



Bramblewood Elementary School

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NEWSLETTER # 5

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Dear Parents and Students:

Kindergarten Registration is ongoing from Jan 27- Feb 4th. We are virtually welcoming new families as they register their child(ren) to begin their school journey in September 2021. If you know of any families in the area who have child(ren) turning 5 this year, please encourage them to register. The link for registration is posted at the end of this newsletter. We submit our Kindergarten registration numbers to the district on Friday, February 5th.

West Coast Recess and Lunch– It has certainly been a wet January, hopefully February will bring more sunshine! At Bramblewood, we practice west coast recess and lunch breaks which means, we go outside rain or shine every day. We all need a break with fresh air and the chance to run around, this helps our focus and ability to learn. We ask that students to come to school with clothing and footwear appropriate to the climate so that we can enjoy our breaks outside.

Covid 19 – Thank you to all those families who are encouraging their children to wear masks, while masks are not mandatory and are a parental choice for students the science is clear that wearing a mask helps to prevent the spread of the virus. This is especially important with the new variants. As SD43 and Fraser Health authority send us new information we will continue to inform parents.

Spirit Days – Given the dreary weather and the limitations the virus has placed on school events our Spirit committee has decided to have some spirit days leading up to Spring Break. Please check the calendar below for more information

Sincerely,
Ms. D. Holden — *Principal*

Upcoming School Events

February 4 – Jersey Day
February 12 – Pink/Red/White Day
February 15 – Family Day (*School Closed*)
February 18 – Hat Day
February 24 – Pink Shirt Day
February 26 – Pro-D Day (*Students do not attend*)




Pink Shirt Day



Pink Shirt Day is February 24th, everyone is encouraged to practice kindness and wear pink to symbolize that you do not tolerate bullying. Please visit <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/about> for more information and resources.

School and District Public Speaking

 Unfortunately, this year our Public Speaking event will look much different as we are unable to have assemblies. Students in grades 3,4 and 5 have begun working on their speeches in their classrooms. Our grade 4/5 teachers are working on a way to have students present their speeches virtually in the spring. Check with your child's teacher for more information.

Cross Catchment Process

Cross catchment requests must be completed online. Cross catchment applications will be accepted starting at 9 am on Friday, February 5th and close at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10th. Please visit the district website for more details on the cross catchment process.

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx>

Student Safety and Supervision



The district wide expectation is that at dismissal time students will be picked up by their caregiver. Students who are walking home need to do so right after the dismissal bell. Please keep in mind that we will provide supervision for students waiting to be picked up at the end of the day until **2:40pm**. At that time, an announcement will be made to ask students who are still waiting to return to the office where we will help them to contact their parent or caregiver. We are asking that you follow the Provincial Health Office recommendations and take your child(ren) directly home at dismissal time. Feel free to come back to the playground after 3:30pm when it is less crowded. We want to ensure all the procedures and protocols we follow at school have a positive impact and consequently we need those protocols to be consistent after school as well. We thank you for cooperating with this system, which is designed to make sure that students stay safe and healthy.

Thank you to those drivers who have been following the drive through regulations and obeying the signage on Bramble Lane. A reminder that the drive through is just that – a drive through. Drivers need to always remain in their cars. Emergency vehicles need to be able to access the drive through at all times. If you want to meet your child(ren) at their classroom door, please park on the street or the tennis courts.



Is your child turning five years old on or before December 31, 2021?

Kindergarten Registration

**January 27, 2021 to
February 4, 2021**

Download our Kindergarten Registration Package and register for September 2021!

Kindergarten Registration

Our Kindergarten Registration opened January 27th and ends on February 4th. Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2021 may enter school in September 2021. Please register at your catchment school. Use our [School Locator](#) tool to determine your catchment school.

Kindergarten Registration is being done online this year, please visit <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/KindergartenRegistration.aspx> to view the instructions for registration and to download the registration package.

Student Artwork

Since parents are not in the building this year, we thought we would include some of the artwork that is in our hallways. Please click on the link below (*Go to this Sway*) to view.



[Bramblewood Student Artwork Feb 2021](#)

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