



# Barnwell School

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Barnwell School Advisory Council  
September Principal's Report  
September 23, 2024  
Barnwell School Art Room 6:00 pm

- 1.) This year we have a teaching staff of 11 and 6 support staff. Our student enrollment is 177 Pre-K to 9. We are happy to welcome back Aaron Edlund who is taking on the AD and VP role once again. With Mr. Milner's resignation over the summer, Mrs. Leray became the full-time grade 5 teacher and with the changes, we really aimed to reduce the number of teachers with our elementary students where possible. Hailey and Alicia are returning as part of our counselling team.
- 2.) This year we made some timetable changes as per a request from the students. Last spring when I shared the assurance survey results with the student leadership team, one of their action items was a request to have a longer break so that the JH had a longer time to socialize. So far the feedback has been good and it has also made things easier for the staff who teach JH and elementary students as they are all on the same bell schedule now.
- 3.) This year our school received a budget of \$69,941 (Under the \$75, 351 we had from last year). From this funding, \$16, 219 is Nutrition funding. \$49, 700 is our basic allocation to the school based upon student numbers and then we received \$4022 in service and support funds (technology, etc). This year's allocations have been made as follows:

#### Decentralized

Additional Staffing Hours/ Subs	\$14,253
Office Expenses & Staff Training (phone, postage, etc)	\$11, 250
Classroom Expenses	\$35, 938
Nutrition/Snack Program	\$8000
School Council	\$500

#### School-Generated Funds

We currently have \$48,615 in our school-generated funds account. We are working on cleaning up the lines within our SGF to provide a clearer picture of funds raised in a year and where they are spent. We still have some purchases we would like to make for the school including a Gaga ball pit for the playground and a possible upgrade to the projector system in the gym.

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

- 4.) One of our school goals is to work on improving numeracy scores and competency with all grades. We have paired JH classes with elementary classes and the students are working on games and other activities related to numeracy. Currently, this is done on Fridays however, we will move it to a different day of the week in the new year to keep the momentum going. Teachers are also provided with an intervention block where they can work with students one-on-one if they feel it is needed. Other goals can be found on our 3 year plan on the school website. Some of our PD is will also be focused on learning more about AI and it's applications in the education setting.
- 5.) Alberta Education has expanded their testing requirements this year so our Grade 1-3 teachers have been busy doing some of the AB testing required and Julie is in the process of uploading our scores. We have the Kindergarten and Grade 3 Social Studies curriculum being piloted in our school this year. In January, the testing will be expanded to include the Kindergarten class as well as students in Grade 4-5. We have the Kindergarten and Grade 3 Social Studies curriculum being piloted in our school this year.
- 6.) Our School Leadership class is continuing this year and taking on some more responsibilities. One of their action items from last year was that they wanted to find a way to contribute more to our elementary and support them and have our school be inclusive. They have taken the character traits there were highlighted in our 7 Grandfather Teachings and have turned them into a Character Trait of the month. They have come up with skits to demonstrate the trait in practice, found books related to the traits in library to share in classrooms, and they are working on multi-graded activities to be done on purple pride days. Within the leadership group as well, they have different roles and responsibilities to work on such as dress-up days, dances, and working on the student lounge in JH.
- 7.) We are thankful for the community support and the great participation at our Terry Fox Run this year. Julie has given tomorrow as the deadline for any last toonies and then we will announce our donation total for Terry Fox Foundation.
- 8.) Our band program received a boost due to a generous donation from the family of Darrels Croft (a former band teacher of the school). In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations to our band program be made. A total of \$675 was donated, In addition, some of Darrell's instruments have been donated to the school. Mr. Goertzen is also planning a Grade 8/9 Band Trip to Edmonton in March 2025 which will be a combination of festival performing and workshops. He hopes it will be a bi-annual event. We will be having students send thank you notes to acknowledge the donations.
- 9.) Our Volleyball Season is up and running. We are thankful for those who have volunteered to coach and help out at games. Cross-country is also coming up soon and Mr. Hawke has been training with students after school this year to help them better prepare for the race.

**Upcoming Dates:**

September 26- Purple Pride Day- Period 5

September 27- Orange Shirt Day

September 30- No School- Day for Truth and Reconciliation

October 9- Cross-Country for JH

October 11- PD Day

October 11-12- School Volleyball Tournaments

October 14- No School (Thanksgiving)

October 17- School Picture Day

October 24- Parent-Teacher Interviews

October 24-28- Book Fair

October 31- Halloween Parade (after lunch)/Purple Pride (before lunch)

November 1- PD Day