



**Barrhead Elementary School**

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## December 2022 School News

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*As we wrap up the 2022 year, we reflect on all the great things that have happened in BES already. Every little thing we do helps to build our sense of community and contributes to the environment for our children to learn and grow. Our students have had a great year so far in athletics, music, and classroom learning. Especially at this time of year, each class has their own fun which is different from the regular routine – decorating, caroling, sledding, buddy activities, PAT parties (Preferred Activity Time), movie time, skating, and all sorts of fun. We also have a return of the school Elf on a Shelf. Make sure to ask your child what sorts of things that Elf has been up to!*

*We hope you have a chance over the holidays to rejuvenate and rest up as well as enjoy the company of your loved ones. School will start back on Wednesday, January 4. We look forward to the many new events and memories that will be created in the New Year.*

*Have a wonderful holiday season!*

### **Important Dates to Remember**

Please refer to your classroom newsletter for all the events that the class is having in December. Each class has different activities.

**Christmas Break** December 21 to January 3

**Return to school** Wednesday January 4

**PD Day** Monday January 30 No school for students

### **Important Message**

**For everyone's safety, parents and students are to avoid the back staff parking area.**

A reminder that it is a policy in our school division that every visitor check in at the office and no parents/care providers are allowed to go to classrooms during the school day without special permission ahead of time. Children will be called down to the office for messages or to pick up items.

Now that winter has arrived, please ensure your child has boots, mitts, toques, and warm winter jacket and snow pants. Children are outside for recess unless the windchill or temperature are below  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$

If you need assistance finding some warm winter items for your child, our Family and Community Social Services has a program that can help you.



With winter in full swing and temperatures dropping, we wanted to send out a friendly reminder that all doors are open for student drop-off at 8:40 a.m. There is no supervision for students that arrive before 8:30 a.m.

If your child needs to be dropped off later than 8:55am, please have them come through the main front doors and head to the office to check in. The office will ensure your child gets to class safely.

The front doors remain open throughout the day, but for the safety of all students and staff, all other doors lock automatically at 9:00a.m.

## **"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."**

All Food Drive items should be delivered to your school classroom no later than December 8. Each class has been asked to contribute and we have a fun little contest happening.

- 1st place is pizza party and dress the admin (winner will receive a pizza coupon to use at their own discretion)
- 2nd place is a Sparkle Shack tattoo party along with slush coupons
- 3rd place is one block of extra recess, teachers can decide when to give this block (class teacher to supervise)



We also have a box set up in the office for anyone who wishes to donate some new unwrapped toys. The final day to bring these to the school is also December 8.



## Our Annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 20

Due to capacity restrictions, we can only invite the parents of the students that are performing in the Christmas Concert. This includes K3, 1B, 2F, 3B, 4F, 5A, and 6C. The rest of the classes will be part of the audience. (Each class will have a turn at a performance throughout the year; we will have another in the spring.) The doors for the Christmas concert will open at 9:15 and the performance will start at 9:30. If you are planning to attend because your child is in the play, we ask that the child arrives to school in the morning as per normal. The teacher needs to take attendance and get the children ready.





### Canadian Parents for French News

Thank you to everyone that bought perogies and sausage from our Prairie Gourmet Perogy Fundraiser! Your support is greatly appreciated. The pick up date will be the week of December 12-16. Once the date and time is confirmed, we will send a note home with the classes. With your help, we raised over \$1400!

Hot Dog Sale will be on Monday December 19. Dogs will be \$2.50 If you are able to help with this please email [grahamcracker\\_krg@hotmail.com](mailto:grahamcracker_krg@hotmail.com).

*Joyeux Noel!*

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday January 18 in the school staff room at 7 PM. We will also be making and serving lunch at the West 49 Farrier clinic from January 26-January 28. Email Kristin above if you are able to give of your time. Many hands make light work.

This concludes our Fundraising for the year.

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming a member of Canadian Parents for French (CPF). There are many benefits of becoming a member including 65% of your membership fees being paid back to our local Barrhead Chapter. To join, visit [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca) and click "Join CPF."



### BESAA – Barrhead Elementary School Advisory Association News

Thank you for everyone who participated in our fundraiser for Christmas Poinsettias, Grinch Tree, Succulent Box, and Chocolate Bombs. Our next meeting will be held on January 18. Watch for more on our Facebook page. We wish you a wonderful holiday break and hope to see you in the New Year.



## Hot Dog Sale December 19

## \$2.50 each



### A Message from the library:

Christmas time is here and that brings a return of the holiday LEGO challenges and LEGO's #BuildToGive charity drive. Build to give is a program from LEGO that encourages building of a holiday creation and sharing it online with the hashtag #BuildToGive. Each use of the tag with a LEGO creation causes a set to be donated to a child in need of play around the world. Last year between the school and public we created over 500 creations and contributed several thousand gifts from #BuildtoGive. Can we break that record?

You can learn more about the initiative here: <https://www.lego.com/en-ca/build-to-give>

Barrhead Public Library has participated in this for the past couple years and endeavor to sweeten the deal for locals, every creation gets you entered into a draw. From **December 8th-20<sup>th</sup>** we will draw one winner from all the entries to receive a special present from LEGO Santa for the **12 days of LEGO Christmas!** This includes all participation from students.

Like previous years, we are able to bring up a **supply of LEGO to classrooms** for the entire class to make holiday creations. Of all the classes that participate, one lucky class on December 16<sup>th</sup> will be picked and everyone in the class will get a LEGO gift!

If you'd like to request a supply of LEGO in December, **check with Mr. Goldsmith** what day you'd like to build to give (and maybe receive).

LEGO's chosen theme this year is "Build a gift. Give a gift." and encourage the creation of LEGO presents, but any holiday themed creation or decoration will suffice. Creations that are able to be used a tree ornament will be added to our LEGO tree in the library for all to see!

