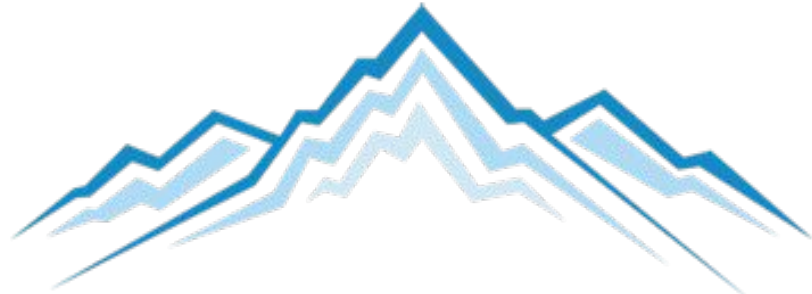


DECEMBER NEWS

Newsletter!

What is every parent's favourite Christmas Song? **Silent Night!**

Cheer



Barrhead Elementary School

Rising to the Challenge • Relever le défi



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Te, la, la, la!

December News



What do snowman
eat for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes!

Volunteer Requirements...

Lots of fun things are happening at BES and we LOVE our volunteers! In order to be a volunteer at BES, please submit:

- **Vulnerable Sector Check**
- **Intervention Record Check**

Record Checks...

Vulnerable Sector Check

(formerly Criminal Record Check)

Please contact the RCMP Detachment
at 780-674-4848.

Intervention Record Check

(formerly Child Welfare Check)

Please email cs.ircnorth@gov.ab.ca as
the form is online.

If you have any questions, please
call the office at 780-674-8518



Student Medical Concerns

Please contact the
school if any
medical concerns
that emerge
throughout the
year.



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December

How do sheep say Merry Christmas to each other?

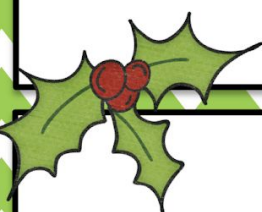
Fleece Navidad!
Hahaha!



THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

CONSENT FORMS

All Consent Forms needed for student field trips, special classroom events, sports teams, etc. will be made available for parents to complete online using the Powerschool Parent Account. Please call the office if you need any assistance with login or passwords at (780) 674-8518.



POWERSCHOOL PARENT ACCOUNT

All BES families need to have a Powerschool Parent Account. This account will provide access to different forms to be completed throughout the year.

PAYMENTS

Your Powerschool Parent Account can be used to pay student fees, sports fees, field trips etc.



School Communication

Stay in touch!

* Sign up for **text (SMS) messages** from the school through SchoolMessenger by texting "Y" or "Yes" to 978338 (you can opt-out at any time). Learn more about [School Messenger](#) (your cell phone number must be in your child's file to receive messages)

* Subscribe to our website news on our homepage!

December News



Since head lice is so common in school-aged children, it's strongly recommended to check your child's head regularly—at least once a week—during the school year.



HEAD LICES
RISK FACTORS, SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT

LIFE CYCLE

RISK FACTORS

- TOUCHING INFECTED HEAD
- SHARING THE PERSONAL ITEMS

SYMPTOMS

- SORES AND SCABS
- SCALP ITCHINESS

TREATMENT

- SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES
- WASH CLOTHES AND BEDDING
- WASH PERSONAL ITEMS IN HOT WATER (50°C/122°F)
- SOAK HAIR BRUSHES (10')



Office Hours are
Monday to Friday 8:00 - 3:45 pm.

Please leave a message if the office staff cannot get to the phone and someone will return your call.

All visitors, parents and guardians are required to check in at the office before proceeding to any classroom.

Eliminate Fly-Bys!

Call Barrhead RCMP at 780-674-2696

Call Westlock RCMP at 780-349-4491

Call the Division Transportation Office at 780-674-8510

Or complete the Busing Incident/Complaint Form



**STOP
WHEN
RED LIGHTS
FLASH**



traditions

★
*THE
Stars
are
brightly
SHINING*

Happy Holidays



BRRRRR

The weather is getting cooler...please send the students with appropriate clothing.



Reminders...

