

Barrie Elementary School Newsletter



October | 2023

Principal Welcome

Happy October!

I want to extend a warm welcome to our new Barrie families, as well as a welcome back to our returning Barrie Broncos. It has been so nice getting to know many of you over the last month as we partner together to provide the best possible educational experience for your child(ren).

The beginning of the school year brings a mix of emotions, for both students and families. Those feelings and emotions your child(ren) and you have been experiencing are likely still ebbing and flowing with each new day. Rest assured, the Barrie staff is excited to be able to connect with you as we cherish the opportunity to build and sustain positive relationships, share successes, and celebrate with you and your child(ren) each and every day. I (as well as the Barrie staff) will continue to communicate throughout the school year as we prioritize teaching and learning.

In conclusion, I look forward to working closely with you and your child(ren) this school year.

As always, thank you for the continued commitment and support!

Warmly,



Justin Stewart

Barrie Elementary School Principal
School District of Fort Atkinson



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EVENTS

October 2nd | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

October 4th | 5th Grade Treat Day | PTO Sponsored

October 6th | Barrie Spirit Day

October 18th | Picture Retake Day

October 23rd | 5th Grade Band Parent Night @ 6 pm

October 24th | Fall Family Fun Night

October 24th | FASD Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm

October 25th | Fall Celebrations and Parade

Looking Ahead

November 1st | 4th Grade Treat Day | PTO Sponsored

November 3rd | Barrie Spirit Day

November 6th-10th | Book Fair

November 7th | Parent / Teacher Conferences

November 9th | Parent / Teacher Conferences

November 13th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

November 16th | FASD Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm



Ongoing Reminders

- School begins at 7:55 AM and ends at 3:05 PM
- Drop off and pick-up should be done in the back circle drive.
- Please call Barrie at 920.563.7817 to report your child's absence. Leave a message with your name, your child's name, and the reason for the absence.

Handy Links

[Barrie Website](#) - News Updated Regularly

[District Home Page](#) - District News

[School Nutrition Page](#) - School Breakfast/Lunch Menus

Early Release Days

1:30 PM Dismissal

10/16/23
11/13/23
1/29/24
2/19/24
3/11/24
4/15/24
5/13/24

Vacation Dates

10/26/23 | No Classes - Records Day
10/27/23 | No School - Fall Break
11/22/23 - 11/24/23 | No School - Thanksgiving Break
12/22/23 - 1/1/24 | No School - Winter Break
1/19/24 | No Classes - Records Day
3/22/24 | No Classes - Records Day
3/25/24 - 3/29/24 | No School - Spring Break
5/27/24 | No School - Memorial Day



2023-2024 PTO Officers

Co-Presidents | Ashley Barr and April Van Etten

Vice President | Marjorie Robertson

Secretary | Megan Brand

Treasurer | Cody Miller and Jeremy Busse

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 in
the Barrie IMC.

Check out the Barrie PTO
Facebook page for the evening's
agenda.

Dinner Night Out

Wednesday, October 11th

Salamone's Italian Pizzeria
Carryout or Delivery ONLY
4pm-9pm

10% of Sales Will Be Donated to Barrie PTO

Family Fun Night

Join us October 24th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm for the Barrie Fall Fest!

Come enjoy games, goodies, and pizza!

This is a great opportunity to meet your students friends and
families.

We look forward to seeing you there!



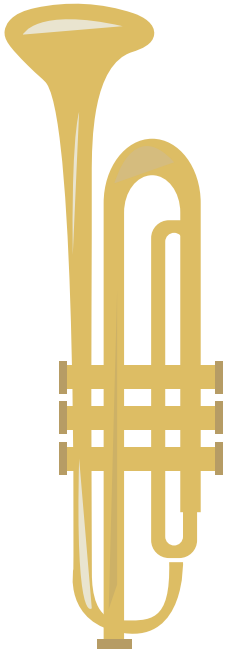
Band News

5th grade BAND has begun!

Lessons started the first week of October and the students are making beautiful music!

You are ALL INVITED to attend the Parent Band Night on **Monday, October 23rd, 6:00 pm** at the **HIGH SCHOOL**. It will be their first opportunity to come together with all of the 5th graders in the district! Come and listen to what your child has been learning!

Contact Mrs. Haffelder at haffeldera@fortschools.org or 563-7828 ext. 6101 with any questions.



Orchestra News

5th Grade Orchestra is well underway!

Please continue to bring your instrument every week, turn in a practice log, and keep on working hard at home!

Thank you to those of you that attended the
Orchestra Parent Night!

Reminder: The Just Coffee fundraiser will be coming your way soon. Please stay tuned!



Believe it or not, Christmas music can already be heard in the basement at Barrie! That's because all our students have already begun preparing for our Winter Sing! It's on December 12th at the Fort Atkinson High School auditorium. There will be four shows that day. At 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm will be our Kinders, 1st and 2nd graders singing "How the Penguins saved Christmas!" At 1:30 and 7:00 pm will be the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders singing "Jingle Bell Jukebox". Families are welcome to come at no charge and enjoy it all!

