

# BARRIERE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER June 2014



CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7s visit Barriere Secondary
June 11 <sup>th</sup> to June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7's Sunnybrae Camp
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mug & Muffin ~ Parent Volunteer Appreciation
June 18 <sup>th</sup> to June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6s to McQueen Lake
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PAC Fun Day
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Goodbye Ceremony for Grade 7s
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assembly @ 10:30 am
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School for Students – Early Dismissal – Bus pick up at 12 Noon
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Administration Day

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to June and the journey to the end of the school year. I have enjoyed the past nine months and I am proud of our students and staff for their efforts to make BES a great place to learn and be.

With the month ahead we will celebrate, reflect back, and move ahead with memories of a good **2013/14 school year**. Please keep a close eye on the School District Website ~ [www.sd73.bc.ca](http://www.sd73.bc.ca) ~ for any new developments in the teachers' job action.

From the first day of classes to the opening of our new **PAC playground** to an awesome **Christmas Concert to Arts for Others to Track Day** we have lots to be grateful for. One of my many memories I will take from this past school year comes from October when we hosted the School Board Meeting and had our Grade 5s challenge the Trustees to a game of **"So You Think You are Smarter than a Barriere 5<sup>th</sup> Grader"**.

I have attached a **Parent Input and Comment** form at the end of the June Newsletter to solicit feedback for improvements. If you have any constructive feedback I would appreciate you taking the time to complete and submit the form. Forms can be dropped at the Office **prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>**.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, restful, and wonderful Summer Break. See you on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## ART FOR OTHERS' NIGHT

Wow! **Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Dunstan, and Ms. Fraser** put a lot of time and effort into organizing a wonderful event and an excellent showcase of student talent.

People were lined up at the door to purchase art from the gallery. Art for Others' raised funds that will be donated to the **Barriere Youth Soccer Association**. Thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.

## APPRECIATION MUG AND MUFFIN

**Barriere Elementary** would like to invite any parents who have volunteered their time this past school year to enjoy a mug of coffee/tea and a muffin in appreciation of your time and efforts to support our students.



The **Mug & Muffin** will be held on **Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>** starting at **8 am** in the Library.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jennifer Kerslake**, our amazing Grade 6/7 teacher, will be leaving us this upcoming September. We want to wish Mrs. Kerslake all the best at her new position as **School and Family Consultant**. You will truly be missed. All the best!

## FUN DAY

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be a day of fun activities.

All of our students will move in one of several multi-age groups through a rotation of fun activity stations run by parents, staff and volunteers.



Activities may include getting wet so students are encouraged to wear a bathing suit under their shorts and t-shirts and to bring a towel.

Sunscreen is recommended as well. The day is co-sponsored by PAC who will need volunteers. If you are willing to help out, please **contact Leesa Genier at 250-320-3629** and/or fill out the attached form and return to the office.

## AWARDS ASSEMBLY & GOODBYE CEREMONY

The **Goodbye Ceremony** for the Grade 7s is planned for **Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** and the **Awards Assembly is set for June 26<sup>th</sup>** both starting at **10:30 am**. Parents are more than welcome to join the students and staff at the Assembly and Ceremony.



## REPORT CARDS

**Final report cards will be issued on June 26<sup>th</sup>**. If parents have concerns, staff can be contacted at the school on the afternoon of June 26<sup>th</sup>, or between 8:30am and 2:30pm on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Unclaimed report cards will **NOT** be mailed home.

Any families with outstanding school fees please insure payment is received to the school. Mr. Cumming has contacted families and would appreciate having these **fees cleared up before June 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Any students with outstanding school supply fees can have their parents see Mr. Cumming at the Office to receive their Report Card.

## LIBRARY

Summer holidays are approaching rapidly. We will soon be celebrating the end of another successful school year. The Library will be closed for signing out books the first week of June and we would like to have all books returned on or before June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This will enable us to organize the Library for 2014-2015 school year.

We would like to extend our thanks to the students and families for treating our school's books with care and for being responsible for returning books on time. If you have concerns about a lost book please come to the Library in the afternoons and we will try our best to come up with a solution. Overdue slips were sent home the week of **MAY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

I am also encouraging families to check out the Regional Library. Once again they have a summer program organized for children. This year the theme is Funny Business. Be sure to check it out and register your children.

On **June 10, 2014** we are holding a **BOOK SWAP** in the Barriere Elementary School Library. We are asking students to bring in slightly used books to trade with other students. Each book brought in for the exchange is equal to a ticket. This ticket is to be used to get a 'new to you' book. For example if you have 4 tickets you can choose 4 'new to you' books. We are encouraging students to participate in order to get some new reading books for summer and we are also promoting recycling and re-purposing.