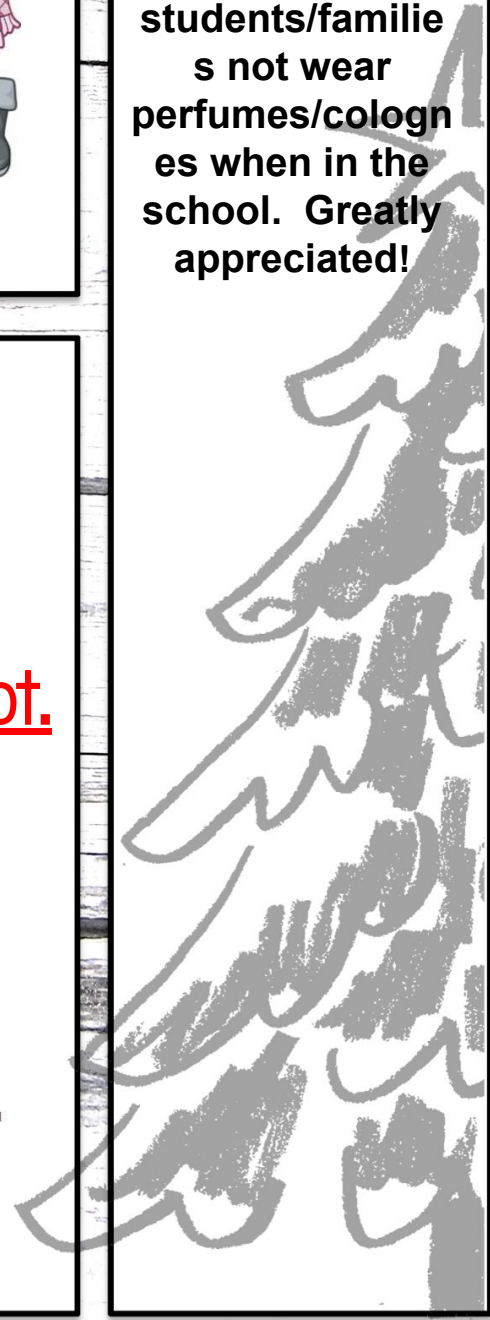
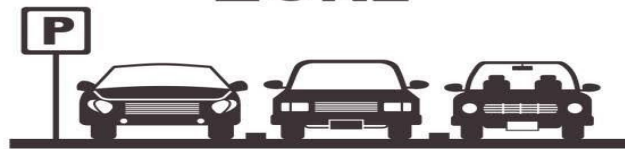


Friendly reminder, BES is a "scent-free zone". We would ask that students/families not wear perfumes/colognes when in the school. Greatly appreciated!

Friendly reminder to walk along the school using the sidewalk. DO NOT walk through the back staff parking lot.



PARKING ZONE



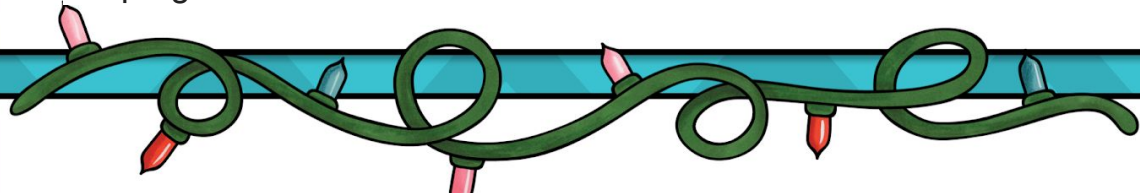


Happy Holidays



FCSS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS...

Here at FCSS we are gearing up for the Christmas season and getting ready for the Christmas Programs that we offer. If you, your staff or the school wish to donate to the **Santa's Toy Box**, food items for the Christmas Hampers or also the Adopt-a-Family program, it is greatly appreciated. We also wanted to reach out to you to let you know that if you knew of a family that would benefit from the programs to please let us know of that family. The only thing that we ask is that the family knows of the referral and is willing to partake in the programs.



