



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Britt Walton, Principal

NEWSLETTER # 6

February 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Students:

Kindergarten Registration is from Feb 6th - Feb 8th. We are excited to welcome our new families as they register their child(ren) to begin their school journey in September 2024. If you know of any families in the area who have child(ren) turning 5 this year (born in 2019), 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 9th; this preliminary number count is important to our organization. We strongly encourage this year's new Kindergarten registrants to attend Bramblewood's Strong Start Program as Ms. Linda Jang is a fabulous early childhood educator who will be offering our a variety of opportunities for our children to familiarize themselves and their families to our school making for a smoother transition. Formal tours will not be offered until our Welcome to Kindergarten event in the Spring. Bramblewood's Strong Start information can be found by clicking [here](#).

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.

Health Self-Assessment – Please continue to review our child's health prior to coming to school. Should they require medication to manage symptoms, they should not come to school. We thank our community for continuing to exercise care for everyone.

Celebrations Observed – The month of February continues to be a time of learning and honoring various celebrations including Black History Month, Real Acts of Caring Week, Valentine's Day and Pink Shirt Day.

Black History Month – While we should be celebrating such accomplishments every day, February is a month to recognize, honour, and celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians and their communities who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate, and prosperous nation it is today. Thank you to Ms. Singh's class who will be demonstrating leadership through enrichment opportunities for all in this area.

Lunar New Year - February 10th, 2024

Welcomes Lunar New Year which originated as a way to celebrate the end of winter and the beginning of spring. As we welcome Year of the Dragon, we wish all of our families who celebrate good luck, strength, and good health this calendar year.

'Real Acts of Caring' Week - February 12-18th, 2024

RAC began at Central Community School in Port Coquitlam in 2005. Thirteen 8 and 9 year olds heard about the idea of having a caring and kindness week where people committed kind acts and didn't expect anything back in return except a good feeling inside. We will be continuing to promote kindness throughout the year with our students and into our greater community! Thank you to Ms. Leppert and Ms. Bennett for organizing corresponding activities within our school to promote empathy, understanding and kindness. Kindness matters. Please help us in promoting that even small acts of helping others, makes us feel a sense of belonging and that everyone is important and matters.

Valentine's Day – February 14th, 2024

Classroom teachers will engage in Valentine's Day activities with their classes.

Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) – February 28th, 2024

All children are encouraged to wear pink shirt raising awareness about the prevention of bullying and promoting kindness and inclusion.

I encourage our families to seek out related activities to both learn and enjoy with your children.

Sincerely,

Ms. B. Walton – Principal



Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,
February 21,
2024 at 6:30 pm**
(Library) or please
contact PAC if you
would like link at
email:
Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Family Day
**February 19,
2024**

Pro D Day
(School Based)
**February 23,
2024**

Students
Do Not
Attend School

Bramblewood Parent Advisory Council Meeting (BPAC)



Thank-you to all of our families for your ongoing support by ordering Hot Lunches. We would like to extend a big thank-you to our Hot Lunch Coordinator, Lynette Fraser and all of the parent volunteers that help distribute lunch to the students!

Next PAC meeting – Wednesday, February 21st, 2024 at 6:30 pm (hybrid: in person @ library & online with MS Team). Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and find out what events we have planned in the New Year and how you can volunteer and get involved. Please email Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com for more information or to get a link to the meeting.

From February 1 to March 13, COBS Bread at Sunwood Square will be offering a free loaf of bread with purchase. Flyers with additional information will be delivered home in your student's planners. In addition, 5% of all purchases go back to Bramblewood PAC when you mention Bramblewood (only at this location!!!).

Our next **Treat Day** is on **Friday Feb 16th**! Join us after school for cupcakes!!!

Stay tuned for upcoming details on an exciting indoor lunch activity with Excel Martial Arts starting the last week of February to help escape the rain!! (registration will be required)

Don't forget these ongoing fundraisers to support your PAC!

- **RETURN-IT BOTTLE DRIVE:** Bring your recyclables to Return-it Depot and quote this number 6042206402. Super easy
- **EXCEL MARTIAL ARTS:** Sign up on munchalunch for PAC's lunch time fundraiser - martial arts (scroll to end of newsletter for more information including dates, costs etc...).

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bwpac>

Email us at bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

Email PAC President Ryan directly at mymkovski@gmail.com

Kindergarten Registration – Online (February 6 – 8, 2024)



- **Date of Online Kindergarten Reg.:** Tues. Feb 6-Thur. Feb 8, 2024
- **When can my child start Kindergarten:** Children who are 5 years old on or before Dec 31, 2024 may enter school in September 2024. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2024.
- **When Should I Register My Child?** Kindergarten registration (except for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion) within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be held between Friday, Feb 9, 2024 @ 9 am to Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024 @ 4 pm using the online forms on your catchment school's website.
- Use [School Locator](#) to determine your catchment school

All Kindergarten students must register at their catchment school, **before** completing a Cross Catchment Application, **except** those students with siblings at the requested school who will be attending the following year. Please note that siblings of students who will be in attendance at a school are considered as a catchment area child at that school if the sibling is remaining at the school the following year. Please refer to the School District website at www.sd43.bc.ca for more information on the cross-catchment process. [New student registration link](#)

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Wright (email: lwright@sd43.bc.ca) with any questions.