Please remember to read to and with your children. Reading is essential to success in school. When students read during the summer reading skills are retained not lost. Children love to be engaged in activities such as writing out the grocery list, writing a thank you or a letter, going for a hike and then talking and writing about it. Children also love a scavenger or treasure hunt. A great idea is hold a neighbour gathering once every 3-4 weeks. Each host family reads a couple of stories to the children. After reading and playing there can be a snack, a mini book swap and fun games or any activity you want to include. This is a great way to stay in touch with your friends and neighbours. It also encourages language development and sustains the importance of reading and social well being.

**Have a great summer reading ~ Mrs. Fraser/Ms. Lord**

### STAFFING 2014-2015

Next year's classroom compositions are based on staffing for 9 Divisions next September, a reduction of one classroom due to enrolment. With the Teacher Job Action this past spring it has been difficult to consult with staff, however, parents can be assured that classes will be compiled with the best interest of the student's learning environment. As enrolment becomes clearer after the Summer Holidays we will then finalize classroom placements.

### TRACK AND FIELD

Sixty-eight students qualified for the **Zone Track Meet back on May 23<sup>rd</sup>**, with thirty students then qualifying for the District Track Meet. Students showed outstanding sports etiquette and behaviour at these events. We are very proud of everyone.



#### Zone Meet Winners placing in the top 4:

<b>1500m</b>	<i>Emma Pederson, Francis Proppe, Jimmy Jackson, Jordan Genier, and Kash Sigouin,</i>
<b>800m</b>	<i>Emma Pederson, Francis Proppe, Alexandra Underhill, Adam Gordon, Julie Hendriks, Kash Sigouin, Taylynn Eustache, and Gerald Loring</i>
<b>400m</b>	<i>Emma Pederson, Taylor Pisarczyk, Makenzie Ransome, Julie Hendriks, Aaron Vansickle, Taylynn Eustache, and Dane Hawkins</i>
<b>200m</b>	<i>Francis Proppe, Ty Hartman, Desiree Ewert, Kash Sigouin, Taylynn Eustache, Kamryn Cousins, and Lane Robinson</i>
<b>100m</b>	<i>Tanner Loewen, Taylor Pisarczyk, Adam Gordon, Alex Coughlin, Makenzie Ransome, Emma Hamblin, and Dane Hawkins</i>
<b>L.Jump</b>	<i>Tanner Loewen, Julie Hendriks, Tyson Schilling, and Kamryn Cousins</i>
<b>T.Jump</b>	<i>Macky Jackson, Taylor Pisarczyk, and Sara Sabyan</i>
<b>Shot Put</b>	<i>Amanda Huber, Meghan Balatti, Kaylee Nelson, Aaron Vansickle, Taylor Narcisse, and Sara Sabyan</i>
<b>H.Jump</b>	<i>Tanner Loewen, Adam Gordon, Thompson Mitchell, Mackenzie Ransome, Tyson Schilling, Aaron Vansickle, Brooke Hartman, Tyson Schilling, and Dane Hawkins</i>
<b>Relay</b>	<i>PW I Girls, PW II Girls, and Bantam I Girls</i>

**Aggregate Winners (top athlete in age group) Winners from Barriere Elementary are: Francis Proppe, Taylor Pisarczyk, Adam Gordon, and Taylynn Eustache.**

### DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents are reminded that we would appreciate if you could keep dogs off of the school grounds. This will keep our grounds safe and clean!



### CLASS PLACEMENT 2014-2015

Parent requests for a specific classroom will be respectfully considered wherever possible, however due to the complexity of creating classrooms, the school cannot guarantee all requests will be granted. Educationally sound reasons for classroom placement are top priority.

Those parents who wish to put forth a parent request for class assignment can do so **until June 13<sup>th</sup> by picking up a "Parent Request for Class Assignment"** form from the office.

The request forms will be taken into consideration when draft placements are being made in June, but the final decision will be the Principal's, as prescribed by law.

Preliminary placements will be made by the end of June, but will not be finalized until after the first week of school. Please be respectful of the **June 13<sup>th</sup> deadline** as requests made afterwards cannot be guaranteed.

Final Class Assignments will be made during the first full week of school in September.

We appreciate your patience and understanding with classroom assignments.