Christmas Programs 2023
Registration Information
 Sign up by phone from
Nov. 8, 2023-Dec. 6, 2023
 Please call the FCSS office
780-674-3341 to register
for the 2023 Christmas
Programs

To donate to
Santa's Toy Box
please drop off
new unwrapped
toys at the FCSS
office 5103 51 St
by Dec. 13, 2023

To Adopt A Family
for Christmas
please contact the
FCSS office

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 Barrhead & District
 Family and Community
 Support Services Society

traditions

FCSS Programs

Chill Zone-Dec. 5, 12 & 19 from 3:30-5:30

Gym Time - Dec. 6 from 10- 11 at the Dojo

Movement & Motion - Dec. 20 from 10-11 at Bethel Church

Barrhead Light Up - Dec. 1 from 5:30-8:30

Polar Parade - Dec. 1 - starting at 6:00

FCSS closed Dec. 25-Jan 2


 THE
 stars
 are
 brightly
 SHINING

School Council News

We have been busy at School Council this past month! We held our AGM in November and are pleased to announce the new executive team on council for 2023-2024. Chair is Stacy Loitz, Co-Chair is Leslie McEachern, Secretary is Christine Carlson. Under our Advisory Association (aka fundraising group) President is Stacy Loitz, Vice President is Denise Craig, Secretary is Christine Carlson, Treasurer is Stacey Mack, and Fundraising Coordinator is Jamie Breitreitz.

We recently held a workshop to revise our council operating procedures, hosted by Alberta Council of School Councils, and it was such a valuable session to both of our groups! The new bylaws will be posted to the school website soon if anyone is interested in reading through them. It was a session that helped solidify our importance to the school community. We are the voice of the parents and the students. As always, if there is anything you would like the council to advocate for please bring your ideas/concerns forward. Faculty members will gladly forward the council your thoughts or contact information if you're not sure how to reach out.

Thank you to those who supported the Poinsettia fundraiser. Pickup will be Friday **December 1st from 3-6pm at Deherdts Greenhouse**. The pickup location is through the main doors and straight through into the garden center, taking a left to the south side of the greenhouse. We are located by the picnic tables. The bacon fundraiser pickup is tentatively scheduled for mid-day on December 14th. Please watch for more messaging coming from the group on exact details as we iron out some of the logistics. As always, all individuals who ordered will be contacted personally, so don't worry about missing the memo.

Our next Advisory Association meeting will be held December 7th at 5:30pm in the staff room. Our next Council Meeting will be held January 17th at 5:30 pm in the staff room

#BuildToGive



12 Days of LEGO CHRISTMAS



Hello everyone,

That time of year is here again and with it brings the return of the library's holiday LEGO activity, 12 days of LEGO Christmas for #BuildToGive.

#BuildToGive is a marketing endeavour the LEGO Group puts on where people are challenged to make Christmas ornaments and share them on social media with the hashtag. For each ornament/share they donate a set to charities for kids at Christmas. The 2023 theme is hearts but everything's a heart when it comes from the heart.

The library's LEGO Club participates in this event, encouraging patrons and classes to build. As an extra enticement we have the 12 Days of LEGO Christmas. **Every ornament will enter the creator's name into a draw, Starting December 11th and then for 12 days, one winner will be selected to receive a LEGO Christmas gift.** As well, for all classes that participate, a draw will take place on December 19th and **one class will get a LEGO set for everyone in the class.**

Reply to this email or send one to kyle@barrheadpubliclibrary.ca with a **date/time between November 30th and December 22nd** to reserve a delivery of a bin of LEGO to the classroom. If your booking is after December 11th, but requested before this date, we will include your class list in the daily draws.

See details on the library website at:

<https://barrheadpubliclibrary.ca/Library-Services/Programs/LEGO-Clubs>

Learn more about #BuildToGive at:

<https://www.lego.com/en-ca/build-to-give>

Christmas Assembly

What do Santa's elves drive?
MINIVANS! HAR HAR HAR...

The Christmas Assembly is open to the public. Please bring a Food Bank Donation. Your help is appreciated!



Christmas Assembly brought to you by the Avengers on Dec. 22 at 9:30. The school choir will also be performing!

- 1C - Mrs. Messmer
- 2B - Mrs. Lynch
- 3A - Mrs. Bujold
- 4A - Mrs. Epp
- 5B - Ms. Palylyk
- 6C - Mrs. Klein & Mrs. Brinkhurst



Falalala...

Choir News...

The choir will be going to the Senior Lodges to perform Christmas carols.

Times to be determined ...



Believe

DECEMBER

Falalalala...

Ho Ho Ho!

More concert events...

French Immersion Christmas
Concert on Dec. 21 at 12:00 in the
gyms.



Fundraiser...