I've been directing the students to [Mrs. Berg's Music Fun](#) and to my [website's winter sing page](#) where all the music and lyrics have been posted. Since we only see our classes about once a week this year, students may want to spend time outside of class getting ready to sing these songs their best. Especially, if you have kiddos who would love to be a featured singer on the microphone, you can help them practice at home to be the best prepared when the time comes to make those selections.

If you like, you can check out the [about me](#) page where you can learn more about me, since I am now to all of you here at Barrie. There is an honor choir page on the site as well that has not been updated since last year. We are working on putting choirs together after the holidays at all the elementary buildings. Stay tuned for more about that.

Looking forward to more MERRY music making with your students!





Our 4th and 5th grade students received their own sketchbooks for art class in which they'll be planning out many of their projects and learning about critiquing artwork! Our first big project is learning some contemporary street art styles to "tag" our sketchbooks! Then we'll begin working on our first acrylic painting!



Our 2nd and 3rd grade students will be starting their abstract self-portraits next week using a variety of media, including crayon, liquid watercolor, photography, words, and oil pastel! There may be a break in between for some Principal's Pick of the Season Fun!



Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students will continue their work with color with some very autumn appropriate art and some sugar skull sculpture for the Principal's Pick of the Season!





Students in PE just finished their team building and trust unit and their throwing and catching unit.

In October, our 4th and 5th grade students will be participating in an archery unit. Our K-3rd grade students will be participating in a parachute unit and finishing up their throwing and catching games.





2023 - 2024 Safety Patrollers

- Reid Miller
- Ethan Miller
- Esme Bastien
- Seth Crossman
- Charlie Carl
- Erin Vosburgh
- Briggs Luedtke
- Dixie Mulderink
- Jordan Acosta
- Jackson Weiler
- Terry Parish
- Brooke Steindorf
- Paysen Allie
- Harmony Kirkland
- Alondra Rivera Zuniga
- Pyper Gefvert
- Alonso Zamora Gomez
- Aspen Thiede
- Julia Turrittin-Johnson
- Xavier Becerra-Espinoza
- Lucas Kienbaum
- Braquel Hunsicker
- Hattie Golson
- Mallory Fast
- Elena Fellin
- Harrison Scheibel
- Lilla McDonald
- Charlie Cheek
- Meara Kelly
- Paizley Stouffer
- Cassie Smith
- Delaney Riddell
- Emma McKee
- Hunter Schickowski
- Roger Fajardo Reyes

We are off to a great start of the new Safety Patrollers this year! They are doing a great job being on their corners on time and crossing our Broncos safely. Our Safety Patrollers are out on their corners crossing our Barrie Broncos in all weather conditions: sun, rain, snow, sleet and when it is cold out. Our Safety Patrol Captains this year are Delaney Riddell and Briggs Luedtke and our Safety Patrol Lieutenants are Esme Bastien and Mallory Fast. Keep up the great work 5th grade Safety Patrollers!

September Patrollers-of-the-Month: Briggs Luedtke & Delaney Riddell

October Patrollers-of-the-Month: Esme Bastine & Mallory Fast



This month student council will start up! Representatives will meet and talk about goals for the year and how they can support Barrie School. You will get to meet some of your student council members at our Fall Family Fun Night where they will help support our PTO!

Barrie Elementary

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Young | 1st Quarter 2023

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Topics in Guidance Class

Role of the School Counselor
Social & Emotional Learning
Empathy
Setting Goals

Visit the
Elementary Pupil
Services website
here! 

Learn More Here

[Online Feelings Games](#) (PBS Kids)

[How Children Develop Empathy](#)
(Psychology Today)

["The importance of showing empathy to kids who learn and think differently"](#)
(understood.org)

[25 Best Empathy Activities for Kids](#)
(mentalhelathcenterkids.com)



All about EMPATHY

This school year will be all about building empathy at Barrie Elementary! But what is empathy? Some may confuse empathy and sympathy because they are closely related. Having sympathy is more about feeling sorry for someone or simply acknowledging the pain or suffering someone is going through. Empathy, on the other hand, goes deeper. It's about understanding and sharing in the feelings of others and requires a more heartfelt and compassionate response. Empathy fosters deeper connections and understanding of other's emotions.

Benefits of Building Empathy in Children

1

Social Development

It helps children understand and relate to the emotions and experiences of others. This ability to connect with people on an emotional level is essential for building positive relationships, making friends, and resolving conflicts peacefully.

They can understand the perspectives of others and find compromises or solutions that take everyone's feelings into account. This reduces aggression and promotes healthier interactions.

Conflict Resolution

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3

Bullying Prevention

When children can empathize with the feelings of others, they are less likely to engage in hurtful actions or stand by silently when others are mistreated. Empathy promotes kindness and inclusivity.

When children learn to recognize and understand their own emotions, they become better at managing their feelings. This self-regulation is an essential life skill that contributes to emotional well-being.

