



Barrhead Elementary School
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JANUARY 2023 – BES School News

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We hope you had a great holiday and are looking forward to the new year.

We have some new faces joining Barrhead Elementary School. Please help us extend a warm welcome to Corilee Miller and Karlee Visser who will be working in our school front office.



IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Lately there have been a lot of personal vehicles in the back bus lanes dropping off and/or picking up students. There have also been incidents of vehicles parking in assigned staff stalls. Unless your child is on the bus, they should not be wandering off the sidewalk in the back during peak traffic times. We are adding more signs and our bus supervisors as well as the police will be patrolling the area to ensure no unauthorized vehicles or pedestrian traffic are where they shouldn't be.

For everyone's safety, parents/guardians and students must avoid the bus lanes and back staff parking area.

A reminder that it is a policy in our school division that every visitor check in at the office. Parents/care providers are not allowed to go to classrooms during the school day without special permission ahead of time. If you have something to deliver to your child, please bring it to the office and we will call your child down to the office to come and pick it up. Children that are getting picked up in the middle of the day will also be called down to the office when you arrive so you can properly sign them out and let us know if they will be returning.



NEW SUCCESS COACH!

We are thrilled to announce we have a new Success Coach joining our staff. A Success Coach is someone who supports students in becoming successful in multiple areas at school. They help the rest of the team with implementing supports, transitioning the student into a new space or class, helping to address students' needs, and providing extra support for students who need it most. Miss Brittani Desranleau is happy to be here in this role and is busy learning about our school and our students. Welcome!

Student Medical Considerations

If there are any medical concerns that emerge throughout the school year, please contact the school office to get that information updated right away.



I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100° F or higher.	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and /or pus draining from eye.	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit.

I am ready to go back to school when I am...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e. Tylenol, Advil, Motrin).	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to the school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

BESAA

The **BESAA** (Barrhead Elementary School Advisory Association) otherwise known as the School Council will be having their AGM on **January 18th** at the school in the staff room at **5:30 PM**. Come and join us! We welcome all parents and would love to see some new faces. You do not need to commit to any specific jobs, just come and find out a few exciting things happening in your child's school and get to meet some fellow parents. We promise to make the time spent with us worthwhile!

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH

The local chapter of our Canadian Parents for French will be having their meeting on **January 18th** at the school at **7 PM**. We are a group of parents, educators, and Francophiles who want more opportunities for our youth to learn and use French. We organize fun things for our school and sometimes raise money for some much-needed French resources. Most recently we had a hot dog sale for the Barrhead Elementary students. Please join us at our meeting.

Important Reminders

- **PD Day Monday January 30th - No school for students!**
- Please remember to call or email the school if your child is going to be absent or arrive late for class. The morning bell rings at 8:50 and class attendance is taken shortly thereafter. *All late students need to check in to the office when they arrive.*
- If you need to make alternate arrangements for after school, please inform the school office no later than 2:45 as it takes a bit of time to phone down to each class and give out messages to students.
- Please remember to check your child's agenda and classroom newsletter for all the dates that apply to your child's classroom.
- **February 9 & 10 – Teacher Convention – No School**
- **February 20 – Family Day – No School**
- The January Pembina Hills Newsletter can be found by [clicking this link](#)

Pembina Hills School Division - Annual Satisfaction Surveys

In February, parents will be invited to participate in the Annual Satisfaction Survey. The link will be provided to take you directly to the survey.

How long will it take?

- We know it takes time to participate in surveys, and time is precious.
- The questions are brief and use rating scales to make them quicker to answer.
- We estimate that it will take 5 to 10 minutes.

Will I be able to comment?

- There are opportunities for you to provide written feedback at the end of the survey.

How do I participate?

- Click or tap the link in the message you receive. It will take you directly to the survey.
- You can respond to the survey using a desktop computer, laptop or mobile device.

Are my responses anonymous?

- Your email address will be collected and connected to your responses.
- Collecting the address eliminates the chance of duplicate responses and enables us to trace issues that might arise in the completion of the survey.
- Comments are reviewed by administration and considered during the planning process.
- No comments are reported publicly.

I have more than one child in this school. Will I get an email like this for each one?

