

May 2017 News from EBWS

Upcoming Events:

- **May 3** - Middle School Orientation
-Hot Lunch-Extreme Pita
-Hat Day
- **May 9**- Citywide Parent Council Meeting @ Westpark Elementary @ 7:00
- **May 10**- Go Girl and Knights in Training
Grade 5 Students
- **May 11**- Spring Fling
-Flower Fundraiser Pickup
- **May 12**- Arbour Day @ 11:00 AM
- **May 15**- Parent Council Meeting - 7:00
- **May 17**- Hot Lunch-Press'd The Sandwich Co.
- **May 18**- Evil Genius Library 3:30-5:00
- **May 19** -No School- Staff Learning Day
- **May 22**- No School- Victoria Day
- **May 26**- Assembly- 1:15 PM



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Telus Wise Presentation-

Thank you to Telus and Constable Morris for the digital safety and citizenship presentations that were held on April 26th for students and parents. Both sessions focussed

on how to ensure that students have a positive digital footprint.

News from Parent Council:



The **Spring Fling** will be Thursday, May 11th from 5:30-7:30pm. This event is sponsored by our Parent Council. We will be welcoming DJ Rudy, who will be providing us with entertainment, for a fun family dance. *There will be pizza for sale for \$2 per slice, as well as frozen treats for \$1 each, and bottled water for \$1.*

Flower Basket and Happy Hippo Fundraiser
Anyone who has ordered flowers and Happy Hippo products can pick up their purchases from 2:30 - 7:30 on May 11th. All flowers **MUST** be picked up on May 11th.

*School Council has ordered a limited number of extra hanging baskets, and planters, for purchase on May 11th, for anyone who has forgotten to order, or would like to purchase extra flowers. *

Principal's Message

It seems as if spring has finally arrived at École Barrie Wilson School. Many exciting events have been happening around the school in the last month and there are many more planned for May and June. My personal highlight this month came from all of the Project Based Learning showcase events in the past few weeks. Students from all grade levels have been showcasing their work at all of these events. At EBWS, we want PBL to be one part of our students' school experiences. Our goal with PBL is to give students the opportunity to go deeper with their research and learning. We certainly saw many examples of this in April at the PBL showcase events.

We are also looking forward to some exciting events in May, highlighted by the Spring Fling family dance that is being organized by our Parent Council on May 11th. There will be a DJ, pizza for supper and ice cream for all EBWS families.

I hope all of you get the chance to get outdoors and enjoy the spring weather with your family!

Chris Good
Principal

Earth Play for Earth Day- On Friday, April 21st, BW EarthPLAY for Earth Day! Students had lots of



fun playing and connecting with nature. Thank you to Nancy McKeage for organizing this fun event and to Mrs. Burrows and Mrs. Baile for supplying the country touch!



Mental Health Awareness Week- We have been doing a variety of activities during the week to highlight the importance of focusing on mental health with students.

One of the big events will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd, when our students and staff will participate in the province wide "Hats on for Mental Health Day." All students are encouraged to wear hats to school. In B3 on Monday, we talked about mental health and went through some tips of things you can do help with mental health such as exercising, eating healthy, showing gratitude and being kind.



Look who's been sent to the office this month to show their excellent work!

Congratulations to: Fatimah Maknun, Jett Fischer, Lilly Hermes, Owen Lundmark, Kseniya Rudakova, Jordan Speed, Ana Paulin, Sadie Peters, Savanna Sivacoe, Bianca Carramusa, Jorja Kelly, Finnley Lehman and Seth McCabe.

Wilson Ways

Our students have been doing a great job demonstrating our three Wilson Ways of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. We hosted our Wilson Way's Pizza Lunch on Tuesday, May 2nd. Denver Lidgren, Luke Schmitt, Francis Baragar, Sophia Seely, Jazmin Fuchs, Drennan Howse, Aubrey Cochrane, Sierra Spackman, Kayden Fredeen, Declan Gallagher, Addison Luke, Emma Potter and Sarwan Soomro shared lunch with Mr. Good, Mrs. Engert and Mme Eidem. We continue to host weekly B3 lessons Monday afternoons where we discuss and demonstrate what the Wilson Ways are all about with students. In May, we will be focusing lessons on bicycle safety, growth mindset and on celebrating the great job students have been doing demonstrating the Wilson Ways this year.



We have had some amazing PBL projects in April:

- The Kindergarten project asked the question "How Can We Learn Something New?" It was the Power of Yet Project, teaching the students about Growth Mindset. Each student in Mme Dahl's and Mrs. C.'s classes set themselves a goal of something they could learn in a few weeks (tying shoes, baking cupcakes, doing a cartwheel, etc.). The finale was each child performing their new skill for the class and a party for our families where the students received their superhero "Power of Yet" t-shirt and performed to "Try Everything."
- The Grade 5 students explored the Driving Question: 'Why people have taken risks to immigrate to Canada?' Members of the community came and spoke to the classes about reasons they immigrated to Canada, which included reasons such as political unrest, war and opportunities for a better life. Students researched how different cultures risked their lives to become part of the cultural fabric of Canada and shared this information with families on the evening of April 12th.
- Mme Nye's Grade four class held their curiosity fair on April 20th. Students learned to satisfy their curiosities by conducting research and answering their own questions. All students pursued a topic of personal interest and we spent six weeks becoming experts on a variety of topics. Students learned how to validate sources, consult experts, compile information, and present their ideas to others. They created posters, three-dimensional models, oral presentations and even a virtual world to share learning with parents, students and special guests. Thank you to all who attended!

Timberland Library News:

- **That Tween Thing (Ages 8-11)**
Harry Potter Potions- May 17-
Join us as we mix up some spectacular
potions. 3:30-4:30
- **May 18- Evil**
Genius Library
3:30-5:00



12th Annual Summer Lindsay Thurber BB Camp
Develop and improve your basketball skills and techniques. This camp will be run by Lindsay Thurber Basketball coaching staff and players as well as other basketball coaches from the Central Alberta area. All campers will receive a camp T-shirt.

Monday July 3 - Friday July 7

Grades 1 & 2 • 9:30 - 11:30 am Cost: \$60.00

Grades 3-9 • Grades 3 - 5 - 9:00 am - noon
Grades 6 & 7 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Grades 8 & 9 - 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$70.00

