaving for school in the morning, including bus routes, after school programs and/or prearranged pick up. Cell phones are NOT permitted on school grounds unless parents have special permission from the principal for medical reasons. If you have important messages that can not wait until the end of the day, please contact the school and the message will be delivered to your child.

Student Safe Arrival

All parents are asked to please report student absences before 8:30 am on the day of the absence (you can also report absences in advance, if they are known).

To report an absence you may choose to:

- call the toll free # 1-844-350-2647 or
- access the following website: <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> or
- download app from [Google Play](#) or [Apple's App Store](#)

Please choose the reason for your child's absence from school: sick, appointment, family vacation, etc. Don't forget to wait for confirmation # to ensure your child's absence has been recorded.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

PJ Party Fundraiser

Entry by donation

Sunday, February 16th, 2025

5:30pm – 9pm

@ "The Ridge" – 4936 Barriere Town Road



PARENTS/GUARDIANS: FEATURING

Parent Retreat and Silent Auction

Yes, you read that correctly! Find solace in the parental retreat room. You'll find:

- Coffee * Tea * Pastries * Shopping *
- ✓ FREE Reflexology Massages from Just 4 Reflexology!
- ✓ Conversation with other adults!
- ✓ TV and Free Wi-Fi

Check out the Silent Auction to bid on local business items

BYSA Registration Opens!

Register your Child for 2025 Spring Soccer!



BE FIRE SMART!

FireSmarter starts at home!
Stop by the FireSmart booth for information on how to be FireSmart!



Proceeds go towards NTACS Community Programming including Teen Scene

IT'S PARTY TIME!

Make a Party Cake for Barriere's Family Fun Night & PJ Party for a chance to win a prize!

This is a very popular part of the event! Join in!



Call the District Office (250) 672-9751, or email tbuchanan@barriere.ca to register your (or your child's name) for the contest by Feb 14th. Bring your cake by 5:30pm to the Family Fun Night event **(Sunday, Feb 16th at the Ridge from 5:30pm-9pm).**

All attendees receive one FREE cake draw ticket upon entry to vote on their favorite cake!

The cake with the most votes by 7:30pm* wins its creator a **\$50 Visa Gift Card!**

A ticket from each cake's votes will then be drawn with the winning ticket holders taking home that cake to enjoy!

Traditional cakes of chocolate, vanilla, angel-food, marble, carrot, etc. are all highly suitable. You might also consider a "nut-free" or a "gluten-free" cake

**Approximate draw time. No purchase necessary.*