

Upcoming Events:

- **September 12:** Parent Council Meeting -6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, September 15:** Staff Learning Day- No school for students
- **Tuesday, September 19:** Dawe Run 10:30 a.m.
- **Monday, September 25:** Picture Day 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 26:** Alternate Date for Dawe Run
- **Thursday, September 28:** Terry Fox Run 2:00 p.m.
- **Friday, September 29:** Orange Shirt Day
- **Thursday, October 5:** Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. No School for Students
- **Friday, October 6:** No School

Principal's Message:

Welcome back to another exciting year at Barrie Wilson. Our school is a vibrant and diverse elementary school and our school population has really grown this year to just under 450 students. EBWS is a great place to teach and learn, we want children to do well and we expect that they will. We strive to create a successful learning environment for all students with a strong emphasis on teamwork among parents, students and staff. I am looking forward to being back at EBWS this year as Principal. I know that this is going to be an exciting year filled with knowledge, discovery and fun.

This year is a year of change here at EBWS, we are so happy to welcome all of our new students, many came over from Grandview Elementary. We have students who have moved to our school from all over

the city, right across Canada and some even came from different parts of the world. Please help us welcome some new staff to our school this year. We would like to welcome Ms. Lindsay MacPhee, Mrs. Janis Smith, Mr. Joel Cochrane, Mrs. Cheryl Billyard and Mme. Diane Dufresne to our school staff this year. In addition to new staff and students we have many changes at the school. We will not have paid lunch supervision program this year. Parents will not have to pay lunch fees as school staff will be providing extra supervision during the lunch eating time and recess. We are also in the process of creating a school song and building a new school playground. Please consider getting involved as a school volunteer. Research indicates a high correlation between student success in school and parents who assist at the school when possible.

Our school newsletter, will be sent out online the first Wednesday of every month during the school year. We will also post school information and events on our school app, Remind 101, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and on our school and teacher websites. I have enjoyed welcoming our students and families back to school the past week. I hope to see many of you at school events throughout the year.

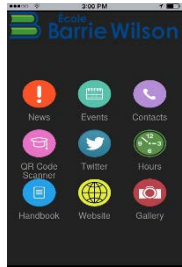
Chris Good, Principal



Parent Council - The first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday September 12 at 6:30 pm in the school gathering area. The first meeting will include elections for this year's executive and a dessert night.

BWN

Did you know that EBWS has our very own TV station? Barrie Wilson News (BWN) broadcasts live every morning from our school TV studio. You can see some examples of our recent features by clicking on the BWN tab on the left of our homepage. So far this year we have interviewed the new staff to Barrie Wilson this year.



School APP

EBWS has a school APP which is another great way to stay on top of school information and events. It is available for both Mac and

Android devices.

Social Media

Our school is very active on social media. EBWS has a Twitter, Facebook and Instagram account. Please follow as we share pictures and posts about various school events.

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

Staff Learning Days

On August 24th and 25th, the EBWS staff had the opportunity to spend two days in some great staff learning sessions. The staff focused the professional learning around Project Based Learning, literacy, numeracy, technology, and on Positive Behavior Intervention and Support.

Pick up and Drop off Guidelines



Please remember to follow the rules of the road when picking up or dropping off your children at school. A few other general guidelines:

1. Please stay out of the bus zone during bus times: 8:40-8:55 a.m. and 3:00- 3:35 p.m. Once the busses leave we remove the bus only sign and parents are welcome to use the bus lane as a **drop off point**. There is no parking in the bus lane.
2. We are an Idle Free school, please refrain from idling your vehicle.
3. Try to arrange a meeting area slightly away from the school when picking up older children. Timberlands Drive on the north side of the school is a great pick up and drop off point and it usually not very busy.

Tim Horton's Smile Cookie



The Tim Horton's Smile Cookie is back. This will be running September 11-17 to support the Reading College Program.

News from the Lunch Program

Volunteers Needed: The Ecole Barrie Wilson Lunch Program is in need of regular full and half time volunteer supervisors. If you have an hour (12:15- 1:15) during the day and enjoy being with and helping children, this would be a great position for you. This is an unpaid position. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Pam Liptak-Lunchroom Coordinator at 403-252-8829 or talk to Sharon Anderson in the office.



Milk Sales:

We will start selling milk next week, September 11th. There is both white and chocolate. Milk is \$1 each or a milk card is available for \$10 for ten.

Wilson Ways

Wilson Ways - Our students have been reviewing our three Wilson Ways of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. Beginning on September 18, we will be hosting a weekly B3 lesson where we discuss and demonstrate what the Wilson Ways are all about with students. We will also be hosting Wilson Way's Pizza Lunches at the end of each month with students whose names are drawn to celebrate their great work.

Parent/School Volunteers

We appreciate all parents who are willing to come in and help volunteer at the school throughout the year. A reminder that, as per RDPSD policy, all adults who are new volunteers to the school must complete a volunteer application form and provide the school with a Criminal Record Check. Criminal Record checks are good for 5 years. Packages are available at the school office.

School Board Elections



Nomination deadline is September 18th for school board trustee. For more information, please go to our school district website.

New Playground Update - Barrie Wilson is currently raising funds for a new playground. Our new playground will feature a fitness & nature theme and will be accessible to all students. Our first big playground fundraiser will take place on October 26 and will be done in conjunction with the Red Deer College Queens Hockey game. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting event.

Terry Fox Run- Our school run will be on Thursday, September 28th. Students are asked to bring a "toonie for Terry" to help fight cancer. Toonies



for Terry is an initiative to keep Terry's memory alive and allow everyone to participate in this amazing legacy. As 84% of each dollar raised goes directly to cancer research, every little bit helps.

Terry Fox often said that it was the youth who would carry forth his efforts and work towards a world without cancer. Millions of students across Canada take part in the Terry Fox National School Run Day every year raising funds for cancer research, making it one of the largest fundraising events in Canadian history and one of the largest displays of solidarity this planet has ever seen!