Cross Catchment Process (February 9 – 14, 2024)

Cross Catchment application forms can be accessed online at www.sd43.bc.ca between **Friday, February 9, 2024 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 14, 2024 to 4:00 pm**. Cross catchment requests must be completed online.

If you are applying for cross-catchment you will need your child's PEN number for the applications. Please visit the district website for more details on the cross-catchment process or click [here](#)

Pink Shirt Day - February 28, 2024



Pink Shirt Day, celebrated in B.C. this year on **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024**, is a nationally recognized day where people wear pink shirts to raise awareness about the issue of bullying in schools, workplaces, homes and online. Terry Fox Secondary leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts. **For those who ordered, t-shirts/hoodies clothing, we will be handing them out to children within the next week.**

Term 2: Formal Learning Updates – Thurs. March 14, 2024



Our Term 2 Learning Updates (aka report cards) will be available on [MyEd Portal Link](#) for **Thursday, March 14th**. All parents will require a username and password. If your child is a returning Bramblewood Student, your username and password has not changed from last term. Should you have forgotten yours, we kindly ask that you send an email to bwalton@sd43.bc.ca request a reset.

If your child is new to Bramblewood and you have not received your username and password to the MyEd portal, kindly check your junk mail first to look for a message from Myed directly. If you have not received anything, contact bwalton@sd43.bc.ca to generate a new account.

IMPORTANT: We request that all families ensure they have portal access prior to March 1st to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child's/children's report cards. All families are again reminded to print off their child(ren)s report card for their personal files.

School Public Speaking Competition – Grade 4/5



Unfortunately, this year there is no formal District Public Speaking Contest however we are hoping it returns next year. At Bramblewood we value such an opportunity for our Grade 4 /5 students and will be proceeding with both classroom and school level competition. Students in Grades 4 and 5 will begin working on their speeches in their classrooms shortly. Classroom competitions will take place in late April, early May and will culminate with our school wide event on Thursday, May 16th. Parents will be invited to attend our school competition hosted in our gym.

More information regarding presentations and assemblies for these speeches will come soon!

Grade 5 Co-Ed Basketball

Basketball season has begun for Grade 5 students. We have arranged 2 exhibition games taking place Tuesday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 27th. We will communicate location and other important information as we work out the details. Go Bears!

Student Absences / Lates / Student Dismissals



IMPORTANT: For your child's safety, we are required to check attendance and place safe arrival telephone calls prior to 10 am. Please assist us by advising if your child will be absent, late or require early dismissal from school. You can do that one of three ways:

- ① Submit an online "Absence Report" ⇒ found on Bramblewood website + under quick links. [Absent Report link](#) *Preferred method*
- ② Call the school at 604-552-0313 or
- ③ Email: bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca

Student Learning Survey 2024

To the **Parents of Grade 4 students**, you are reminded of the **Student Learning Survey**. The Student Learning Survey has been administered annually in BC public schools since 2001. It is the only source of province-wide information on in-school process and the learning environment. In addition to providing planning data for districts and schools, the survey has been used by the Representative for Children and Youth to report on the wellbeing of youth in BC, by the Ministry of Health to support healthy school initiatives and by other organizations. The survey takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. This is an opportunity for feedback online. Parents of students in Grade 4 are invited to participate voluntarily. If you are interested, please click [here](#) and under the Parent Section, select> School District 43 Coquitlam and select school> Bramblewood Elementary to provide your feedback. Please note that the survey is available in approximately 16 languages. This survey will be available for your **completion until February 29, 2024**. We appreciate your valuable feedback.

Our Grade 4 students will also be taking the survey, scheduled for February 6th and 13th @ 9am.

On The Calendar



As always, please remember to check our ecalendar for a complete list of events. Events on this list are subject to change – changes will be made immediately on the online calendar: Bramblewood eCalendar – Link: [Bramblewood eCalendar](#)

FEBRUARY 2024	
Feb 6-8	Kindergarten Registration (February 6-8, 2024)
Thursday, Feb 8	Fruit & Vegetable Program: Apples
Friday, Feb 9	Hot Lunch Boston Pizza Hot Lunch (ordering deadline is Feb 2 @ 12 noon)
Feb 9-14	Cross Catchment Application (February 9, 2024 @ 9 am – February 14, 2024 @ 4 pm)
Friday, Feb 16	Treat Day > Cupcakes!
Monday, Feb 19	Family Day (Statuary Holiday, no school)
Wednesday, Feb 21	PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link
Thursday, Feb 22	1:45 pm: Early Dismissal (Student Led Conference)
Friday, Feb 23	Pro D Day
Wednesday, Feb 28	Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)
Thursday, Feb 29	Fruit & Vegetable Program: Snap Peas
MARCH 2024	
Friday, Mar 8	Hot Lunch (TBD) & BPAC Movie Night
Thursday, Mar 14	Term 2: Report Cards (parents to view online through MyEd Parent Portal, not printed by school)
Friday, Mar 15	Last day prior to spring break Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC)
Mar 18-28	Spring Break
Tuesday, Mar 19	Norwuz
Friday, Mar 29	Good Friday (statutory holiday, school closed)
APRIL 2024	
Monday, Apr 1	Easter Monday (statutory holiday, school closed)
Tuesday, Apr 2	School Re-Opens (after spring break)
Friday, Apr 5	Hot Lunch TBD
Friday, Apr 12	Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC)
Wednesday, Apr 17	PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link Gr 4 & 5: Como Lake Relay
Thursday, Apr 18	Fruit & Vegetable Program: Cucumber
Friday, Apr 19	Pro D Day (no school)
Friday, Apr 26	Hot Lunch TBD
Wednesday, Apr 24	Admin Professional Day (school is in session)

