

## Bandit Bulletin

### January, 2020 Newsletter



#### Upcoming Events:

- Monday, January 13th - Kindergarten Registration ONLINE begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 17th - Staff Learning, no school for students
- Wednesday, January 22nd - Hot Lunch Wok Box  
-Family Ski Night
- Friday, January 24th - Assembly begins @ 12:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 28th - Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm.
- Tuesday, February 5th- Hot Lunch- Original Joe's
- Wednesday, February 6th- Winter Walk Day

Kindergarten Registration - Online registration for Kindergarten will begin on Monday, January 13th @ 8:00 a.m. This



year we will be offering the choice of a full day program every other day in both French and English Kindergarten. All students who turn 5 before December 31, 2020 are eligible. Children who were born in 2015 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.



#### Principal's Message

Welcome Back and Happy New Year! I hope all of our EBWS families had a safe and happy holiday break. I have enjoyed welcoming students back to school the past few days and hearing all about their holiday adventures. As we head into the New Year, staff are looking forward to getting back into routine and continuing to focus on student growth. Parents can continue to support your child's growth at home by reading with them every day and playing games with your kids that involve counting like cards or dice.

As the colder weather sets in, a reminder that our Parent Council has organized some family activities to give you a chance to get outside and have some fun. They have collaborated with Canyon Ski Hill to offer a family ski night in January and in February. Parent Council will also be hosting a family skate night in February. The school has cross-country skis that were purchased through parent fundraising a few years ago. As these were purchased with Parent Council funds, EBWS families can borrow skis on weekends or evenings if you are interested in giving skiing a try.

Chris Good, Principal



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

The following students have been sent to the office to show Mr. Good their good work: Zoey Smith, Daxten Thomsen, Mason Dore, Sabraya Phillips, Robert Richardson, Walker Anderson, Seamus O'Connor, Willow Shemko, Karsen Tagg and Emma Worthington



**Wilson Ways** - Our students continue to do a great job demonstrating our three Wilson Ways of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be

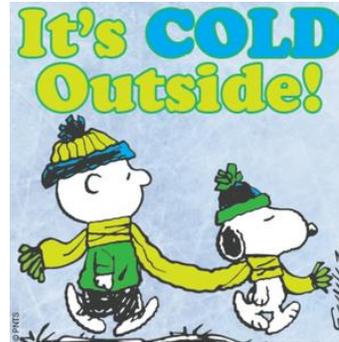
Resilient. Each week we host a weekly B3 lesson where we discuss and demonstrate what the Wilson Ways are all about with students. We hosted a pizza lunch with the Principal on December 17th, recognizing the following students: Lucas Nelson, Angelina Yu, Aubree Robertson, Hendrix Sillery, Marcus Hoang, Lana Mouhamad, Maddison Venno, Jakob Street, Cohen Cochrane, Audrey Harrison, Emily Magwala, Alexa Stevens, Halle Heck, Aria Nygaard, Taryn Heather, Jorjah Milbury, Dominic Guidolin, Justice Samms, Yuli Xiao, Lexi Brehmer, Mitchell Berrigan, Jude Baird, Madisyn Cafferata Arnett and Ziva Hofer.

**Family Ski Night** - Information was sent home with every student on January 7th. The forms are due no later than Monday, January 13, 2020. In the event of extreme weather or



poor conditions the event may be cancelled **only if Canyon is not able to be open** - if they are open, we will be skiing! For more information and forms [click here.](#)

### Cold Weather Policy



As the weather is turning colder this week just a reminder to parents to make sure to send warm winter

clothes to school every day. Last year we had a Polar Bandit Club and parents gave permission to have their child go outside when it was colder out. This year we are doing things differently. Parent Council passed resolution at their November meeting that at Barrie Wilson ALL students will go outside up to -25 inclusive of windchill. We have a weather station at the school which monitors weather conditions. We will use the station to determine when students stay in or head outside. For skating and skiing, classroom teachers will be deciding when to skate and when to stay inside.

## What's happening at the Library?



We've got lots of fun activities going on at the library this month:

### **New Club on the Block**

**Sundays, January 12 & February 9**  
**1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

**All ages** *under 9 with an adult*

Create, build, and have fun with other Lego enthusiasts. Everyone (even adults) is welcome!

### **Innovation Lab Wednesday**

**Wednesday, January 15**

**6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Timberlands Branch**

**All ages** *under 9 with an adult*

Drop in and get hands-on with the Innovation Lab tech toys!

### **CanCode: Sphero Hot Potato**

**Saturday, January 18**

**10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**For Grades 3 to 5** *under nine with an adult*

Come play with robots! Participants will learn the basics of block programming as well as how to use conditional blocks in their program. No experience

required! **Registration required** at 403-346-4576 or [kdrok@rdpl.org](mailto:kdrok@rdpl.org)

### **After School Awesomeness**

**Tuesdays, January 21** (Oh Orbeez) &

**February 4** (Yum Yum Yummy!)

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Ages 7 to 12** *under 9 with an adult*

Come and enjoy some after school fun!

### **Favorite Book Character Day**

**Saturday, January 25**

**1 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

**All ages** *under 9 with an adult*

Do you have a favorite book character? This is your chance to dress up like a character from your favorite book. This program will involve a story time and craft. Adults feel free to dress up too!

## 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.

**Thank you-** to the Barrie Wilson families & staff for your tremendous support for the 2019 Christmas Market. We raised over \$2300.00. Most of that money was transferred to the Lindsay Thurber Christmas Hamper Project - they support Red Deer Public School families that are in need of support during the holiday season. What an amazing community we have here!



**Math Corner-** Playing games with your child is a great way to develop number sense. Here are a few games to try at home. Dice or decks of cards are all you need to play. Click here for directions: [Pig](#) and [Oh No 99!](#)

**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!!**



**Children's Vision**  
Did you know that the Alberta Association of Optometrists has a program which provides free eye glasses to kindergarten aged children. Check out

these brochures: [Children Vision Fact Sheet](#) and [Eye See... Eye Learn](#) . This is their website which has some other great parent resources:

<http://www.optometrists.ab.ca/@/AAO/ESEL>



**Dental Health Care**

Alberta Health Services provides access to evidence based dental treatment and prevention for clients and their

families who qualify for the Dental Outreach of Red Deer - DOOR program. Click here for more information:

<http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/Page14890.aspx>

**Healthy Living Expo**

The Healthy Living Expo, Central Alberta's Premiere Health and Wellness Trade Show is coming soon. Below is free printable tickets to the expo for your family.





**R.S.V.P**

## **RSVP Please!**

Thank you to  
all the  
parents who  
have logged

in and created your parent portal accounts through Powerschool! In prior years, you have been able to access your child's report card through your parent portal. This year field trip permission slips, swim fees and grade 5 camp fees will be paid for through your parent portal. Yearly, all schools have asked parents/guardians to verify their child(rens) student record information. This is a requirement through RDPSD and includes verifying phone #'s, email addresses, physical addresses, medical and FOIPP information and emergency contacts. In the past we have sent home paper copies of this verification. **Please note - paper copies are no longer being sent.** Instead to verify, parents need to log in to their parent portals through Powerschool and complete the process through the RSVP. All information verified by you, will be sent to the school confirming that you have completed the process.