

Barrie Elementary School Newsletter



November | 2023

Principal Welcome

Happy November!

I absolutely love this time of year with the fall weather upon us. Well, sort of. The leaves have started to change to a vibrant orange and red. Some, slowly ascending downwards, to collect in fields and yards for raking and jumping in. The birds are beginning to fly south for winter. In addition, Jack Frost has even visited the playground a time or two over the past couple of days with a beautiful snow fall on October 31st.

Furthermore, it is hard to believe we have just completed 1st quarter. Just as the seasons have begun to change, our Barrie scholars have begun to transform, as well. Over the last couple of months, classroom routines and learning structures have been established. Friendships and connections continue to be strengthened and prioritized as we do not take for granted the opportunity to support your child(ren)'s learning and growing each and every day. I am excited for the opportunities that 2nd quarter brings!

Finally, I look forward to connecting with many of you next week during Parent / Teacher Conferences, as we as a school community celebrate all that we have accomplished so far 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

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

Looking Ahead

December 1st | Barrie Spirit Day

December 4th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

December 6th | 3rd Grade Treat Day (PTO Sponsored)

December 7th | 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Holiday Concert (FAHS @ 6pm)

December 12th | Winter Concert @ FAHS

(KG - GR2 | 12:30 pm & 6 pm) (GR3-GR5 | 1:30pm & 7 pm)

December 21st | Winter Parties

December 21st | 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

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

Vacation Dates

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, November 13th at 6:30
in the Barrie IMC.

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

PTO DINNER NIGHT OUT

November 15th

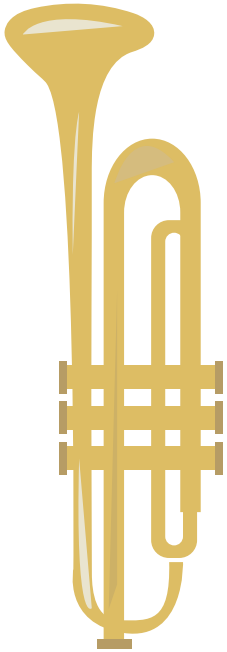
Culver's - Fort Atkinson

5:00 - 8:00 PM

*Thank you to everyone who made
Fall Family Fun Night a success!*



Band News



Band lessons are well underway! Please remember to fill out and return practice logs weekly. It is so important to be practicing at home and showing accountability for that time as we learn how to play each instrument.

THANK YOU parents for attending Band Parent Night on October 23rd! The 4th Annual Band Booster Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, November 4th, 7:30 - 11:00 AM at the Middle School. Come to get your fill of pancakes while being entertained by the middle and high school jazz bands! See you there!

Orchestra News

Orchestra Just Coffee Fundraiser - Product pickup is on November 20th from 3:15 - 5:30 PM in the Fort Atkinson High School Orchestra Room. All products must be picked up at this time. We do not ship items. If you have friends or relatives ordering from you, you will need to pick up the items and deliver them to your friends and relatives.

Please return your 5th grade band and orchestra t-shirt order by November 17th.

Our next performance is our Holiday Band & Orchestra Concert on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 pm at the HIGH SCHOOL Performing Arts Center. Mark your Calendars!!



Hello from the Barrie Music Room!

Here's your reminder that our Winter Sing is on Dec 12th on the Fort Atkinson High School stage. There will be four shows that day. At 12:30 pm and 6pm will be our Kinders, 1st and 2nd graders singing "How the Penguins saved Christmas!" and at 1:30 and 7pm 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. If you like, you can check out the about me page where you can learn more about me, since I am new to all of you here at Barrie.

Looking forward to more MERRY music making with your students!





Our 4th and 5th grade students have begun their first masterpiece of the year! They are painting on canvas board with acrylic paint to create a silhouette skyline! Expect lots of color and blending brush techniques!



Our 2nd and 3rd Grade Students are finishing up their Sugar Skull portraits for The Day of the Dead and the Principal's Pick of the Season. Soon we'll be starting on our clay project, some clever wall-hangings that would be perfect for them to gift to someone for the holidays!



Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students are moving on to clay soon, learning about pinch pots, "scratch-attach" method of joining clay, and learning more about glazes! We're going to turn them into some adorable creatures! We hope they (and we) are ready to play with some mud!





This month in PE students will be participating in a gymnastics unit. Students will start the unit by learning different balances and tumbling skills and then will progress into vault, balance beam, blue bar, uneven bars, parallel bars, still rings and different climbing skills.



4th and 5th grade only!



Fort Atkinson Elementary Archery Club

ARCHERY PARENT MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2023

PURDY ELEMENTARY GYM 5:30PM

Please use the below QR code or the [link](#) to pre-register your 4th or 5th grade student for the 2023-24 Fort Atkinson Elementary Archery Team

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ARCHERY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT EMAILS ABOUT THE SEASON





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
- Jackson Williams
- 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

Our new 5th Grade Safety Patrollers are off to a great start of keeping our Barrie Broncos safe before school and after school. They are out on their corners whether it's rain or shine, hot or cold outside. Keep up the great work, Safety Patrollers!!!

November Patrollers-of-the-Month: Elena Fellin and Reid Miller



Student Council Members

Delaney Riddell, Harrison Scheibel, Hattie Golson, Elena Fellin, Esme Bastien, Aspen Thiede, Pyper Gefvert, Briggs Luedtke, Alondra Rivera-Zuniga, Hayden Gefvert, Lainey Gottschalk, Charles Fortney, Taylor Bauman

The Student Council is hosting a Food Drive November 6th - 17th. Our school goal is to collect 1000 non-perishable food items. Cash donations are welcome as well. Please consider sending food and/or cash to school with your child to support this great cause!

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

2

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

6

7

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

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

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

★ 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

Gingerbread House Contest

AT THE HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Build a gingerbread house and enter it into the contest

Drop-off/Registration Dates:

Tuesday, 11/29-Saturday, 12/2

Popular Choice voting:

Tuesday, 12/5- Saturday, 12/9

In-person voting during museum hours

For Registration Information: www.hoardmuseum.org

HOARD HISTORICAL MUSEUM
920-397-9914

401 WHITEWATER AVE. FORT ATKINSON, WI
WWW.HOARDMUSEUM.ORG

BANDCAKE BREAKFAST

Sat., Nov. 4th
7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Commons
4th St. entrance

\$10 - age 10 & up
\$5 - age 3-9
(age 2/younger = free)
Cash or Credit/Debit
at the door or QR below



LIVE MUSIC!

Middle School Jazz
High School Jazz
Special Guests

SILENT AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE

Menu
Pancakes
Applesauce
Jones Sausage
Coffee
Orange Juice
Milk



The opportunity includes
2 Practices per week /
2 sponsored tournaments

Online Registration opens
September 10th



2023/2024 FAWC Youth Registration QR code

\$50/ Beginners

11/15 - 1/10

Beginners m/w

6:00 - 7:00PM

\$90/ Advanced

11/15 - 3/24

Advanced t/th

6:00 - 7:30pm

*USA Cards required for tournaments \$50

Informational Parent Meeting at Fort
Atkinson High School Meeting IMC

Monday, October 23rd
6:00-6:45 PM

Benefits of wrestling

Body Control

Coordination

Flexibility

Agility

Speed

Endurance

Discipline

Teamwork

Mental Toughness

For Questions / Concerns Contact

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