



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Britt Walton, Principal

NEWSLETTER # 7

March 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Students:

Before I provide a brief update on the school happenings, I would like to inform our community about a few staffing changes that will take place at Bramblewood over the next few weeks. To begin, we would like to welcome Mrs. Mehreen Saleem who will be covering in Learning Services for Mrs. Ashleigh Goldhawke while on leave. It is with mixed emotion that we say goodbye to Mrs. Leah Wright, our amazing Administrative Assistant, who has been “the voice of Bramblewood” and so much more! Mrs. Wright will be leaving the district to return to a job in radio and media where we know she will continue to do great things! We thank Mrs. Wright for sharing her big heart with us, her endless energy, and her genuine and daily care for our families, school, and community. On behalf of our staff, we look forward to seeing you and catching up with her in our local community as will, the kids.

Real Acts of Caring: February was a busy month with our real acts of caring week, Pink Shirt Day and celebrating Black History Month. Students shared their own real acts of caring by designing and creating cards between classes to acknowledge the appreciation they have for one another. We had a morning assembly where we had student presenters from Mrs. Kerfer’s class and Mrs. Khan/Ms. Lunneys’ class who reminded us of bullying awareness and promoted the importance of being kind to each other. It is our hope that we all continue to be kind and recognize the importance of inclusion of everyone every day. As a community, our BPAC organized a lunchtime Martial Arts Fundraiser for all children to demonstrate their skills and develop an appreciation for the discipline and benefits of Martial Arts. Fun was had by all! A special and sincere thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and our other parent volunteers who played a significantly role in supporting this opportunity for our children. We are so grateful and thankful for our dedicated BPAC.

There are many holidays observed within our Bramblewood community and hope that all of our families take the time to learn about, celebrate and honour such events including Ramadan, Nowruz, Holi, Easter, and Vaisakhi; celebrating our wonderful diversity and being the inclusive community we are, benefits everyone.

Thank you to Mrs. Chan and Mrs. Khan for assisting with our Grade 5 Basketball team; many smiles were brought to our faces in watching our children try the sport for the first time. We are excited to host two athletic opportunities for our children when we return from Spring Break – Como Lake Relays and our District Track and Field Meet. We encourage our children to participate and learn about the important of a healthy lifestyle.

Families are reminded that our PAC is hosting the return of Family Movie Night on Friday, March 8th @ 6pm in the Gym. Tickets can be purchased online through munchalunch or bought at the door; This is a great community building event. We encourage families to attend.

We would like to wish all of our families a wonderful and safe Spring Break.

Sincerely,
Britt Walton



Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,
April 17th,
2024 at 6:30
pm** (Library) or
please contact
PAC if you
would like link
at email:
Bramblewoodparent.s2@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

Spring Break
**March 18-28,
2024**

Good Friday
March 29, 2024

Easter Monday
April 1, 2024

Students
Do Not
Attend School

Bramblewood Parent Advisory Council Meeting (BPAC)



Next PAC meeting – Wednesday, April 17th 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. **Note: there is no PAC meeting in March 2024.**

PAC is excited to present our 2nd **“Movie Night” on Friday March 8th!** We will be featuring *Trolls Band Together*. Tickets are available on Munchalunch for \$5.00/student + various food options and combos!! Doors open at 5:30pm with the movie starting at 6pm!! One adult must attend the movie night with their student(s) at no charge. **Interested in volunteering for movie night?** Email bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

The **Excel Martial Arts Lunch Program** continues next week with Grades 3-5! Thank you to all who participated in this excellent fundraiser.

PAC would like to invite all parents to inquire about joining the **PAC Exec or Volunteer Committee** for the '24-'25 school year. We are in the early stages of planning our team and would love to hear from you! If you are interested in having a huge impact on our Bramblewood community, please consider joining our incredible team! Even the smallest of time commitment is very helpful. Email PAC President Ryan (mymkovski@gmail.com) for more questions or to express interest!!

Have a great Spring Break!

