

# December 2017 Newsletter



## Upcoming Events:

- **Friday, December 1-** Wear School Colors
- **Monday & Tuesday - December 4 & 5:** Christmas Market
- **Tuesday, December 5-** Report Cards available Online
- **Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Saturday, Dec. 9** Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
- **Wednesday, December 6:** Hot Lunch- Pizza Boxx
- **Thursday, December 7-** No school for students: Staff Learning a.m. -Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00-8:00
- **Friday, December 8 -** No School
- **Monday, December 11 -** French Immersion Kindergarten Information 6:30 p.m. Gathering Area
- **Friday, December 15-** Red and Green Day
- **Wednesday, December 20:** Hot Lunch-Taco Time
- **Thursday, December 21:** Christmas Concert
- **Friday, December 22:** Pajama Day Students will be dismissed @ 2:25
- **January 8, 2018 -** First day back after Christmas Vacation!
- **January 8, 2018 -** Kindergarten Registration begins @ 9:00 a.m.

**Considering French Immersion for Kindergarten?** Attend our information session for **NEW** to Immersion parents on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p.m. @ EBWS

## Principal's Message

As December arrives, it is always a busy, but exciting time of year. There are many events coming up at our school in the next few weeks including our annual Christmas market, report cards & conferences and the annual Christmas concert. We hope that all of our school families get an opportunity to visit the school for some or all of these events to share in the spirit of the season with us.

The past few months have been an extremely rewarding and eventful time for all of the staff and students at EBWS. As the holidays draw near, the entire staff at EBWS would like to send our thanks for all of our school families to all that you do to support our students and school. We wish you a restful and relaxing holiday break as we look forward to the second part of our year here at École Barrie Wilson School.

Chris Good,  
Principal

## Christmas Concert



BW's Christmas Concert will take place on Thursday, December 21. We will be having two performances- one in the morning and one in the evening. The concert will be divided into three sections. There will be time between each set for parents to come and go. We encourage guests to consider viewing the morning performance. The evening concert will also be livestreamed if you are unable to make it. **Times for morning and evening concerts are as follows:**

**Morning:** K 9:15  
Grades 1-2 10:00  
Grades 3-5 10:45

**Evening:** K 6:00  
Grades 1-2 6:45  
Grades 3-5 7:30

### Christmas Market

Our fourth annual BW Christmas Market is fast approaching, and we can't wait to help all the students shop for treasures for their family. This will take place on Monday, December 4th. The students are always so excited to make their purchases and we are pleased to be raising funds, to help families throughout Red Deer. Donations of items for the market are now being accepted at the school, as well as donations of gift bags and tissue paper. If you are interested in helping out with setup for the market or on the day of the market, please go to [schoolinterviews.ca](http://schoolinterviews.ca) and enter the code **txqn6**. Thank you so much for your support of this great event!



### Look who's been sent to the office

The following students have been sent to the office to show Mr. Good their good work: Maija Inglis, Jordyn Pike, Avery Spencer and Tabish Mustamandy.

### Wilson Ways

Our students continue to do a great job demonstrating our three Wilson Ways of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. Each week we host a weekly B3 lesson where we discuss and demonstrate what the Wilson Ways are all about with students. We will host our Wilson Way's Pizza Lunch on December 1st and

recognize the following students: Edwin Vanderwater, Noah Collins, Spencer Hauer, Olivia Calder, Kaitlyn Hartnoll, Kinsley Richardson, Tyson DeZutter, Presley Richert, Creedin Tarney, Cohen Schauer, Naomi Schmitt, Ainsley Screen, Oliver Vanderwater and Gabby Kennedy.

### Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences

The first report card of the year will be available online through your child's eportfolio on Tuesday, December 5th. We will not be sending a paper copy home. Report cards are an important part of the assessment picture here at EBWS and we know this update will give parents, teachers and students the opportunity to continue to build pathways for student success. Conferences are being held on Thursday, December 7 from 1:00 to 8:00. To book your child's conference please go to [schoolinterviews.ca](http://schoolinterviews.ca) and enter the code **zrjyw**.

### Festival of Trees

Congratulations goes out to our school choir for their excellent performance at the Festival of Trees on Friday, November 24th. A big thanks to Mr. Niemetz for all of the time he has committed to getting our choir organized and ready for their performance.



**Christmas Hamper-** If you are aware of any families in need, please contact our office so that we can provide support.

