

Bandit Bulletin

May, 2018 News



Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday, May 2- Innovation Lab
-Hats on for Mental Health
- Thursday, May 3 - Middle School Orientation
- **Monday, May 7-** “Let’s Talk Social Media” Parent Workshop @ G.W. Smith School 7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, May 7 and Tuesday 8-** Earth Playdays during Phys. Ed.
- **Tuesday, May 8 -** Parent Council Meeting @ 7:00
- **Wednesday, May 9-** Hot Lunch- Pizza Box
- **Friday, May 11-** Grade One Mother’s Day Celebration- Grade 1- 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 16 -** Go Girl/Grow Boy (all day)
-Pick up Flowers from Fundraiser from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at BW
- **Friday, May 18-**No School- Staff Lieu Day
- **Monday, May 21-** No School- Victoria Day
- **Wednesday, May 23-** Hot Lunch- Pita Pit
- **Thursday, May 24-** Spring Fling and Family BBQ 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, May 25-** Assembly- 1:15 p.m.

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. One area that we focus on at EBWS is on the development of STEM skills in our students (Science, Engineering, Technology & Mth). Students at our school are accessing technology every day in ways that support learning and develop important STEM skills. One great project from this year was the “Coding Quest” program that our grade 5 students just completed. The students actually created their own video games using computer code. All of our grade 5 students then got the opportunity to present their games at first ever Central Alberta Innovation Day at Red Deer College. What a great experience for our students and the faculty at RDC were impressed with the STEM skills our students already possess.

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 24. There will be a DJ, a hot dog bbq 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

Deadline to register for September transit is



June 15th. Payment must accompany application (for ineligible riders - see Red Deer Public School

District Transportation site for details).

<http://www.rdpsd.ab.ca/Student%20Transportation.php>

"Let's Talk Social Media" Parent Workshop



Please join us for a "Let's Talk Social Media" Parent Workshop, presented by Jo (s) Social

Media and co-sponsored by EBWS Parent Council. This will be an informative and interactive evening for parents to discuss social media safety, digital citizenship, etiquette and very importantly, starting a social media conversation with your kids. Learn what "safe" looks like in a social world and how to guide your kids, and yourselves, in a positive manner.

Location: G.W. Smith School (17 Springfield Ave. Red Deer)

Date: May 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm with a Question and Answer period afterward



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 2, when our students and staff will participate in the province wide "Hats on for Mental Health Day" to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health and the importance of removing stigma associated with mental illness. 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.

You can learn more about Mental Health Week by going to

<https://mentalhealthweek.ca/>



Pizza Lunch

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 Wednesday, May 2nd. Joshua Moon, Xavier West, Zoe Hoang, Everett Marcotte, Amelia Colton, Quin Hayden, Olivia Zacharias, Marcus Kromm, Lily Worsfold, Hrsh Nain, Lukhas Berrigan and Caitlyn Green 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, digital citizenship and on celebrating the great job students have been doing demonstrating the Wilson Way's this year.

Look Who's Been Sent to the Office to show their excellent work!



Congratulations to:
Sawyer Bower, Danni Cooper, Owen Foley, Umar Khamidullaev, Ayden Green, Everik Harach, Charles McLeod,

Rylee Zicker, Madalina Coipan, Isla Dow, Addison Spencer, Nova Kulczycki, Aria Nygaard, Olivia Park, Creedin Tarney, Ayaan Vadbheru, Cohen Cochrane and Jackson Christie!



New System for Text Reminds: EBWS is moving to a new system called School Messenger for sending text alerts & will be discontinuing

Remind as of March 1st. You can sign up by texting "Y" to 978338.



**News from Parent Council:
Spring Fling-**

The Spring Fling will be Thursday, May 24 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 a family barbecue to raise money for the new school playground.

Flower Basket Fundraiser

Anyone who has ordered flowers can pick up their purchases from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on May 16th. All flowers **MUST** be picked up on May 16th.

Earth Play for Earth Day- On Monday, May 7th and Tuesday, May 8th,



BW will be having Earth playdays during Phys. Ed. This is a project to build resilience, spark creativity and inspire

leadership. Earth Day Canada believes outdoor play is the foundation of environmental education and action. The focus is to put self-directed outdoor play back into the lives of children as a natural part of their day-to-day lives by addressing play provision in schools, parks, streets and community green spaces. For more information, check out this website:

<https://earthday.ca/earthplay/>



Kindergarten Registration-
Kindergarten registration for 2018-2019

continues. This year

we offer the choice of morning or afternoon French Immersion Kindergarten, a full day every other day English Kindergarten and a morning or afternoon Kindergarten in our English Program. All students who turn 5 before December 31,

2018 are eligible. 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.

Math Corner-



Check out this article [Don't Call Kids Smart 100 Percent is Overrated](#) by

James Hamblin. He states: "People labeled "smart" at a young age don't deal well with being wrong. Life grows stagnant." He quotes Jo Boaler, Stanford Math Professor, "So ending the reign of the S word, as Boaler calls it, is a grand mission. It's imperative that we don't praise kids by telling them they're smart. You can tell kids that they've done something fantastic, but don't label them as smart."



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Playground Update

Thank you to everyone for supporting the McHappy Days at McDonald's and thank you to MacDonal'd's for supporting our new playground. The final



total is not in yet but it was extremely successful. We are continuing to raise funds for our new accessible playground project. We are still on track with our goal of having the new playground installed next year. We continue to sell hearts for \$1.00. The students have successfully earned an extra recess and have almost reached the second level where a lucky student from each class will get to teach. We are only about \$1200.00 away from reaching the goal of having Mr. Good sleep on the roof.



**News from the Library:
Innovation Lab
Wednesdays, May 2**
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!

May the 4th Be With You

Timberlands Library

Friday, May 4

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

All ages

Meet a life-sized R2D2! Star Wars costumes welcomed and encouraged! R2D2 photo op available. Donations to Ronald McDonald House are welcomed.

Red Deer Public Library's TD Summer Reading Club

Join Canada's biggest summer reading club for three to 11-year-olds and their families! Free programs all summer long, prizes for reading, and more!

June 16: Registration begins at all branches.

June 23: Kick-off party at the Downtown Branch.

Community News- Wondering what is going on in the community? Check out our [Barrie Wilson Website](#). Click on Students and Parents and then look under General Information to find Community Events.