### HERITAGE FAIR

Once again our students did well at the Regional Historica Fair held in Kamloops in May. Congratulations to **Taylynn Eustache** who has earned the opportunity to attend the Provincial Heritage Fair in Kamloops in early July. Way to go Taylynn!

#### "LOTS OF GOOD STUFF" Owners Needed!

Parents don't forget to check the **lost and found** for items belonging to your family. All unclaimed clothing will be taken to the thrift shop on Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

### STRONGSTART

The **last day for StrongStart will be Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. To all the families who attended StrongStart this year, thank you. Have a wonderful summer, and we hope to see you again in September.

### JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thank you to Mrs. Peterson who organized the event this year. **Thank you to the** students from Barriere Elementary School who skipped in May.

**Way to go Jumpers!**



### ONE TO ONE

One to One reading had another successful year of reading, learning and having fun! Thanks to all our dedicated tutors for making this program possible.

~ Lynne Bode, Coordinator

**'Home of the Bears'**

## STRINGS NEWS

### Final District Strings Concert ~

Sagebrush Theatre:  
Doors Open @ 6:15pm.  
Show Starts @ 6:30 pm  
Tickets can be picked up at the Office for no charge

All strings students received a notice regarding clothing attire and time to arrive for performers. It is very important that this notice is followed.

Thank you to **Mr. Bakker** for all of his time and effort with the Strings Program and to **Mr. Andrew** for his skills and expertise.

## MISSING UNIFORM

We are missing a number of uniforms. Parents, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please check around the house for school uniforms and return them to the school.



## Mon., June 24<sup>th</sup> Fun Day Volunteer Form

To be returned by Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

We are asking for volunteers to help with various activities throughout the day. We would like to know if you are able to help. If so, please mark your preference below.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Concession	<input type="checkbox"/>	Activity Station	<input type="checkbox"/>
Set Up/Clean Up	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anywhere you need me	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Thanks so much for your support!!**

## PARENT INPUT/FEEDBACK FORM 2014 ~

Three things I really enjoyed about the past school year are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to see improvement with the following:

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Additional Comments/Feedback:

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## ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS FOR 2014-2015

Please let us know if your child will **not** be attending Barriere Elementary so we can start to plan classes for next year.

**Parent/Guardian's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be transferring my child(ren) to another school in September.

School transferring to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this portion to the office at the school. Thank you.**



# Board Notes

## **From the Board Meeting of: MAY 12, 2014**

1. The Board participated in a game of Lalal with students and parents from Haldane Elementary. The students were accompanied by Principal Linfitt, Vice Principal Pigin and Lynne Duckchief.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation on "Gratitude" from two students from Chase Secondary. The students were accompanied by Principal McGoldrick and Vice Principal Galloway.
3. The Board accepted the 2012-2013 District Annual Report prepared by Vice Principal Mattes.
4. The Board accepted the School Improvement Plans for Pacific Way Elementary and Stuart Wood Elementary.
5. The Board adopted the following policies:
  - Policy 203.1 Trustee Remuneration
  - Policy 1012.1 Smoke Free Environment and Electronic Smoking Products
  - Policy 1109.3 Disposal of Land or Improvements

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, May 26, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kamloops, BC.

## **From the Board Meeting of: MAY 26, 2014**

1. Certificates of Honour from the BC School Trustees Association were presented to trustees for their long term service: Trustee Joan Cowden, 6 years; Vice Chair Kathleen Karpuk, 6 years; Trustee Meghan Wade, 6 years; Trustee John Harwood, 12 years; Trustee Gerald Watson, 12 years; Chair Denise Harper, 15 years; and, Trustee Annette Glover, 18 years.
2. Superintendent Sullivan provided the Board with an update on the BCTF Job Action.
3. The Board enjoyed a presentation from students who participated in the recent Young Artists Conference. The students were accompanied by Principal Wicks and Vice Principal Mabee.
4. The Board approved the Secondary School Fees for 2014-2015.
5. Superintendent Sullivan provided the Board with a follow up report on the Stuart Wood and Beattie School of the Arts public meeting that took place on March 27, 2014.
6. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for the following schools:
  - Rayleigh Elementary
  - Sun Peaks Elementary
  - Heffley Creek Elementary
  - Valleyview Secondary
  - Twin Rivers Education Centre
7. The Board received *Notice of Motion* on the following policies:
  - Policy 544.1 Plagiarism
  - Policy 1109.2 Lease of School Facilities
  - Policy 1133.1 Flying Flags at Half-Mast

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, June 9, 2014, at Logan Lake Secondary, 50 Ponderosa Avenue, Logan Lake, BC.