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Principal's Corner

We have certainly enjoyed a beautiful October with many sunny days and blue skies. However, cooler, grayer days are on the way. Please remind your children to dress warm!

October was a busy month at A.E.Perry. We began with our Walk to School. Thank you, parents, for encouraging your children to walk at least partway to school. We had fewer students participating this year, but will hopefully see that number increase next year!

Our 'Come Read with Me' session for parents was well received and many parents of grade one students attended. October culminated with our first Young People's Concert of the year featuring Story Theatre's Fables, Fools and Fantasy. The day continued with costumes, parades, a dance and Hallowe'en activities as always. How nice to have Hallowe'en fall on a Friday this year!

We have added some new staff members since the last newsletter. Mrs. Fell, one

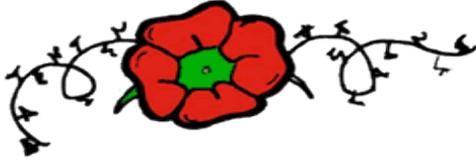
of our Kindergarten teachers is now on maternity leave after having a baby boy! **Ms. Campbell** has taken over the class for the year. Two new support teachers will be working with classroom teachers to provide extra support. **Mr. Hine** will be working with intermediate classes and **Mrs. Willie** will be in the primary classes. **Mrs. Boulter** is providing P.E. for two of our classes. Education Assistants have also been added. **Mrs. Goss, Mrs. Heighton, Ms. Walker** and **Ms. Rowand** are new support staff.

Things are crazy busy, but we are settling into our stride!

Mrs. Armstrong

Cold and Flu Season

The Cold and flu season is, unfortunately, upon us! We encourage parents to keep students home from school if they are ill. At school, we continue to follow the protocols of our District by encouraging students to wash their hands often, sneezing and coughing into their sleeves and ensuring guidelines are followed for disinfecting school surfaces. Don't forget to call the Safe Arrival line at 250-376-6248 to report an absence.



First Term Report Cards

Teachers are working with students to complete first term objectives in the next few weeks. Report cards will go home a little later than usual this year because of the late start. Look for them on December 12th. We will have an early closure before that for Parent Teacher Interviews on Dec. 4. Please contact your child's teacher directly to set up an appointment to discuss student progress for that date.



Remembrance Day Ceremony

Our Remembrance Day assembly will be held on Friday, November 7 at 10:30. This is an opportunity to remind our students and community of the sacrifices made by many Canadians during the World Wars and other conflicts since those times. As well, we recognize the efforts of Canadian soldiers who have been participants in many Peacekeeping exercises over the years. The focus we are working with is world peace. Parents and other members of our community are invited to attend this ceremony. We plan to be finished at about 11:00.

Book Fair

A.E.Perry will hold the Scholastic Bookfair November 12 and 13th. Come in and check it out. 8:30-3:15. Students will also have an

opportunity to look over the books during the two days. It is a great chance to purchase books for Christmas.

Volleyball

Thank you to Mr. Law and Mr. Virgo who have been coaching the Volleyball Teams. Both the boys and girls' teams have been practicing diligently and are enjoying their games at other schools.



Photo Retakes

The photographer from Lifetouch Photos will be here on November 19th for retakes and missed photos.

Parking

The staff parking lot is still being used as a drop off zone despite many reminders. It is a busy area in the morning with children walking in from all areas of the neighbourhood. **Please do not park or drop off** your child in the staff parking lot as it is dangerous to have so many cars coming in and out of that area in the morning.

Please drop off your child on Lethbridge Ave. as there is ample room and available space for the children to walk onto the school grounds. Please watch for the yellow lines designating bus zones and park in permitted areas only.



