

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE February NEWSLETTER

Surveys... Surveys...

Alberta Education is conducting their annual Accountability Surveys from January to the end of February 2010. Parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive a survey mailed directly to their homes. On February 16th, students in grades 7 and 10 and teachers will complete the survey online in room 33.

PHRD is also conducting its survey of parents, students and staff. Students and staff will complete the survey online at school during the week of February 16th. Parents will be contacted by telephone.

All surveys are anonymous and no reports will be issued if the number of respondents is less than six to further protect the privacy of the respondents. Respondents are expected to answer the questions based upon the experiences they have had at their school. We encourage you to participate in the surveys as the results help us to identify our school's and jurisdiction's strengths and weaknesses. Survey results will be available in May and will be reported publicly by jurisdiction as part of the Annual Education Results Reports.

It's in the mail – Report Cards

Senior High: The first semester has ended. A semester one final report card will be mailed to parents on February 3. The second semester begins on February 1. Students must complete timetable changes by February 3.

Junior High: The mid term report card will be mailed to parents on February 19th.

Included in the report cards will be the parent and student PowerSchool password to access the student's mark details and attendance.

Keep in mind: At BCHS, the teachers prefer to call or meet with you when there is a concern. In addition to these contacts, the school has scheduled Student-Parent -Teacher Interviews for junior and senior high school students. These interviews will be held on March 16th and 17th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Please call the school office (780-674-8522) for an interview appointment.

From the Counselling Department COOL CAMP

Each year we organize a workshop called "It's Cool To Know Your Way In A Relationship". This program is based on abstinence being the best choice for teens. Students discuss topics such as assertiveness training, self esteem, social influences and peer pressures. They learn how to say NO and learn how to improve family communication. Trained high school teen leaders act as role models while leading activities. This program has been successfully presented for the past 13 years and we plan to continue the program as part of the grade 8 Health curriculum. This is a community project with many volunteers from community agencies participating. Two sessions of COOL Camp are held at Camp Nakamun in February for the grade 8 students. Students from Swan Hills and Fort Assiniboine will be joining our students on either February 1 & 2 or February 8 & 9.

School Band – Fruit Sales: Apples, Oranges...

Support our school bands. The annual fruit sales begin February 1. Band members will have the order forms and Band Booster members will assist you with your orders. If you wish to order and have not been contacted by a band member please call the school. The funds raised help support the band trips throughout the school year. (An apple a day keeps...)

Yellow Ribbon

The Yellow Ribbon campaign is sponsored by the Suicide Prevention Committee. On February 23, the guest speaker will be Barbara Lamoureux. She will be speaking to senior high students at 10:30 am and to junior high students at 1:30 pm in the gymnasium. Parents and community members are welcome to attend. Please contact Mrs. Ladan (780-674-8522) if you have questions about this program.

University of Alberta

U of A Chancellor Linda Hughes will meet with Barrhead residents and future U of A students on February 8th at the Senior Citizens Drop In Center in a pilot session hosted by the Rotary Club. The Chancellor will speak about the goals of the university and hear from our students and community members about how the university can meet their needs. Two graduates of BCHS will accompany Ms. Hughes. Wade Koberstein and Jaron Van Dijken will speak about their experiences at BCHS and their transition to the University of Alberta. Barrhead Mayor Brian Schulz was very involved in the selection of Barrhead for this project. He has extended an invitation to our students and staff to attend.

Graduation...

All grade 12 students will be receiving a grad handbook which we hope will answer most questions parents and students may have regarding graduation. Students organize and present the graduation ceremony and parents organize and present a social function called "Celebrations". The Students' Graduation Council will be elected in early February.

Grade Nine Ski Trip

The grade nine students will be going to Tawatinaw to ski on February 25th. For some this will be their first experience on snow skis. This is in preparation for the ski trip to Jasper on March 7, 8 & 9th. The field trip forms will be sent home soon.

Who Dun It? Murder Mystery: Mayhem and Murder at BCHS

What a fun time! There will be an interactive play with junior high students and staff. Junior high staff will be dressed in costumes and portraying characters. Throughout the day watch the staff dwindle in numbers. The junior high students are invited to participate in the solving of this thrilling murder mystery on February 12. (No students or staff will be harmed in the making of this murder mystery.) (There may even be an Amazing Race in March)

French Exchange with Quebec

The grade 9 French students thank you for your support of their exchange program. Degelis' students are arriving March 6 and will stay until March 13th with their host family. Our students will travel to Quebec on April 21 to May 1. Contact Ms. deChamplain or Mrs. Bessette for further information.

