

**January** | 2024

### **Principal Welcome**

Happy New Year and welcome back!

2024 is upon us. I hope your winter break was filled with relaxation, family time, and many moments of gratitude. Here at Barrie, we are so excited to have the opportunity to partner with you each and every day as we look forward to making the "new year" exciting, safe, and filled with many learning opportunities for our Barrie Scholars. In addition, the new year brings a sense of urgency, as well as a time for reflection as we look back on all that we have overcome, learned and accomplished while setting goals, aspirations and intentions for what lies ahead. Thank you for being a valued member of our team!

A few reminders:

### Universal Screening | Winter | i-Ready

Students in grades K - 5th will be participating in the second round of the i-Ready assessment in reading and math from January 8th - January 26th. This screener allows us the opportunity to see student growth throughout the school year that is aligned to the Common Core State Standards, as well as our curriculum. We are excited to share these results with you at Parent / Teacher Conferences in February.

#### **Student Absences**

State statue and school board policy requires the school to monitor and notify parents if students are experiencing many absences. We appreciate open communication to know if your child is missing because of a sickness or vacation. We will also be reaching out to see how we can help, knowing how important attendance is in making daily growth.

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

Warmly,





#### One Team, One District, One Community

Fort Atkinson High School Fort Atkinson Middle School

Barrie Elementary | Luther Elementary | Purdy Elementary | Rockwell Elementary



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## **Events Calendar**



## • EVENTS •

January 8th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

January 10th | 2nd Grade Treat Day (PTO Sponsored)

January 15th | FASD Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

January 18th | Favorite Team Dress Up Day (Student Council Sponsored)

January 18th | PBIS Assembly

January 23rd | Seals on Wheels

January 30th | Principal Pick of the Season Event @ 6:00 pm

## **Looking Ahead**

February 2nd | Barrie Spirit Day

February 5th-9th | Book Fair

February 6th | Parent Teacher Conferences

February 7th | 1st Grade Treat Day (PTO Sponsored)

February 8th | Parent Teacher Conferences

February 12th | PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm (Barrie IMC)

February 14th | Red, Pink, and White Dress Up Day (Student Council Sponsored)

February 15th | FASD Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

February 18th | POPS Concert @ 2:00 pm (FAHS)

## **School Updates & Reminders**



## **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**

<u>Barrie Website</u> - News Updated Regularly <u>District Home Page</u> - District News <u>School Nutrition Page</u> - School Breakfast/Lunch Menus

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### **Vacation Dates**

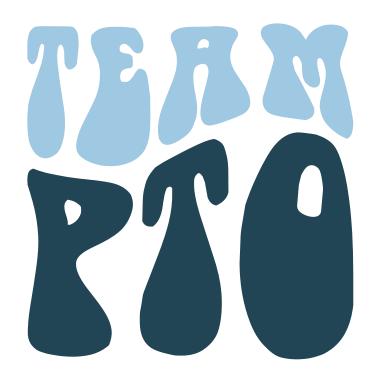
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2/19/24	1/19/24   No Classes - Records Day		
3/11/24	3/22/24   No Classes - Records Day		
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4/15/24			
5/13/24	5/27/24   No School - Memorial Day		

## PTO NEWS



## **2023-2024 PTO Officers**

Co-Presidents | Ashley Barr and April Van Etten Vise President | Marjorie Roberton Secretary | Megan Brand Treasurer | Cody Miller and Jeremy Busse



# Come join the Barrie PTO Team at the Next Meeting:

Monday, January 8th at 6:30 in the Barrie IMC.



Watch for PTO updates on our Facebook page.



## **Band and Orchestra News**

Now that you've had a chance to see and hear more about what band and orchestra is all about, consider attending a Booster Meeting!!

The Booster Meetings are brief and we discuss fundraisers and ways to improve what we already do.

We only meet a handful of times a year, for about an hour each time.

These meetings are important for the maintenance of our programs, but we need your input!!



### **BAND BOOSTERS MEETING:**

Wednesday, January 18, 2024 6:00 pm - High School Music Pod

### **ORCHESTRA BOOSTERS MEETING:**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 6:00 pm - High School Music Pod We hope to see you there!

### **Future Dates**

Feb. 9th | Band Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther Feb. 16th | Band Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther Feb. 18th | Pops Concert (Band) FAHS Gym -2:00 Feb. 23rd | Orchestra Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther March 1st | Orchestra Rehearsal 12:00-12:45 Luther March 3rd | Orchestra Dessert Concert 4:00 FAHS Aud.

## Music News



## Happy New Year from Mrs. Berg in the music room!

This delightful holiday season is finally drawing to a close. All 12 days of Christmas are complete on January 5th. We have mostly completed our beautiful Advent Calendar that taught us all about how they celebrated Christmas in England during the Edwardian era, about 100 years ago. We learned how they made the "figgy pudding" we sang about and saw what a "one horse open sleigh" looks like too!

All of my students made my holidays most joyful by bringing their best to our holiday programs. I still have the links posted on my website on the winter sing page. I'm so proud of them and the great singing they did.

We are getting ready to begin recorders in 3rd and 4th grade, studying the American music of the 1900s and beyond in 5th grade and learning all about pitch in our K-2 classes.



## **Art News**



Our 4th and 5th grade students have begun their series of units focused on careers in the arts! They are excited to build our (cardboard) gingerbread houses using some traditional media like royal icing! Students are finishing up paintings and any other missing work for the end of semester and and then we begin our next unit--which I'm

pretty sure will be FASHION!



Our 2nd and 3rd Grade Students are focusing on some winter-themed art in the form of landscapes. First up is a cozy hibernating bear and hopefully a wintry landscape featuring a woodland friend.



Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students are also enjoying some wintry artwork that includes some woodland friends. First we're looking at Ted Harrison's landscapes from the Canadian Yukon and then onto an unknown artist!



## **Physical Education News**



Students just finished up their roller blading unit in PE. They learned how to safely start, stop and fall on roller blades and how to put on all their own equipment.

In January, students will be participating in a bowling and mini-golf unit.



## Safety Patrol News



## 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
- Pavsen 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
- Paizlev Stouffer
- Cassie Smith
- Delanev Riddell
- Emma McKee
- Hunter Schickowski
- Roger Fajardo Reyes

Our new 5th Grade Safety
Patrollers have continued
to do a great job 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!!!

January Patrollers-of-the-Month: Paysen Allie and Lilla McDonald

## Barrie Elementary School Newsletter

## Student Council





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 was able to support the school nutrition staff, Mrs. Malone, and the janitorial staff during the holiday meal. The students were an asset in helping this event run smoothly. The Student Council also provided candy canes for the entire student population at school. This was the promised reward for meeting the food drive goal of 1,000 items. Mr. Stewart delivered the candy canes to all students in a festive elf costume!

## Barrie Elementary

## Counselor's Corner

Ms. Young | 1st Quarter 2023

## **Contact Info**

Phone: (920) 563-7817 ext. 4117 Email: youngs@fortschools.org

## **Topics in Guidance** Class

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

Visit the <u>Elementary Pupil</u> Services website

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



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.







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

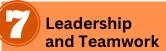




It encourages children to listen actively and ask questions to better understand others. Effective communication is vital for healthy relationships and success in various aspects of life

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

Cultural Sensitivity



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.





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## News from the School Nurse





## **COVID-19 Isolation/Quarantine Protocols**

Exposure to COVID-19

If no symptoms, may continue attending school/work.

Wear a face covering for 10 days when around others.

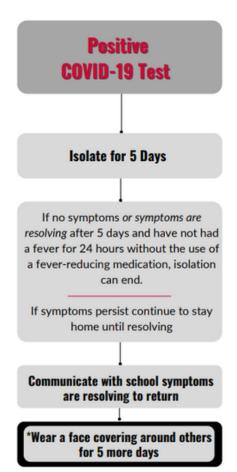
Monitor for symptoms and test if possible.

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

Updated 08.23.2022



Monitor your Child's Symptoms

### **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!



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



## District Updates & Reminders



This school year has been in session for 62 days from Aug. 28th-Nov.30th.

How many of them have you attended?

School attendance is correlated with higher achievement and attendance is important in building strong academic skills, learning to manage emotions, and building friendships. The stoplight graphic shows the number of days that indicate positive attendance and attendance numbers that are a concern. Take a minute to check powerschool to see how your child's attendance has been.



If you have been at school 48 days or fewer-you have attended 79% or less of the school year.