Up Coming Events:

- **Nov. 7 Remembrance Day Assembly**
- **Nov. 10 In-service Day**
- **Nov. 11 Schools Closed – Remembrance Day**
- **Nov. 19 Re-takes of school photos**
- **Nov. 19 Wednesday PAC meeting**

Parent Advisory Committee

PAC NEWS

New executive:

Chairperson: Angela

Vice-Chair: Bryce

Secretary: Taya

Treasurer: Lindsay

DPAC rep: Penny

SPC rep: Angela

November PAC Meeting

PAC continues to encourage parents to come out to PAC meetings. In an effort to get more people attending, we will be holding the next meeting in the morning on **Wednesday, November 19 at 8:45. Let's see if we have a larger turnout.**



Student Corner

by Jeyan

I am a salmon starting from the big ocean. A hungry shark is trying to eat me, but, I am hiding in the deep ocean. I'm terrified of the shark! The people on the boats are watching me, then getting me. I am full of fear!

By Harshan

I am an adult Salmon swimming in the ocean. I am going to Kamloops Lake. I see a silhouette - suddenly, it plunged at me! It was blocking sunlight. It was preparing to attack. It shot its claws at me. I swam away as fast as I could. I made it! Now I am laying my eggs. I am now dead.

By Sierra

I am already in the ocean. It took an amount of time to get there. I had to face a humongous shark and a hammer shark, too. It took a long time to get away from them. I had to hide in a teeny tiny cave. It was even hard for me to fit in it. After a few weeks I was fortunate that I did not bump into danger on my way back. I am in the streaming river, home again!.

Reasons to Read to Your Child



1. Holding your children close while you read is an expression of love.
2. You bring the magic of books to your children. You are the storyteller!
3. You show your children how important reading is by modeling. Children learn by watching you.
4. Books are a great way to talk about characters and their problems. You can laugh and cry together.
5. Reading to your children gives them a chance to hear a variety of new words. They are learning new words in a fun way.

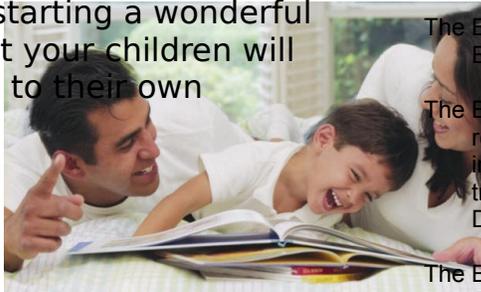
6. Books can help you pass on your values in an easy and comfortable way.

7. By reading books to your children, you can increase their listening skills. Their attention span will get longer. This will help them in school.

8. By reading to your children, you help them stretch their imagination and thinking. It gives children a chance to dream.

9. You are giving your children skills that will help them succeed in life.

10. You are starting a wonderful tradition that your children will want to give to their own children.



6. The Board adopted amended policy 912.2 Principals and Vice Principals: Process for Appointment.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 3, 2014, at Barriere Secondary, 4811 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, BC.

From the Board Meeting of: NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Principal Ken Rife introduced a student presentation on various student leadership activities undertaken at Barriere Secondary.

The Board enjoyed a presentation from Stacey Gartner, Chair, and Sandra LeFeuvre, Vice-Chair, from the Barriere Secondary Parent Advisory Council.

The Board received an updated 2014/2105 Enrollment Report.

The Board approved an out-of-province Field Trip request from Sa-Hali Secondary for students in the Digital Game Design Tech Academy to travel to Redmond, Washington, to visit the Digi Pen headquarters.

The Board approved the Interim Long Term Strategic Plan.

Board Notes

From the Board Meeting of: OCTOBER 20, 2014

1. The Board recognized Dr. Renee Spence, Administrator, First Nations Education Council, upon her impending retirement.
2. The Board enjoyed a presentation from Principal Carol Rimmer on the International Student Education Program.
3. The Board heard a presentation from Mr. Jason Hewlett from the Kamloops Employment Service Network's Open Door Group.
4. The Board approved the Learning Improvement Fund Spending Plan for 2014-2015.
5. The Board approved the Five Year Capital Plan Request for the 2014/2015 school year.

The next regular public Board Meeting will occur on Monday, November 17, 2014, at the School Board Office, 1383 – 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC.