



The Edward Milne Community School is proud to have Mark Barrie as their lead teacher for the school's hockey academy. Mark has spent his entire life around hockey arenas across the country and comes from a well-known BC hockey family. Before turning to coaching, Mark's playing career took him to the Western Hockey League with whom he played for the Portland Winter Hawks, Victoria, Cougars, and Prince Albert Raiders. Mark's brother Len, played in the NHL over a span of 9 seasons and his brother Mike was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres. Currently Mark's nephew, Tyson Barrie plays with the Colorado Avalanche. Tyson has been a familiar face around the EMCS Hockey Academy over the years and was one of Mark's hockey academy students when he was in grade 10.

Mark holds a Master's degree In Leadership from Gonzaga University and received his Teaching degree from the University of Victoria. Mark is very involved in Minor Hockey and has coached all levels from recreation to Tier 1. He started his coaching career over 20 years ago and has a deep knowledge and enthusiasm for the game. Mark won coach of the year in 2016 and 2018 for Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey. Asked what one of his highlights of playing, Mark stills enjoys winning a 'AAA' championship in minor hockey.

Mark's desire within the hockey academy is to have his student's develop their individual skills in a fun, challenging, and rewarding environment. Mark believes character building is as important as skill development is for players and strives to set an excellent example as a coach and teacher. Mark's coaching philosophy for success in hockey centers around what he call the '4 pillars,' namely hard work, discipline, coach-ability, and learning to be an excellent teammate or classmate. This is Mark's 15th year as the lead teacher of the EMCS Hockey Academy which was the first hockey academy on Vancouver Island as well as the first certified to be a Hockey Canada Skills Academy.

Len Barrie Sr.

Len Barrie Sr. joined the coaching staff at the EMCS Hockey Academy after retiring from a 35 year teaching career. Len's coaching accomplishments are numerous as he has been instrumental in many teams success and players development. Len graduated from the University of Victoria where He earned his teaching degree. At this time Len also played for the Victoria Cougars.

After turning to teaching as a career, Len became instrumental in both Westside and Kelowna Minor Hockey. Len's coaching career has seen him coach every level from Initiation to Jr. A. Len even won a silver medal for Team Pacific at 2003 World Championship for the U 16's. Many players from this team went onto NHL careers including Dan Hamuis and Shea Weber. Len has won numerous coach of the year's including BC Hockey's Coach of the Year. Len has also scouted at the NHL level for the Tampa Bay Lightning. Len's service to the game has also led him to be a Mentor coach for BC Hocckey.

Some of Len Barrie Sr's Hockey Experience

- 12 year's assisting the EMCS Hockey Academy
- Victoria Grizzlies Jr. A Assistant Coach 2010-2012
- Tampa Bay Lightning Scout
- JDF Bantam 'AAA' Bantam and Midget Assistant coach with 1 provincial title and 1 provincial runner up. 2004-2006
- Team Pacific Assistant coach at the World Under 18 Championship-won Silver medal. Player included Shea Weber, Duncan Keith
- Team BC Assistant coach Canada games.
- Kelowna Minor Hockey Bantam AAA coach 2002 Provincial Runner-up.
- Kelowna Minor Hockey Pee Wee AAA Provincial Champion Coach.
- Master Coach Conductor for BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.
- Numerous Head and Assistant coaching positions for Team Okanagan in the BC Best Ever program.
- School teacher for 32 years.
- 40 + years of minor hockey experience at every level. *(Below Len with his grandson Tyson Barrie)*