Student Safety & Supervision



The district wide expectation is that at dismissal time students will be picked up by their caregivers. Students who are walking home need to do so right after the dismissal bell. **Please keep in mind that supervision ends at 2:45pm.** Students who are still waiting for a caregiver will at that time be brought to the office by their classroom teacher. The office will help them to contact their parent or caregiver.

Once children are in the care of their parent/caregiver, should you frequent the playground with your child(ren), parents are responsible for their care. Older children who want to frequent the playground must go home and return with parent permission to be unsupervised. Thank you for cooperating with this system, as it is designed to make sure that students stay safe.

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. **DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF LOT.** If you want to meet your child(ren) at their classroom door, please park on the street or in the tennis court parking lot.

Winter Weather

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.

The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>



Moresports BC is excited to share our Spring Break Camp locations and registration information with you.

We have three locations: Hillcrest Middle, Miller Park Community and Pitt River Middle.

- Camps will run from Monday to Friday - March 18-22, 2024
- 9:00 am to 2:45 pm
- Lunch/snack is included at all locations

Reminder: Children can attend (with friends) at any of these schools they don't need to attend during the school year.

Registration for Hillcrest is open now. Here is the link:

<https://www.dwul.io/search?result=Hillcrest>

Miller Park will open later this week.

Pitt River will open on Feb 4.

(When we receive links, Ms. Walton will forward them).

For any questions, please contact DWUL at email: Registration@DWUL.io

[Registration www.DWUL.io](https://www.DWUL.io) questions?

Thank you for supporting Bramblewood Elementary fundraiser.

5% of your purchase will go back to Bramblewood PAC! Please mention Bramblewood at time of purchase. Enjoy fresh bread and give back at the same time. Sunwood Square – Coquitlam location only

The poster features a warm, golden-brown background with scattered wheat grains. At the top center, the 'COBS BREAD' logo is displayed in white text within a dark red oval. Below this, the word 'RAISE' is written in large, bold, dark red letters. Underneath 'RAISE', the words 'SOME DOUGH' are written in white text inside a dark red oval. At the bottom, the word 'BRAMBLEWOOD' is written in large, bold, dark red letters. The central text is flanked by decorative flourishes of wheat grains. At the bottom of the poster, there are two promotional boxes with dashed borders, each containing a map of the Sunwood Square location and specific offer details.

COBS BREAD

RAISE SOME DOUGH BRAMBLEWOOD

Mention Bramblewood Elementary at the time of purchase and COBS Bread Sunwood Square will donate back 5% of your purchase.

GET A FREE TRADITIONAL LOAF
WHEN YOU BUY A 6-PACK OF MINI CINNAMON BUNS

COBS BREAD

VISIT YOUR LOCAL BAKERY AT:
COBS Bread
SUNWOOD SQUARE
#250-3025 Lougheed Hwy
Coquitlam, BC
604-472-1144

Valid only at COBS Bread Sunwood Square • While daily quantities last • Traditional loaves includes White, Whole wheat, and Country grain • No cash value • Not valid with any other offer • Present this to receive offer • Valid February 1st to March 13th, 2024

ENJOY A FREE LOAF
WHEN THE PURCHASE OF A 6-PACK OF SCONES

COBS BREAD

VISIT YOUR LOCAL BAKERY AT:
COBS Bread
SUNWOOD SQUARE
#250-3025 Lougheed Hwy
Coquitlam, BC
604-472-1144

Valid only at COBS Bread Sunwood Square • While daily quantities last • Free loaf includes all loaves except Pullaparts, Tearlines and Twists • No cash value • Not valid with any other offer • Present this to receive offer • Valid February 1st to March 13th, 2024

LUNCH TIME MARTIAL ARTS



Sign up for Bramblewood PAC's lunch time fundraiser with Excel Martial Arts.

Your child will experience and learn some exciting martial arts techniques in the Bramblewood Gym during lunch time.

Cost is \$10 for 4 classes and 100% of money raised goes toward Bramblewood PAC.

This program is for children of all levels and abilities.

Sign up on [Munchalunch](#) by February 24th to reserve a spot.

Kindergarten - Grade 2

February 26th, 27th, 28th, & March 1st

Grade 3 - 5

March 4th, 5th, 6th, & 8th

Contact Bramblewood PAC for more information

bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