Poinsettia Fundraiser
pickup...Dec. 1 from
3:00-6:00 at DeHerdt
Gardens



CANADIAN
PARENTS
FOR
FRENCH

NOUVELLE

DECEMBER
2023

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 24 @ 5:30PM

Sending festive wishes to the entire school community!
May the holiday season bring you inspiration, relaxation,
and a well-deserved break. Here's to a joyful Christmas
and a rejuvenating New Year!

Pierogie Fundraiser

All order forms are DUE:
December 4th! Pick up is set for
December 18th @ 4-6pm.



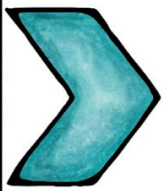
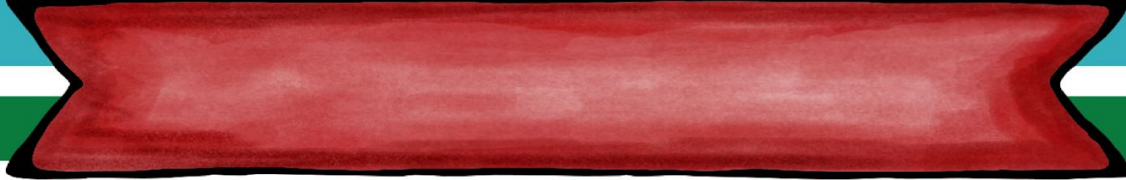
Christmas Concert

December 21st @ 12:00pm
All French Immersion Families
are encouraged to come celebrate
the Holiday Spirit with us!



Get in touch with us!

barrheadcpf@gmail.com



Upcoming Events



See below for Music

Festival details...

joy



44TH ANNUAL
BARRHEAD ROTARY

MUSIC Festival

MARCH 6-14, 2024
ENTRY DEADLINE FEB 1, 2024

Express Yourself

LOCAL TALENT SHOWCASE
barrheadrotarymusicfestival@gmail.com

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LOCAL TALENT SHOWCASE

☆ all ages welcome ☆

OUR MISSION IS TO KEEP MUSIC AND THE ARTS ALIVE AND VIBRANT IN THE COMMUNITY BY FEATURING LOCAL TALENTS

JOIN THE FUN!

CLASSROOM MUSIC	-SACRED READING	-IMPROVISATION
CLASSROOM POETRY	-VOCALS	-MUSICAL THEATRE
BAND	-MUSIC COMPOSITION	-MIME
CHAMBER ENSEMBLE	-STRINGS	-PUBLIC SPEAKING
BRASS	-PIANO	-CHORAL SPEECH
WOODWINDS	-POETRY RECITATION	-HANDBELLS
PERCUSSION	-STORYTELLING	-SOLO, DUET, GROUP
CHOIR	-DRAMA SCENES	-GUITAR
READER'S THEATRE		-UKELELE

OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS & ADVANCE TO PROVINCIALS

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

In the spirit of giving, Barrhead Elementary School is collecting food and toys for FCSS.

We are asking for boy or girl toys to be donated. Unwrapped toys can be dropped off in front of the office before Tuesday, December 12th. Thank you for supporting our community and have a Merry Christmas!

Food Bank Suggested item by Grade:

K: Kraft dinner or macaroni

Gr. 1: Cereal /oatmeal

Gr. 2: Canned Meat-- tuna, spam, ham, etc.

Gr. 3: Canned or packaged Soup

Gr. 4: Granola Bars

Gr. 5: pasta or sauce

Gr. 6: pancake mix or syrup

Picked by FCSS on Dec. 22



DECEMBER NEWS

What kind of motorcycle does Santa ride?



A HOLLY DAVIDSON!



December gym class news...
We are learning basketball
and floor hockey!



Enjoy!

Winter break...Dec. 23-Jan. 7.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL
WINTER BREAK!
ENJOY YOUR TIMES WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

Fa, la, la, la!

DECEMBER 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Poinsettia Fundraiser Pickup 3-6
4 National Sock Day-Wear Fave Socks	5	6	7 Advisory Association Meeting 5:30 in Staff Room	8
11	12	13 Gr. 5 to Citadel	14 Gr. 3 Swim	15 Gr. 4 Swim Gr. 3 Sledding
18 Gr. 3 Bowl Toque Day	19	20 Gr. 5 Swim Gr. 3 Movie Choice	21 Gr. 6 Swim Christmas Sweater Day French Immersion Christmas Concert 12:00	22 Christmas Assembly 9:30 Last Day!
25 Break	26 Break	27 Break	28 Break	29 Break