You may find it difficult to learn, your grades may be lower than you would like and you may have more challenges with the work.

If you have been at school 49.5 days you have been at school 80% of the time or more

Missing this many days--you may find yourself falling behind your peers.

If you have been at school 55 days or more-you have 90% or higher attendance.

Attending school this much can help keep you on pace.

If you find your attendance at a red or yellow light--see what changes you can try in order to improve your attendance. If you have to be out for a health reason, be sure to communicate that so we can work on helping you still get the material—and work with your teachers.

We know that COVID, colds, influenza and other factors affect attendance--practicing general health and safety measures (washing your hands, covering your mouth when you cough, covering your nose when you sneeze, monitoring other symptoms and staying home when warranted) can help.

Please take care of your health to keep others healthy. Remember that when students are healthy we believe it is important for them to be at school.

## District Updates & Reminders



## 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 <u>School District of Fort Atkinson Careers</u> <u>Page</u>. You can also contact hr@fortschools.org with any questions you may have.

### **Free/Reduced Lunch Reminders**

There are still programs available to help families with these costs. To see if you qualify, please complete the <u>application found online</u> or you can print off a paper application.

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





School Meals

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





May receive discounts for academic testing.



May receive discounts for college application fees.



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.





## District Updates & Reminders





### **Timely Information**

DHS Launches Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network

"Connecting Wisconsin families with special health care needs to essential support and resources"

As educators in Wisconsin schools, you have incredible access to providing families with timely and relevant information. Wisconsin Wayfinder is a resource to share with all families in your schools and districts, and in particular families with children with disabilities or mental health needs. Wisconsin Wayfinder helps families find county and statewide disability and mental health services beyond the support provided by schools. As a close partner with Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Wisconsin DPI asks school and district leaders to please share out the below information on your school district webpages, newsletters to families, and consider sharing information about Wisconsin Wayfinder with families at individualized education program meetings.

Last week the Wisconsin DHS launched a new service that will transform the support structure for families of children with delays, disabilities, special health care needs, or mental health conditions. Wisconsin Wayfinder: Children's Resource Network includes a user-friendly website and toll-free helpline that lets families easily connect with real people (dedicated children's resource guides) who will help navigate through the essential services and supports that will enable their children to thrive.

"This service is a critical step toward improving the way families with special health care needs access and connect with the vital resources they need, especially during crucial moments like after an initial diagnosis," said DHS Deputy Secretary Deb Standridge. "Our children's resource guides are people committed to personally assisting families on this journey. Wisconsin Wayfinder embodies our commitment to inclusivity, support, and accessibility for our state's children and their families." View the entire news release.

A statewide user-friendly website and toll-free number, 877-WiscWay (877-947-2929), provide families with convenient, direct access to compassionate and knowledgeable children's resource guides. Please share the toll free number (877-WiscWay) and this Link to Wisconsin Wayfinder webpage with families in your schools, districts, and communities.









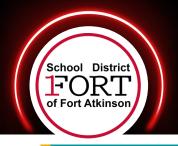






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#### **DWIGHT FOSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

#### Events Guide: Winter 2023-2024

#### WINTER READING

#### Winter Reading Challenge for All Ages

December 11-January 31

Read books, complete activities, and log your progress on our Beanstack site at fortlibrary,beanstack.org. Participants will be entered in weekly prize drawings and earn a chance to win the grand prize drawing of a \$25 Fort Atkinson Chamber of Commerce gift certificate at the end of January. Happy reading, Fort Atkinson!

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Baby Time** Thursdays at 10 a.m

Pajama Storytime

Sensory Storytime

January 9 and February 13 at 6:30 p.m. January 3 and February 7 at 4 p.m NO STORYTIMES IN DECEMBER

#### Bear on a Bookshelf

#### January 2-29

Stop in weekly in January to find the bear on a bookshelf! Each week you find the bear, get your card stamped and pick a small prize. If you find the bear all four weeks of the month, you will receive an entry in the grand prize drawing. The bear will move on Tuesday of each week.



January 15 and February 19 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Join other Lego enthusiasts and build a Lego creation according to a monthly theme

#### Lunch Bunch for Homeschoolers

January 17 and February 21 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch to the library and meet other homeschooling families. Library staff will share library resources and offer time to chat and socialize.

