

Bandit Bulletin
September, 2019 News



Upcoming Events:

- **September 4:** Welcome Assembly 9:15
- **Monday, September 16:** Parent Council Meeting -7:00 pm
- **Tuesday, September 24:** Dawe Run 10:30
- **Wednesday, September 18:** School Photos K-2
- **Thursday, September 19:** School Photos Grades 3-5
- **Friday, September 20:** No School, Staff Learning Day
- **Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 & 26:** Artist Visit- Georgia Graham
- **Monday, September 30:** Orange Shirt Day
- **Tuesday, October 1 :** Alternate Date for Dawe Run
- **Wednesday, October 9:** Terry Fox - Assembly @ 2:20, run to follow
- **Thursday, October 10:** No School for Students
-Parent Teacher Conferences
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- **Friday, October 11:** No School- Staff Learning Day

Principal's Message

Welcome back to another school year here at Ecole Barrie Wilson School. September is always an exciting time for students, parents and staff as we come back to school and establish new routines. Our school has grown quite a bit over the last few years and as of today we have 549 students registered. This makes us the biggest elementary school in Red Deer and the fifth biggest school in Red Deer Public overall. All of that growth means many new students and families, if you are new to our school please consider becoming involved in the school this year. One of the best ways to do this is by joining our Parent Council, their first meeting is on Monday September 16 at 7 pm and all parents are welcome to attend. We have a very active parent community at our school and we look forward to getting to know you and your family at one of our many school events.

We have many special events planned this school year, including a visit from author and artist Georgia Graham near the end of September. This year our school staff will continue to focus on four key areas: Literacy, Numeracy, Student Wellness and the use of technology to support learning. The entire school staff is looking forward to working with all students and their families for another year of learning, fun and growth.

Chris Good, Principal



School Photos will be taking place over two days. 1-2 and Wednesday K classes

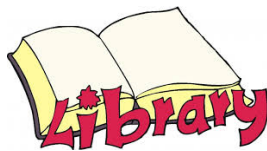
will be on Wednesday, September 18th and Grades 3-5 and Thursday K classes will take place on Thursday, September 19th.

Author/ Illustrator Visit.



Georgia Graham- We are excited to be having Georgia Graham at Barrie Wilson for two days on September 25th and 26th. She is an artist, illustrator and author of children's books. Georgia shows the students her illustrations and tells the stories

behind them. She explains the process of illustrating a children's book from the storyboard to the printing process. Georgia demonstrates many drawing techniques that she discovered while illustrating her books.



Notes from the Library: Students will begin borrowing library books the week of September 16.

Please remember to send books back with your children each week so 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. We're now open Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.! Stop by to sign up for public library cards and to check out the awesome (free!) programs that we offer.



The first Parent Council meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 pm in the school gathering area. The first meeting will include elections for this year's executive and a dessert night.

Terry Fox Run- Once again the Terry Fox Run returns to Red Deer! Note the following dates: Red Deer Community Run - Sunday, September 15, 2019
Barrie Wilson School Run- Wednesday, October 9- Assembly at 2:20, run to follow.



Toonies for Terry is an initiative to keep Terry's memory alive and to allow everyone to participate in this amazing legacy. It's easy; simply

give spare change and anyone can contribute to the fight against cancer. 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 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!

Orange Shirt Day

Please consider honoring the legacy of Phyllis by wearing an **Orange Shirt** on September 30th. By wearing an orange shirt you recognize the harm done to Residential **School** students, and

show a commitment to the principle that Every Child Matters. If you are interested in ordering à T-shirt click here: [Order Orange Shirt 2019](#)



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- 3:40 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.

Smile Cookie

making a difference starts with a smile :)



Tim Horton's Smile Cookie

The Tim Horton's Smile Cookie is back. This will be running September 16-20th to support the Red Deer Public Schools Reading College Program.

News from the Lunch Program



Milk Sales:

We will start selling milk next week, September 16th. There is both white and chocolate. Milk is \$1 each or a milk punch card is available for \$10.

VOLUNTEER



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.



Wilson Ways - Our students have been reviewing our three Wilson Ways of Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Resilient. Beginning on September 23, 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 29th and 30th, the EBWS staff had the opportunity to spend two days in some great staff learning sessions. The staff listened to Dr. Jody Carrington address her book "Kids These Days." She highlighted the importance of making good connections with kids.

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

School Messenger- Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages straight to your mobile phone with important information on student attendance, school events and other activities. For more information [click here](#).

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.