- 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

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



Our Term 2 learning updates (aka report cards) will be available on [MyEd Portal Link](#) for **Thursday, March 14th**. Should you have forgotten your username and password or have not received account information please contact bwalton@sd43.bc.ca as soon as possible. It is important all parents have access prior to March 14th as **Learning Update will no longer be printed at the school**. Be sure to print a copy of your child(ren)'s learning update for your personal files. Access between Mar 14-29 either saving or printing, as it's parent's responsibility. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teachers through email should they have any concerns. Teacher's emails can be found on our school website.

IMPORTANT: We request that all families ensure they have portal access prior to the March 14th to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child's/children's learning update.

Public Speaking Contest for Grades 4 & 5 Students

This year our district has decided to postpone our district level public speaking contest in order to look at updating the format in which it runs and intends to bring it back next school year. We have decided as a staff to continue to over the school level competition as our children gain valuable skills in creating and presenting their own speeches. Please note the following date May 16th as this year's School Final Competition should your child qualify.

Como Lake Relays for Grade 4 & 5 Students

Como Lake practices will commence for any child interested on Monday, March 4th and will continue until Tuesday, April 16th. **The Como Lake Relay event will be on Wednesday, April 16th**. Please note the following practice days during recess. All children are reminded to wear proper and supportive running shoes on practice days.

Boys – Monday and Wednesday

Girls – Tuesday and Thursday

Bramblewood: Afterschool Programs (Spring 2024)

Go to www.DWUL.io and search "SD43 Bramblewood" or click the links below.

[K-2 Bramblewood \(Mon\): Clay & Craft Club](#)

[Gr 3-5 Bramblewood \(Tues\): Clay & Craft Club](#)

[Bramblewood \(Wed\): Junior Robotics, Gr 1-5](#)

[Bramblewood \(Thu\): Coding & Digital Arts - Gr 1-5](#)

Programs are brought to you by different community organizations.
DWUL (Do What U Luv) provides registration support.

Note: If the links are not opening due to browser/firewall issues, go to www.DWUL.io first. Then, search "SD43 Bramblewood" for direct access.

Wildlife

As most of our families know, we share our grounds with wildlife and it is about this time when the bears are waking up and other animals are out and about. Please know that the school has a wildlife protocol should wild animals be seen in and around the school or neighbourhood. Also, if children and families are walking to school, everyone should be reminded to:

- use well lit busier roads and walkways
- walk noisily in groups
- avoid forest paths and walking alone
- do not wear headphones and pay attention to surroundings.

Finally, if you are aware of wildlife near the school, please call the school and the conservation office as soon as possible.

Please remind children of our Shelter in Place procedures. Should children see wildlife during outdoor play, they need to calmly seek the help of a supervisor or other school staff member and follow instructions. All of our children have rehearsed such situation and know when they hear three beeps of the bell, they are to return to their classroom lineup to seek safety in the building should it be required. Thank you for your continued support.

Summer Learning 2024

We expect to have information out regarding summer learning opportunities soon. If you have any questions or inquiries, please call 604-936-4261, email summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca, or visit our website at www.sd43summerlearning.ca

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](#)

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| MARCH 2024 | |
| Friday, Mar 8 | Hot Lunch (Little Caesar's) |
| Thursday, Mar 14 | Term 2: Learning Updates (aka 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) |
| Wednesday, Apr 10 | Kindergarten – Dental Screening (10 am) |
| Friday, Apr 12 | Hot Lunch (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 | Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC) Fruit & Vegetable Program: Cucumber |
| Friday, Apr 19 | Pro D Day (no school) |
| Wednesday, Apr 24 | Admin Professional Day aka Secretary Day (school is in session) |
| Friday, Apr 26 | Hot Lunch TBD |
| MAY 2024 | |
| Thursday, May 2 | Fruit & Vegetable Program: Apples |
| Friday, May 10 | Hot Lunch TBD |
| Wednesday, May 15 | PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link |
| Friday, May 17 | Treat Day TBD |
| Monday, May 20 | Victoria Day (Statutory Holiday, school closed) |
| Wednesday, May 22 | District Track and Field Meet @ Percy Perry Stadium Town Centre Park |
| Thursday, May 23 | Class Photos |

Spring Break

Bramblewood Staff wishes all of our students and families a fun and safe Spring Break. Last day of class before Spring Break is **Friday March 15th, 2024** and students return to school on **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**.

