

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE February NEWSLETTER

TOKORO STUDENTS VISIT BARRHEAD

The Barrhead & District Twinning Committee has informed us that students from our twin town in Japan will be visiting us March 11-19, 2011. If you as a family are willing to host, please contact Mrs Carol Lee at (780) 584-2323. Homes for three female students, two male students, and one female teacher are needed.

SURVEYS...SURVEYS... SURVEYS

Alberta Education is conducting their annual Accountability Surveys during the month of February. Parents of students in Grades 4, 7, and 10 will be surveyed. In addition, students in Grades 4, 7, and 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online in the school. All surveys are anonymous.

We strongly encourage your participation as the results help us identify our school's and jurisdiction's strengths and weaknesses. Survey results will be available to jurisdictions in May and will be reported publicly by jurisdictions as part of the Annual Education Results Reports in the fall of 2011.

GRADUATION

A point of information - all grade twelve students will be receiving a Grad Handbook which we hope will answer most questions parents and students might have regarding graduation. If you remember, students organize and present the afternoon graduation ceremony while the parents organize and present a social function that evening called "Celebration 2011". The Parent Grad Committee requires two Grade 11 parent representatives to assist with the organization of this year's celebration. If you are or know of someone interested in this position, please contact Anita Veldhuisen (780) 674-4819 or Terrie Tarasiuk (780) 674-6863.

BILINGUALISM

Bilingualism Rocks! The Alberta Tour - is a traveling production of bilingual entertainers sponsored by Canadian Parents for French (CPF). The aim of Bilingualism Rocks is to bring young Canadians together in cultural celebration of their common historical experiences, helping to build cross-linguistic ties among youth within communities that can be sustained well into the future.

Bilingualism Rocks School targets children by deepening their appreciation of the richness of French language and culture - specifically music and storytelling - with a touring production of a performance piece commissioned from the Alberta-based duo Trad'badour. This performance will be presented to the junior high school students on February 28 in the afternoon.

VALENTINE DANCE ROSES ARE RED...

A junior high Valentine dance will be held on Thursday, February 17th from 6:30 to 9:45 pm. This will be a Much Music video dance with a large screen and music videos displayed. The junior high French students travel club is using this dance as a fundraiser for their Quebec trip. * Note - It is school policy that students who do not attend school on the day of an extracurricular activity will not be eligible to participate in that event. It is our belief that if one has a physical/emotional situation that day and cannot report to work (school), then one should not benefit that day from an extracurricular event. It should also be noted that if the supervising teacher or parent suspects that a student is under the influence of an illegal substance, an investigation will occur and consequences will be levied.

GRADE NINE SKI TRIP

Just a reminder that Grade 9 students will be skiing at Misty Ridge on February 22. For some, this will be their first experience on snow skis. From March 6-8 a ski trip to Jasper is planned. We also want to remind grade nine students to complete their volunteer hours as soon as possible.

BAND NEWS

February is festival time for our school bands. The junior high concert band will travel to Calgary for a performance on February 23-24 and the senior high wind ensemble will perform in Calgary from February 28-March 2.

APPLES, ORANGES, GRAPEFRUIT... ANYONE?

The Barrhead School Band Boosters are again promoting the annual Fruit Fundraising Sale.....which is occurring from February 1 to February 14. MacIntosh, Spartan, Gala, and Golden Delicious apples, Naval oranges, and grapefruit are offered. The cost is \$50.00 for 40 lbs. and \$30.00 for 20 lbs. A band member will be honored to assist you with your order or call the school for a band member to contact you. All monies raised goes towards the support of the school band program. If you have any questions call Leah Pierunek (780) 674-8903 (chairperson) who would be happy to answer all your questions regarding the operation of the band boosters organization.

SPORTS

See the calendar for the dates of the basketball games and tournaments for the Jags and Gryphons. Come out and support our teams. The Senior Gryphons are hosting a tournament at BCHS on February 18-19.

SENIOR HIGH - SEMESTER ONE REPORT CARDS

Senior High semester one final report cards will be given to students during the first week of February. Junior High students will continue to be given progress reports throughout the school year. Remember that you can check attendance and a student's progress by logging onto PowerSchool. Senior High semester two begins February 1. Timetable changes must be finalized by February 4. BCHS offers a wide range and variety of courses. Each student should maximize their experience in high school by enrolling in as many of these courses as possible. Students will gain valuable life skills and have an impressive resume. Remember: students in Grades 10 and 11 cannot have spares and Grade 12 students should use their unassigned time for studying or assisting with various school projects.

KIDS AND DRUGS PROGRAM

The Kids and Drugs Program is a joint project of AHS-AADAC and the RCMP. It gives parents strategies to prevent their children from abusing alcohol and other drugs. In two sessions the following topics are covered: The power of parents, Talking with your kids, Helping your child make good decisions, and What parents need to know about drugs. This free program will be held in Barrhead on March 19 and 26, 2011.

9:00 am: Continental Breakfast

9:30 am - 12:30 pm: Information Session

Please pre-register by Friday, March 11 by calling AHS Addiction Services (780) 674-8239.


PARENT COUNCIL: WHERE HAVE WE BEEN AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

The next BCHS Parent Council meeting will be held on February 22 at 4:45 pm in the school library. Many important items will be discussed regarding the school. Please attend - parental input is needed. Call President, Sharon Miller, (780) 967-5876 (evenings) if you have comments or questions.

QUESTIONS - COMMENTS?

Please call the school if you have any questions regarding your child's progress or the operation of the school. You can join the Principal, Pauletta Renkema, and the Associate Principal, Karen Fischer, for a chat on school issues. Call (780) 674-8522. Check out the school website: www.barrheadcomposite.ca

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE FEBRUARY CALENDAR ... 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Band Fruit Sales Feb. 1 - 14 Semester II Begins 2 4	2 1 5	3 Jr Jags BB Host Jarvie & Neerlandia 2 6	4 Sr. Gryphon BB @ Spruce Grove Sr. Jags BB @ Grande Prairie Tournament Sr JV Gryphon BB @ Morinville 1 1	5 COOL Camp Leader Training	6 COOL Camp Leader Training
7 2 2	Sr Gryphon BB Game @ Athabasca Sr Jags BB @ RF Staples-Westlock 1 3	8 2 4	9 TEACHER'S CONVENTION (NO SCHOOL)	10 Sr. Gryphon (Boys) BB @ Strathmore	11	12
Sr Jags BB Hoops for Heart Fundraiser 1 5	14 2 6	15 1 1	16 Jr Jags BB @ Fort Assiniboine 2 2	17 Sr Gryphon BB Invitational Tournament Sr Jags BB @ Mayerthorpe Tournament Sr JV Gryphon BB @ Edson 1 3	18	19
FAMILY DAY NO SCHOOL 21	Gr 9 Students Skiing @ Misty Ridge Parent Council Meeting @ BCHS Library, 4:45 pm 2 4	Early Dismissal 23 1 5	Jr Jags BB Host Fawcett & Neerlandia 24 2 6	Sr Jags BB Game @ Athabasca 25 1 1	Jr Jags BB @ Whitecourt Tournament 26	27
Sr High Wind Ensemble at Band Festival in Calgary 2 2		Jr High Concert Band at Band Festival in Calgary		Sr Gryphon BB in Devon		