



# Barnwell School

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Barnwell School Advisory Council  
September Principal's Report  
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Barnwell Library 7:15pm

- 1.) We have a current student enrollment of 205 students including our Pre-K classes this year. Mr. Matthew Hawke is a new addition to our staff. Mr. Shane Johnson will be joining our team tomorrow to fill in for Ms. Yanke until further notice. Mrs. Mary Ginther has been filling in for Mr. Milner who has been off since the beginning of the year. We anticipate his return to be September 26th. We also welcome Mrs. Viktoriia Liashenko and Mrs. Marisa Sekura to our support staff team. We are hoping that we will soon be able to move forward with fewer staff changes. It's been an unprecedented start-up for us. We have appreciated the community support while we go through these changes.
- 2.) We've had a good start-up and students seem to be in swing of things with their classes. We are introducing CTF courses to our JH this year. It is a provincially recognized curriculum that takes a challenge / project based approach to instruction. The students seem to be enjoying their first projects when include creating time capsules in Grade 6/7 and a financial literacy project for grade 8/9 where the need to spend \$1 million dollars. On Friday's our Grade 3 class are doing a project class every Friday where we determine a need in the community and think of a way.
- 3.) Our slides were replaced over the summer, the kids really enjoy being able to go down them again. Thank you again to the School Council and the Society for funding them.
- 4.) We are looking forward to starting up a Student's Union again this year but it will look a little different. We recognized that there is too much learning going on that trying to incorporate it into the class was difficult. We will be running it as a lunch time club for Junior High students that want to work together to create school spirit.
- 5.) At our first staff meeting of the year we spent time looking at survey results and working on developing goals to help us be a better school. Although our results are good, there has been a decline in our results. We would really like comments to help us understand why parents and students selected responses that were negative. We will continue to look for different ways to get feedback and help us develop our plan.
- 6.) Our professional development plan for this year is to focus on our understanding of assessment to make it more cohesive and consisten across the school. The report cards are intended to be a communication tool on student progress however, if we don't have a common understanding of how we are using our marking rubrics it sends a mixed message to families. (eg: In one grade they are getting all 4's but then go to the next grade and they are receiving 2's). Once we have a common understanding, we want to share it with our families.
- 7.) We had our first fire drill today. We tried a different muster point with the hopes of speeding up evacuations and keeping our kids from having to cross the bus loop. If there was indeed an emergency where vehicles may be coming into the loop.

Excelling in the 3 A's: Academics, Arts, Athletics!

- 8.) Horizon has deemed September 30th to be a Non-operational day in order to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We will be holding our Orange Shirt Day activities throughout the last week of September to recognize this. On Tuesday, September 27th we will be asking students to wear their orange shirts. We will also be having an Indigenous Dance group come and perform for an assembly that day.
- 9.) We are moving towards getting one to one chromebook access for our students. We will be seeking support from the Society for this in the future once we have figured out what we need.
- 10.) We are planning on having a Book Fair for 3 days in October, Halli will be sending out information on that soon.

Other Important Upcoming Dates:

September 21- Terry Fox Run  
September 22/23- No School, PD Days  
September 30- No School, Truth and Reconciliation Day  
October 11- No School, Thanksgiving  
October 12- School Picture Day  
October 13- Parent-Teacher Interviews  
October - Book Fair