Self-Awareness

4

5

Communication Skills

It encourages children to listen actively and ask questions to better understand others. Effective communication is vital for healthy relationships and success in various aspects of life.

Empathy encourages open-mindedness and a willingness to learn about diverse backgrounds and perspectives, promoting tolerance and reducing prejudice.

Cultural Sensitivity

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Leadership and Teamwork

Empathetic individuals often make better leaders and team members. They can motivate and inspire others because they understand and care about their team members' feelings and needs. Empathy enhances collaboration and cooperation.

Empathy is a building block of moral development. It helps children develop a sense of fairness, justice, and ethics. Empathetic individuals are more likely to act ethically and make decisions that consider the well-being of others.

Moral Development

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Happiness and Wellbeing

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COVID-19 Isolation/Quarantine Protocols

Monitor your Child's Symptoms

Exposure to COVID-19

If no symptoms, may continue attending school/work.

Wear a face covering for 10 days when around others.

Monitor for symptoms and test if possible.

Stay home if symptoms develop

Positive COVID-19 Test

Isolate for 5 Days

If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 5 days and have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication, isolation can end.

If symptoms persist continue to stay home until resolving

Communicate with school symptoms are resolving to return

***Wear a face covering around others for 5 more days**

COVID-19 Symptoms or sent home from school

ONE of these symptoms:

- Fever (100.4° or greater) or chills
- Cough - new or worsening
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

TWO or more of these symptoms:

- Sore Throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose

Stay Home

Testing is recommended.

If no symptoms or symptoms are resolving after 3 days and have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication, the student may return to school

Communicate with school symptoms are resolving to return



***If you are unable to wear a mask around others you must quarantine/isolate for the full exposure period of 10 days**



Please direct all questions and report positive cases to the main office of your school!

Join our 1Fort Team!

Looking to make a difference in the life of a child? The School District of Fort Atkinson and our partners offer a variety of employment opportunities and are actively seeking interested candidates.



To view an up-to-date list of our available vacancies, please bookmark the [School District of Fort Atkinson Careers Page](#). You can also contact hr@fortschools.org with any questions you may have.

BASE AFTER SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2023-2024

Keeping kids safe
and having fun during
the critical hours
school is out.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM :

- Open to children 7 & Older
- Open at all 4 Public Elementary Schools 3-6pm
- Snack, Recreation and Enrichment Activities
- Open Early Release Days and Select No School Days
- Affordable Rates and Scholarships Available



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Fort HealthCare is sharing some Backpack News for our families, which includes tips such as how to stay healthy as the winter weather approaches, tips for families, flu shots, and more!

[Click here for the PDF in English](#)

[Click here for the PDF in Spanish](#)



Free/Reduced Lunch Reminders

There are still programs available to help families with these costs. To see if you qualify, please complete the [application found online](#) or you can print off a paper application.

As a reminder, there are additional benefits for qualifying for free/reduced lunch such as:



Semester Milk

May receive free semester snack milk*



School Meals

May provide discounted or free meals when the USDA waiver expires.



Grocery Benefits

May help provide your family with money for groceries through P-EBT.



ACT & AP Test Discounts

May receive discounts for academic testing.



College Application Discounts

May receive discounts for college application fees.



Technology Funding

SDFA receives additional funding for internet access and computers.

We always want our students to have access to the best benefits possible. Should your circumstance change, please know this support is available at any time.

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

September is Attendance awareness month:

Fort Atkinson families—thanks for making school attendance a priority to start off the school-year. A few things researchers have found about the impact of school attendance—specifically in the month of September—the pattern established in September tends to persist throughout the school year*.

For example—

Missing fewer than 2 days in September continued that pattern with students averaging fewer than 2 days every month throughout the year (or fewer than 10 days absent the whole year).

Students who missed more than 4 days in September increased absences over the school year and averaged missing about 6 to 9 days a month or over 70 days in the school year.

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

We recognize there are times when students are not able to attend because they are ill or showing symptoms of illness and it is best for them to stay home. If that is the case, please be sure to contact the attendance office. But as long as your child is healthy, we believe it is important for them to be at school.

*Source: Attendance works 10 facts about school attendance:

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/chronic-absence/the-problem/10-facts-about-school-attendance/>



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Asista Hoy, Tenga Éxito Mañana

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN
**OPEN
HOUSE**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
10 A.M.-2 P.M**

DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY
209 MERCHANTS AVE, FORT ATKINSON, WI
HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM
401 WHITEWATER AVE, FORT ATKINSON, WI

The Dwight Foster Public Library and Hoard Historical Museum in Fort Atkinson are hosting an open house in our buildings specifically for native Spanish speakers on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bilingual greeters will be on hand to warmly welcome attendees to our spaces and help them sign up for library cards.

This free event will give native Spanish speakers an opportunity to explore the Library and Museum resources and exhibits. Light refreshments will be provided.
We hope to see you there!

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Happy Life Author
Jason Vitug



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Monday, Oct. 9th
5:30-8:00 pm



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