### Lost & Found items

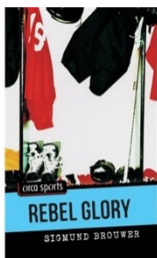
Please take a moment to stop in and search the lost and found box on or before December 22nd. All unclaimed items will be picked up for donation on December 23.

**Kindergarten Registration** - Registration for both our English and French Immersion Kindergarten Programs will begin on Monday, January



8<sup>th</sup>. Children who were born in 2013 are eligible to register.

**Rebel Glory Windup**-Congratulations to the following winners in our trivia contest for our One Book Many Schools contest: Addi Spencer, Riley Roberts, Piper Roberts, Carson Lerouge, Sienna Plante, Kaelyn Plante, Advika Aiyer,



Brenner Purvis, Mason Price, Sarah Lerouge, Kessler Soloway, Evie Johanson, Ana Paulin, Lewis Lehman, Benni Lehman, Lucas Rehn, Carter Woods, Kei McMullen, Greg Morin, Jehren Thomas, and Jaxson Wills.



**Math Corner**-Dr. Eugene Geist, an associate professor at the Gladys W. and David H. Patton College of

Education and Human Services at Ohio University states that “*Talk is a fundamental way children learn, even before they understand what is being said. Children who come from homes where there are a lot of books and where family members talk about what they have read, for example, have been shown to have better literacy outcomes in kindergarten and successive grades. This same principle holds true for mathematics. The more parents talk with their child about math at home, the more a child’s mind is stimulated to think about math.*” In this article, he gives five ways to use math talk with your child:

<https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/support-math-readiness-through-math-talk>

**What’s happening at the Library:**

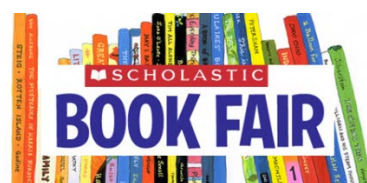


**Innovation Lab**

Wednesdays- December 6,  
January 10, February 7  
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m

All ages

Drop in and get hands-on with our Innovation Lab tech toys! Build and code a Lego WeDo creation, program our Dash and Dot robots, rearrange a Code-a-Pillar to change its path, and more!



Visit the Scholastic Book Fair at the Timberlands Library from Tuesday, December 5 to Saturday, December 9. The book fair will be open to the school and public during regular library hours. For a sneak peek at some of the titles that will be available for purchase, see

<http://scholastic.ca/bookfairs/featuredbooks1.php>. PLUS everyone who makes a purchase at the book fair will be entered to win \$25 in free books for your home library AND \$25 in free books for your classroom!

**Remind 101** - If you haven’t yet signed up for Remind 101, please do so. Remind 101 is a text messaging service that allows the school to send you messages and notifications about upcoming school events directly to your phone. To sign up for EBWS News via Remind 101, you need to text @338750 to (587) 316-1692

### Winter Skating Program



**Skating After  
Christmas-CSA  
Hockey Helmets  
mandatory**

Skating is part of the Alberta Physical Education curriculum in the Alternative Environments section of the program. It is the intention that ALL children at Ecole Barrie Wilson will be involved in skating after Christmas holidays as part of Physical Education.

**Physical Education Safety Guidelines requires that all students MUST wear a CSA approved hockey helmet for all ice skating activities. Bicycle helmets are not permitted as they are not deemed to be safe. In addition, children MUST wear mitts or gloves and snow pants while skating.**

Helmets and ice skates make wonderful Christmas presents for children as Red Deer has an abundance of skating facilities such as outdoor rinks, Bower Ponds and indoor arenas. *Be sure that the helmet has a sticker that says CSA approved.*

Classroom skating begins the second week after the Christmas break, and runs until the end of February/beginning of March weather and ice permitting. Please check your child's agenda and/or their teacher's web page for skating times.

**Please be advised that if your child rides the bus, they are required to have their skates in a canvas type bag for safety reasons.**

Also, if you have any skates or helmets that you would like to donate to our school, please drop them off at the school's main office.

**\*\*\*\*\*If you can help tie and/or untie skates during your child's skating time\*\*\*\*\* Your help would be GREATLY appreciated!!**

Thank you and we look forward to our skating time!

Mrs. McKeage  
Physical Education Teacher



### Dough Raiser Program:

Easy 'dough' for our school! Cobs Bread at Southpointe/Timberlands in Red Deer is excited about supporting our school through their Dough Raiser program. Click her for more details:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z2\\_MyugpaA-BBwRDpjZNwFda9WOycAne/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z2_MyugpaA-BBwRDpjZNwFda9WOycAne/view?usp=sharing)