Math Tutoring

Contact our school student services department if your child requires Math tutoring after school. Also, Mrs. Bessette (room 51) has junior high Math tutoring on Wednesdays; Mr. Tansowny (room 60) has junior and senior high Math tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays-both are until 5:00 pm.

Will you be my Valentine? Dances and Activities

Junior High Valentine Dance: MUCH Music Video Dance! The Jr High French Travel Club will be hosting a Video Dance on February 12 - 6:30 - 10:30 pm. In addition to the huge screens there will be contests and prizes throughout the evening. Cost: \$10. Wear Red or Pink and receive an entry into a draw for a door prize. Dress semi formal or formal. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Senior High Valentine Dance: The Senior High Students' Leadership Group will be hosting a dance on February 11 - 6:30 - 10:30 pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Parent Volunteers are needed to chaperone at the dances. Please call the school.

The Junior High Spirit Group and the Senior High Leadership Group will also be sponsoring various Valentine activities such as a matchmaker profile and "get crushed".

Yearbooks from Years Ago

We are cleaning our cupboards and storage places and have found yearbooks from past years. These will be available for you this month. Call or visit Trudy Gammel at the school to see if she has the yearbook that you may want.

Spring Sports – Where is the Birdie?

Basketball will be ending in March. Please support and attend our Jr High Jaguar games /tournaments and the Sr High Gryphon games/tournaments. See the calendar for tournament dates. Jr. Jags home games are on Feb. 18 & 25.

Badminton season will begin later in March. In the junior high school, students are asked to tryout for the school team according to a schedule organized by the coaches. Competition at this level is based upon the grade the students are registered in. Senior high school badminton tryouts begin as well at the beginning of March. Competitions are based upon the student's age rather than their grade. Further information will be available in the March Newsletter.

Parent Council... Fundraising

The BCHS parent council meeting will take place February 23 at 4:45 in the library. The discussion will involve:

A short discussion on the extra curricular options available for junior high students. Should the parent council get involved in a fundraising project such as working at a casino?

The cellphone issue will be discussed at the March meeting. Please join us...we need you!

Questions or Comments?

If you have questions or comments regarding your child or the operation of the school—please call or drop in for a visit. You can join the Principal, Pauletta Renkema, and the Associate Principal, Karen Fischer, for a chat on school issues.

Just give us a call. School Phone Number: 780-674-8522. Check the school website and the PowerSchool website.



Check out the school website:

www.barrheadcomposite.ca

BARRHEAD COMPOSITE FEBRUARY CALENDAR ... 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Sr High Semester II Begins Cool Camp Gr. 8	2 9-3 Party Program	3	4	5	6	7
2	1	2	TEACHER'S CONVENTION			
2	3	4				
8 Cool Camp Gr. 8	9	10	11 Sr. High Valentine Dance 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.	12 Jr. High Valentine Much Music Video Dance Hosted by Jr. French Travel Club	13 Feb 12/13 Sr. Jags BB Tournament @ Gibbons Jr. Gryphons BB - Boys @ Edmonton and Sr. Gryphons BB @ St. Thomas Aquinas	14
1	2	1	2	1	3	
15 FAMILY DAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
	2	1	2	JR GRYPHONS BB – GIRLS @ ATHABASCA AND SR. GRYPHONS BB @ DEVON		
	4	5	6	1	1	
22	23 Yellow Ribbon Guest Speaker PAC Meeting @ BCHS Library 4:45 p.m.	24 Early Dismissal	25 Gr. 9 Ski Trip to Tawatinaw Sr. Travel Club Itinerary – Meeting & Supper @ 4:30 p.m. – Room 32	26 Sr. Gryphon BB Invitational	27	28
2	1	2	1	2	6	
	BAND FRUIT SALES BEGIN FEBRUARY 1 AND END FEBRUARY 22		FEB. 12 – LAST DAY TO SUBMIT ORDER FORMS FOR BCHS GRAD PORTRAITS		FEB. 20 – JR. JAGS TEAMS 1 & 2 BB TOURNAMENT @ PERCY BAXTER – WHITECOURT	
				FEB. 26/27 – SR. JAGS BB TOURNAMENT @ ST. JOE'S – WHITECOURT		