#### Family Fort Building

January 19 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Stay in the library after hours to create a cool reading fort! Bring a good book, a flashlight, and indoor fortbuilding materials, such as sheets, pillows, and blankets. The library doors will be locked at 6 p.m. All kids must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Glow sticks and a snack will be provided.

#### January 22 and February 26 from 4-5 p.m.

Come play the Pokémon Trading Card Game with other Pokémon trainers! You can bring your own cards or borrow a deck from the library to learn how to play. Recommended for kids ages 7-12.

#### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Art Club for Teens

January 10 and February 14 from 4-5 p.m

Bring your current project or use the basic supplies we provide like coloring sheets, glue, markers, etc.! Light snacks will be provided!

fortlibrary.org | @dwightfosterpubliclibrary nue, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538





#### ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuesday, December 5 at 5:30 p.m. Join Tonya Runyard of the ADRC to learn about Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Aging. Learn the difference bet normal aging and when a new trend is developing that is different from the aging process. The ADRC will also offer memory screening from 3-5 p.m. on December 11. Contact the ARDC at (920) 675-4035 to set up an appointment.

#### Memory Café: FAHS Show Choir and Winter Warm-up

Monday, January 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a lively performance from the Fort Atkinson High School Show Choir and then warm up with some hot cocoa

while we chat about our favorite winter memories. A Memory Cafe is an informal social gathering for individuals living with early-stage memory loss and their care partner. For more information, see our website at librarymemoryproject.org.

### Board Game Night for Grown-Ups at Mr. Brews Taphouse

Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Join us at the local restaurant Mr. Brews Taphouse (201 N Main Street, Fort Atkinson) to try out some of the ne games that have been added to our Library of Things collection! You can order a drink and food while competit friends and trying out new games. **Adult Book Club** 

Tuesday, January 23 at 2 p.m. or Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.
Join Adulf Services Librarian Deb Bauer to discuss beloved author Ann Patchett's newest novel "Tom Lake." Copies of the title are available in multiple formats at the main service desk. "Polgnant and reflective, cementing Patchett's stature as one of our finest novelists." - Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

Late Night Hygge and Hot Cocoa Lock-In

Friday, February 9 at 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Stay late at the library for a cozy winter evening warming up with the Danish concept of hygge. Bring your favorite fulfy blanket, fuzzy slippers, and a good book, and we'll provide the hot cocoa, tea lights, and warmth from our fireplaces. Doors lock at 6 p.m. sharp.

#### Biking Across America Travelogue

Thursday, February 22 at 6 p.m.

Join local cycling enthusiast Chick Westby as he tells the cross country bike tale of his travels from the West Coast to the East Coast with his son in the summer of 2023. Find inspiration for your next biking adventure!

Wednesday Crafternoons
Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.
Drop in each Wednesday for craft time. Bring our own project or use some of the provided supplies. Let your creativity run wild!

#### **StoryCorps**®

#### December 6, January 3, and February 7 at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Registration Required

Gathering and Sharing Stories initiative. Sign up today by contacting Amy Christian at achristian@fortlibrary.org or (920) 563-7790.

#### **Breastfeeding Support Group**

December 6, January 3, and February 7 at 9 a.m.
Are you looking for extra support with breastfeeding? Come share your triumphs and struggles. Bables, siblings, and support people are welcome. The group, led by the Jefferson County Health Department, will meet in the Storytime Room each mont

#### Cooking Club

December 19, January 16, and February 20 at 1 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month in the afternoon and evening. In December, join Amy Christian for a Mocktail demonstration and tasting in time for your holiday gatherings! (No cooking this month to give you a break from the hectic holidays.) In January and February, choose a recipe from the selected cookbook on display upstairs and then bring the dish to shared.

#### **Tech Tuesdays**

December 26, January 23, and February 27 from 1-2:30 p.m.
Tech Tuesdays are offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month. It is an opportunity to bring your devices and questions so Tech Tuesdays are offered on the fourth Tuesday of each month. It is an opportur that library staff can assist you with any technology challenges you may be experi

Friends Book Sale on December 9, January 13, and February 10 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS & NEWS

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## 2024 Scholarships Now Available



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Application

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Alternate side parking runs
December 1 through March 15

Ordinance: No parking is permitted between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. unless vehicle is parked on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar dates and on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered calendar dates. The calendar date begins at 12:01 a.m.