

Bandit Bulletin

January, 2019 Newsletter



Upcoming Events:

- Monday, January 7th - Back to School
- Monday, January 14th - Kindergarten Registration ONLINE begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 15th- Parent Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 16th- Innovation Lab 6:00- 7:30 @ Library
- Friday, January 18th - Staff Learning, no school for students
- Tuesday, January 22nd - City Wide Council Meeting, 7:00 @ Joseph Welsh
- Hot Lunch- Boston Pizza
- Thursday, January 24th- Family Ski Night @ 4:15
- Friday, January 25th - Assembly begins @ 9:15 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 5th- Hot Lunch- Original Joe's
- Wednesday, February 6th- Winter Walk Day
- Thursday, February 7th- Family Ski Night @ 4:15



Principal's Message

Happy New Year to all EBWS Families. We hope that you all enjoyed a restful and relaxing holiday break full of good memories. We have many exciting events happening in 2019 both at our school and in Red Deer. The most exciting event this year in our city will no doubt be the Canada Games. We will be hosting a Canada Games kickoff assembly this coming Monday afternoon. We will also be hosting a Canada Games winter play day in February.

One of our other exciting events at the school in 2019 will be the long awaited construction of our new playground. The opening of our playground will be a celebration of all the work over the last 3 years that our entire school community has put into this project. We will have two more fundraisers in the next few months to raise the rest of our playground funds. The Parents Association will be holding a raffle and working at a casino in February. More information on both of these events will be coming out shortly.

The teaching staff is looking forward to getting back to work with the students and have many challenging classroom projects and activities planned for the coming months. We look forward to continuing to work together in 2019!

Chris Good, Principal

Kindergarten Registration -Online



registration for Kindergarten will begin on Monday, January 14th @ 8:00 a.m. This year

we will be offering the choice of morning or afternoon kindergarten or a full day program every other day in both French and English Kindergarten. All students who turn 5 before December 31, 2019 are eligible. Children who were born in 2014 are eligible to register. Once you complete the online registration, you will be required to submit a copy of your child's birth certificate to the office to complete the registration process.



Look who's been sent to the office

The following students have been sent to the office to show Mr. Good their good work: The following students have been sent to the office to show Mr. Good their good work: Cohen Cochrane, Tyrek Diep, Danika Gallen, Layla Hesp, Tegan Steinke, Ethan Boivin, Ben Luck, Jeremy Luck, Zolie Boudreau, Jonah Buzzell, Olivia Forbes, Valerie Gallardo Zacarias, Isabela Harper, Chloe Hartnoll, Kaitlyn Hartnoll, Lucy Hrdlicka, Max Kostenuk, Benni Lehman, Henry Loor, Anika McPhee, Izabella Pina Nieto, Kennan Radtke, Jaikin Spero and Stefan Trninic.

Family Ski Night

The EBWS school council will be hosting two Family Ski Nights at Canyon this year. The first ski night will be on Thursday, January 24th and the second on February 7th. Families will be invited to come out and enjoy the night air and take advantage of the group rate at Canyon Ski Hill. Registrations and further information will be sent home this week and must be returned by January 15th. Forms include information about lift passes, rentals and lessons. Click here to view [forms](#).



Math Corner- Click on this link to read a great article titled, ["Twelve Steps To Increase](#)

[Your Child's Math Achievement And Make Math Fun"](#) by Jo Boaler, a math professor at Stanford University.

What's happening at the Library:

Innovation Lab Wednesdays-



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 on January 16th and Wednesday, February 20th from 6:00-7:30 P.M. at the Timberlands Branch. All ages welcome!



Christmas Market

Thanks to our Parent Council and the many other parents who planned and supported our Christmas Market. These parents spent countless hours setting up, collecting money, donations, sorting, cleaning, being personal shoppers to hundreds of kids and wrapping close to 2000 gifts! Our goal with this activity was to teach the students about the importance of giving. Not only do the students raise money for a great cause, but they also get to select gifts for their family. The kids learn so many lessons about giving, kindness and thinking of others before they think of themselves. A total of almost \$1900 was raised this year. The funds went to LTCHS to support their Christmas Hamper Project. This program supports families with school age children all over the city as well as our school Benevolence Program which helps families in need from our school.

Christmas Concert

A big thank you to all of the families who were able to attend our concert on the Thursday before the holiday break. It was exciting to be able to have it livestreamed so that family and friends had the opportunity to watch it from anywhere (over 700 signed on to view the concert!) Thank you to Calvin Bellows from Exposure Productions for setting up the livestream. DVD's are available for sale at the office. The students and staff hope that you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Polar Bandit Club!

Winter is once again upon us and although we have been lucky so far we will no doubt face the prospect of an indoor recess soon. The



Red Deer Public School District policy on inclement weather recommends that if the temperature is below -20 with or without the wind-chill that students stay inside for recess. In previous years our school practice has been to have students stay in classrooms when this happens and play games or watch a video. We have found that when colder weather persists and students are inside for several days their ability to focus and complete academic work suffers. This year we would like to try something new in order to reduce the number of indoor recesses. We are going to be starting a Polar Bandit Club, if parents give permission by signing the form below, then students will be able to go outside for recess up to a temperature of -30 provided they have proper winter clothing. If parents would prefer their children to stay inside during colder weather then we will create a run/walk loop in the gym and hallways so that students can still remain active. If you would like your child to be a part of the Polar Bandit Club, please fill out the form below and send it back to the school. As Mrs. Mckeage always says: "Outside is the best side!" Please contact Mr. Good if you have any questions or concerns about our new school policy. Click [here](#) for permission form. [Polar Bandit Club](#)

**Skating has started!
CSA Hockey Helmets are
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 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 mittens or gloves and snow pants while skating.

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 is beginning the second week after the Christmas break, and runs until the end of February. 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