

Bandit Bulletin
September, 2018 News



Upcoming Events:

- **Friday, September 14:** Staff Learning Day- No school for students
- **Monday, September 17:** Parent Council Meeting -7:00 pm
-Earth Rangers Assembly 1:15 pm
- **Tuesday, September 18:** Dawe Run 10:30
- **Wednesday, September 19 :** School Photos K-2
- **Tuesday, September 20:** School Photos Grades 3-5
- **Tuesday, September 25:** Alternate Date for Dawe Run
- **Thursday, September 27:** Terry Fox Run & Assembly 2:15 pm
- **Friday, September 28:** Orange Shirt Day
- **Thursday, October 4:** Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
-No School for Students
- **Friday, October 5:** No School- Staff Learning Day

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 over 475 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.

There are not a lot of staff changes this year at Barrie Wilson. We have only one new teacher, Ms. Randi Cumberford will be teaching grade 3. We also have only one new support staff member, Mrs. Kim Bakker will be working in grade 4.

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. We have a lot of opportunities for parents to be involved, a great idea is to check with your child's teacher about how you can help out or attend a parent council meeting.

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, via text message, facebook, twitter, Instagram and on our school and teacher websites. I have enjoyed welcoming our students and families back to school this week. I hope to see many of you at school events throughout the year, it is going to be the BEST year ever!

Chris Good, Principal



School Photos-

School Photos will be taking place over two days. K-2 will be on Wednesday,

September 19th and Grades 3-5 will take place on Thursday, September 20th.



Playground News - A HUGE thank you to our school MLA Kim Schreiner who delivered our CFEF grant for \$125,000 at our assembly today. This is grant will go towards the construction of our new

playground which is on track to take place in the spring. Our new playground will feature a fitness & nature theme and will be accessible to all students.

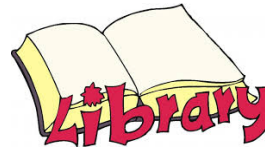


The Kids' Conservation Organization

Earth Rangers Presentation - We are very fortunate to have the "Earth Rangers" visiting our school on Monday, September 17th at 1:15 pm. This presentation is being sponsored by Nova Chemicals and we are grateful to have the opportunity to host the Earth Rangers this year. Earth Rangers is the kids' conservation organization, dedicated to educating children and their families about biodiversity, inspiring them to adopt sustainable behaviours, and empowering them to become directly involved in protecting animals and their habitats. Click on this website to find out more about them:

<http://www.earthrangers.org/>

Notes from the Library:



Library Visits

Students will begin borrowing library books the week of September 17.

Please remember to send books back with your children each week so that they can borrow new ones! Also, please be sure to keep library books separate from food and water bottles in students' backpacks. Tip: placing library books in a ziplock bag will help keep them safe from spills! And remember, your school library is also a branch of Red Deer Public Library! Stop by to sign up for public library cards and to check out the awesome (free!) programs that we offer.



Parent Council - The first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm in the school gathering area. The first meeting will include elections for this year's executive.

Terry Fox Run- Our school run will be on Thursday, September

27th. 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!



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.
4. Please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid parking in front of driveways or garages around the school.

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 403-352-8829 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.



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.



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.



Smile Cookie

making a difference starts with a smile :)

Wilson Ways - Our students have been reviewing our three Wilson Ways of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. Beginning on September 24, 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.

Staff Learning Days - On August 30th and 31st, 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.

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.

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

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

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.