If you have several children in a single school:

- You *should* just get one message.
 - We have tried to minimize duplicates but given the complexity of families, and because we rely on the information that schools have on file, you **might** get more than one message for this school.
 - IF that happens, you only need to respond one time. We apologize in advance for the extra messages.

How do I respond if I have several children in a single school:

- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the overall experiences of your children in that school.

I have children in another school too. Will I get a survey for that school too?

- If you have children in more than one school, you can respond to a survey for each school.
- Each message has a link to the survey connected to that specific school.
- Please respond to the questions while thinking about the children in that specific school.

What if the survey doesn't have questions related to my concerns?

- If you have comments or wish to discuss something that has not appeared in this survey, please contact your school principal directly.

What if I haven't been contacted to do the survey?

- If you haven't received a message by February 3, you can contact Debbie Westman at debbie.westman@pembinahills.ca

What does Pembina Hills do with the surveys?

- Regional office administrative staff, school administrators, teachers and trustees review the survey data. Comments are read by administration only. No comments will be shared publicly.
- School data is reported in the school's education plan.
- The data from all of the schools is combined to create a division summary that will be reported at a public Board meeting. The compiled data is also recorded in the Division Education Plan.

At Barrhead Elementary we are so grateful for all the work the local FCSS office does to provide for our families! Check out this list of events they have coming up:



Gym Time – January 11th and 25th, Wednesday mornings from 10-11 am for parents and tots (age newborn to age 6) at The DoJo, 5211-49th St. Space is limited so please call the office at 780-674-3341 to register. Cost is FREE.

Parents & Tots – January 17th, 24th and 31st, Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11 am for parents and tots (age newborn to age 6) at the FCSS Program Room, 5103-51 St. Space is limited so please call the office to register. Cost is FREE.

Triple P Positive Parenting Solutions – offering 4 discussion group workshops

Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 1-3 pm – Dealing with Disobedience

Tuesday, February 7 from 1-3 pm – Managing Fighting and Aggression

Tuesday, February 14 from 1-3 pm – Developing Good Bedtime Routines

Tuesday, February 21 from 1-3 pm – Hassle-Free Shopping with Children

These are all In-Person sessions that will be held in the FCSS Program Room. Childcare will be available. Please register for 1 or all 4 by calling 780-674-3341. Cost is FREE.

Chillzone – Barrhead & District FCSS Society and Barrhead Parks and Recreation have teamed up to offer a “Chillzone” program for youth. The Chillzone provides an opportunity for youth to gather, eat, craft, learn, play, discover, develop community mindedness and build relationships. Chillzone is every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 pm at the Agrena, upstairs in the Boardroom, for students in Grades 4, 5, and 6. Cost is FREE.

Barrhead Rotary Music Festival

MARCH 15-23, 2023

MISSION: TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPRECIATION OF MUSIC, DRAMA, SPEECH, ARTS, AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Categories Include:

Band * Chamber Ensemble
Brass * Woodwind * Percussion
Choirs * Choral Speech * Classroom Music
Family and Community Groups
Guitar * Ukulele * Handbells
Music Composition * Strings
Piano * Piano Duet
Poetry Recitation * Storytelling * Drama Scenes
Mime * Public Speaking * Sacred Reading
Reader's Theatre * Improvisation
Voice - Classical and Pop
Musical Theatre

OPEN TO AMATEUR MUSICIANS OF ALL AGES!

COME SHOWCASE YOUR TALENTS!

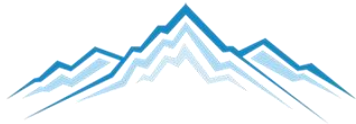
OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN SCHOLARSHIPS &
COMPETE AT PROVINCIALS

ENTRY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023



For more information send an email to
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January 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 <i>Back to School</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Gr. 5 Swim 1:30-2:30 pm</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>ECS & K Dental Day</i>	18 <i>ECS & K Dental Day BESAA AGM 5:30 CPF Meeting 7:00</i>	19	20 <i>Gr. 3 Swim 1-2pm</i>	21
22	23	24 <i>Gr 1 Dental Day</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>PD DAY NO SCHOOL</i>	31				

Upcoming Events:

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