

Barnwell School Advisory Council
September Principal's Report
October 2, 2025
Barnwell School Art Room 6:00 pm

1.) Strike Notes:

- Horizon has a spot on their website called <https://www.horizon.ab.ca/teacher-bargaining-update> this is where parents can go to find up to date information. They will also be using school-messenger to send out emails such as the one sent last night. This situation is fluid and communication will be updated as new information is learned.
- Anything that is booked during the time of the strike will be postponed until a later date and communicated to families (school photos, pti's, etc.)
- Halli has been asked to look for another date for our book fair as it will be cancelled if we do not return to school by our dates, which is October 23, 24, 27, 28.
- We will be encouraging students to bring home anything they may need while the school is closed, as we cannot guarantee that someone will be available to let students in to get forgotten items once the strike begins.

- 2.) I talked to Phil about the best way to handle the communication around the transfer of cake auction funds from being held for the construction of a track, to being used for the installation of new projectors in the gym as scoreboards, and he indicated that it would be best to make an announcement about it at this year's cake auction for transparency and provide our reasoning why we have changed our focus.
- 3.) In September, every grade teacher hosted an open house so that parents had the opportunity to learn more about the teacher's policies and expectations. We were wondering whether this was something that parents found useful and what other information could be offered.
- 4.) This year the hot lunch program received a boost from Tanya & Jeff Winger, with their support, all staff and students are able to have a free hot lunch if they wish. We are grateful for their contribution. We'd also like to thank Joan Clements for her collaboration and coordination of the program.
- 5.) Elementary teachers have completed all of their Alberta Education testing and they have submitted the results. Our intervention programs in elementary have started and parents have been notified.
- 6.) On September 29th, we had our student support day where we held our collaborative team meetings and we updated or developed ISP's for those students who need them for support.
- 7.) We held our Terry Fox Run on September 19th and had great participation. We once again thank Lori Fowler for setting up our start and finish line, it always adds fun to the day. We raised \$200 for the Terry Fox Foundation and we had a community member donate another \$500 for the cause.

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

- 8.) Last week, we recognized Truth & Reconciliation through a week of events, including some Spirit team lunches, indigenous dancers, and on Friday, students went through a variety of stations before our Orange Shirt Day and Purple Pride Assembly. We would like to congratulate Mia Finney whose design was selected as this year's orange shirt for Horizon School Division.
- 9.) Our volleyball teams have been very busy. With the possibility of a strike happening, Athletic directors decided to try and get as many games in as possible before October 6th, which has resulted in some nights where there are 6 games being played by 3 teams. There has also been increased travel. SZJHAA has already created some tentative schedules for provincials and zones depending on when strikes end. We are still looking for volunteers for our tournament on October 17th & 18th, however, if we have not returned to school by then, we will cancel the tournament and not reschedule it.
- 10.) Today we had 19 students from Grades 7-9 represent us at the Cross-Country Zones in Medicine Hat.
- 11.) We sent out a link today for parents to purchase the 2024-2025 yearbook online. The store will be left open until we return to school or the end of October, whatever happens first. We will also put a link to purchase the yearbook on our website.
- 12.) At our next BSC, I will be sharing our accountability pillar results with you and looking for feedback.