

Barrhead Elementary School

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Dear parents and guardians,



Wow, it is hard to believe that we are entering our last month of school. You can feel the buzz of excitement, as students are eager to begin summer holidays! It has certainly been an incredible journey and an amazing year

learning. As we reflect on the year past, we are amazed at how our students have grown, impressed by what they have learned, and thankful for our incredible staff that have journeyed with them. To list all that has occurred at BES over this year would be virtually impossible. We want to wish our students and staff a wonderful summer! We look forward to see your smiling faces September 3/2019. **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

Sincerely,

Dale Bujold, Kelly Ferguson and Amber Monteath

**No milk sales for June;
all prepaid amounts to
be refunded**

Last day for hot lunch:

June 21



**Moving In or Moving
Away?**



Please let the school know if you are moving away for possibly moving or if you know of someone new to the school. This information is very important to us as we structure class lists for next year.



Administrative Change

Amber Monteath has accepted a position at Westlock Elementary School as Associate Principal effective September 2019.

"It is with a combination of sadness and excitement that I have accepted a new position

as Associate Principal at Westlock Elementary School. Over the past nine years, I have enjoyed working closely with staff and students and will leave the school with many wonderful memories!"



Welcome Mr. Erickson!

Dale Erickson will be transferring over from Eleanor Hall School. Dale will be replacing Amber Monteath as Associate Principal at BES. Dale has been Associate Principal at Eleanor Hall for the past three years. Prior to this, Dale was a teacher at BES.

Board of Trustee news

The School Fee Reduction Grant provides \$400,000 per year to Pembina Hills and was introduced in 2017 when the province passed legislation to eliminate student instructional fees. This grant was designed to offset the loss of revenue to school boards. Prior to 2017, the division charged student instructional fees of \$60 for Kindergarten, \$70 for Elementary, \$110-\$140 for Junior/Senior High, or a family rate of \$300. **If the School Fee Reduction Grant is eliminated, the school board will consider the possibility of reinstating instructional fees.**

We are looking for Roots of Empathy Babies

We are looking for parents and their babies to participate in **Roots of Empathy** in our Grade 3 classrooms. Babies need to be about 3 months old for the start of the sessions, which will begin in October. For more information or to take part in the program please call the school.



BESAA

We did it gang. We've made it another year. It's the final stretch and you should all be so proud of your efforts in helping us reach our fundraising goals. In this past year, we have been able to raise nearly **\$120,000** for a new playground, and we are eager to get things underway in the coming school year.

We have recently re-applied for the CFEP Grant, if accepted we would be receiving upwards of \$125,000. Due to this application, we will have to hold off on any construction spending in order to prove bank account balances should we be considered. The hope is to hear back before November.

We will be hosting a thank-you breakfast on Friday, June 28th for the faculty at BES. We are looking for volunteers to help us serve and cleanup. We will also be hosting our second annual Welcome Back BBQ in the fall. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information.

Our first meeting of the 2019/2020 school year will be held on **September 18th, 7pm in the staff room**. On September 16th at 6:30 pm we will be hosting a workshop with ASCA regarding school council planning. Anyone wishing to attend is more than welcome.

It was a tremendous year. We cannot say thank you enough to our volunteers, parents, faculty, community, and the students. There is nothing more satisfying than seeing the smiles on the faces of those kids and we aspire to bring even bigger smiles in the coming year.

CPF News

There are many volunteer opportunities available for this month. Please watch for a note coming home with your child. Many hands make light work.

We are hosting a **Hot Dog Sale** for the whole school on **Monday June 24**. Please mark the date off to come assist with that. More information will be going home soon.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the fall on **Wednesday September 25**. Please come out to help us set the direction for the year.



Happy Retirement!

We want to give a huge shout out to **Madame VanRoodselaar** for her commitment and dedication to our French Program. She has been an amazing asset to our children and will be greatly missed! The time, effort and thought she has given our children is admirable. We wish her all the best in the next chapter in her life. Enjoy retirement!

Have a wonderful summer!

CPF

Science Olympics June 25

The Science Olympic committee needs toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls. Thank you for donating!

Jr ATB News

The Barrhead Elementary Jr. ATB Board Members awarded two first year teachers each a grant of \$250. Ms. Kause and Ms. Haut were surprised to receive the grant awarded earlier in May. Both teachers will be putting their grant money to good use buying classroom supplies such as mini white boards, visual timers, storage bins, art supplies, light covers and books! Congratulations!

We want to thank the students for participating in this program and those who brought in deposits.



Library Books

All books are due back **June 14**.

