



NEWSLETTER

January 2025



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break filled with joy and time spent with friends and family!

We are very excited to welcome everyone back on Monday, January 6th, 2025. It's hard to believe we are already at the quarter mark of the century!

2024 was a very successful year at Barriere Elementary, and we look forward to building on that success as we move into 2025.

Important January Updates:

- PAC Meeting: Our monthly PAC meeting will be held on Friday, January 10th. New parents are always welcome to join!
- Breakfast Program Launch: Starting Tuesday, January 14th, we are thrilled to introduce a new breakfast program. Thanks to a grant, we'll be running this program on a pilot basis. All students are welcome to visit the lunchroom between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. for a simple grab-and-go breakfast. A big thank you to Annie for helping us make this program possible!

Wishing everyone a great start to 2025. As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school at 250-672-9916.

Mike Brogan

Principal Barriere Elementary School

Feb 3 - 7 - Kindergarten Registrations

February 7 - Inservice Day, no school

February 17 - Family Day, no school

March 17- March 28 - Spring Break

Kindergarten Registration February 3-7, 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 might 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.

SD73 Kindergarten Information Night

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 - 6:30 PM (virtual session)

[ZOOM Link Here](#)

Meeting ID: 624 4426 2469

Passcode: 339136

Join us to learn more about Kindergarten registration and ask questions to the SD73 Early Learning team.

To learn more about Kindergarten in SD73:

- Explore the [Welcome to Kindergarten Handbook](#)

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.