

Barkers Point School

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The final month of 2019 is upon us and the halls of the school are looking increasingly festive. The students are busy preparing for our Christmas Concert on December 9th and look forward to sharing this special event with their families. The next three weeks will 'fly' by and before we know it another year will be over and a new one will have begun. The staff of Barkers Point School would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to working with all our families in 2020.

Christmas Concert(s)

Our annual Christmas Concert will take place on Monday, December 9th at 9:00 am and 11:00 am. If your last name begins from A-L you are encouraged to attend the first concert; if your last name starts M-Z please try to attend the second concert.



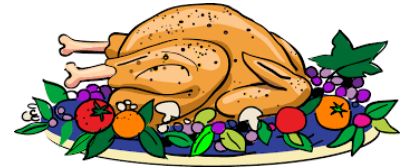
Paint & Chat



Madame Lavigne will hold the December Paint & Chat on Friday, December 13th from 3 pm – 5 pm. Please refer to Cashless Schools to sign your son/daughter up for this enrichment opportunity.

Christmas Dinner

Tots n Taters is offering our families a delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 19th. All orders were due last week and we are excited to have our families join us on this date. The first seating will start at 11:15 am. This seating is for families with children in K – 2. The next seating will follow immediately after for families in Grades 3-5. If you have a child in both levels please feel free to choose whatever seating works best for you.



Guidance Presentation

On Tuesday, December 10th Dr. Jeff Landine from UNB Faculty of Education will be at BPS to discuss the **3 Gifts You Can Give Your Child:** Sleep Hygiene, Boundaries for a Safe World and Acceptance and Positive Regard.

This one-hour event is scheduled from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. If you plan on attending this guidance presentation, please let Mr. Campbell know as soon as possible.

Christmas Break

The last day of school before the holidays is scheduled for Friday, December 20th. This is a full day for students and staff. Classes for students will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020. All ASD-W staff will be involved in Professional Learning on Monday, January 6th, 2020.



Please remind your son/daughter to bring home any clothing or footwear they may need over the two-week break.

Sock Hop

The BPS Home & School Association will be holding a Sock Hop on Thursday, December 5th. If your son or daughter is interested in attending this event please send in \$2 in an envelope or baggie with their name clearly marked. Money will be collected up to the day of the Sock Hop. In order for volunteers from the Home & School to have proper supervision for this event it is important to have your child's money sent in by the morning of December 5th. Thanking you in advance for understanding that safety comes first!



Guidance Corner

During the months of November and December BPS classrooms are learning about Self-Control. I have visited each of the classrooms. We have watched videos and discussed strategies on how to improve our self-control. I would love your help with this. Below is an article which you may be interested in. I've also included a few fun videos which your children may or may not have seen. Check them out!

Article:

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/the-importance-of-teaching-children-impulse-control-1095019>

Videos: self regulation NPR Cookie Monster: self regulation strategies.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0YDE8_isHk

Sesame Street: Teaching about Resist

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxCplsdCwxY>

On Friday, December 6th people across New Brunswick will be celebrating the 9th annual Dots for Kids Day. This campaign works at empowering youth, family, and community to take positive actions in support of kids' mental health.

As part of the Dots for Kids Day **Ring A Bell** Campaign students in kindergarten to grade eight across the province will be learning about mental health and wellness in schools from **December 2 – 6** in their classes through different lesson plans, activities, and videos leading up to the main bell ringing event on Friday!

Important Dates to Remember

December 5th – Sock Hop \$2 sponsored by the BPS Home & School Association

December 5th – January Hot Lunch forms go home today

December 9th – Christmas Concerts 9:00 am & 11:00 am

December 10th – Guidance Presentation 6:30 pm

December 12th – January Hot Lunch orders are due

December 13th – Paint & Chat with Madame Lavigne 3-5 pm

December 20th – Last Day of classes in 2019

January 6th – School staff returns for Professional Learning Day

January 7th – First Day of classes for students in 2020