



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Britt Walton, Principal

NEWSLETTER # 8

April 2, 2024

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome back from Spring Break!

Families are reminded that we have a west coast recess and lunch policy. Since the spring weather can often be quite wet, we remind students to dress appropriately so they are comfortable playing outdoors on days when it is raining. We encourage staff to take classes outside as children thrive with fresh air and in nature as well as enjoy playing outside; families are reminded that we share our grounds with the city and it is important children remember the following expectations:

- Refrain from using the community washrooms on the exterior of the school.
- Remain in assigned (Kindergartens) and remain visible areas.
- Play in groups and do not approach the public who may be walking “the Crunch”.
- Be mindful of and sensitive towards all wildlife.

We appreciate your review of these important safety expectations with your children. As the warm weather comes, families are reminded to be *Bear Aware* which includes remaining calm, not running or climbing a tree. It is important you slowly back away, talking to the bear in a quiet, monotone voice should you come into contact with one. It is important children pay attention to their surroundings walking to and from school and while out on the playground.

The return (although sporadic at the moment) of sunshine this past week has given children renewed energy and it has been wonderful to see and hear joy on our playground on those days. Staff will be reintroducing outdoor games such as, Four Square and Tetherball as the weather improves. Connect Four has also been a recent acquisition to our playground. Our grounds feel very much alive at break times! Children are reminded that baseballs, baseball bats, lacrosse sticks and balls are not appropriate playground equipment for school. Badminton has made its resurgence during break time, children are reminded that they must play on the top field only. Our Grade 4 and 5 students have been practicing their running in preparation for Como Lake Relays held on April 17th, 2024. Thank you to Mrs. Chan, Mrs. Erickson, and Mrs. Hewlett for volunteering and supporting such an awesome event/opportunity for our students.

Track and Field will begin for Grade 3-5 students in the upcoming weeks. Track Attack will provide exposure to a variety of events culminating with the District’s Track and Field Meet on May 22nd, 2024 at Percy Perry Stadium.

Thank you to our BPAC for their generous contributions of classroom funds which have provided opportunity for enhancing learning resources and opportunities for students. We know that we are *so fortunate* to have such an amazing group of dedicated, caring, energetic and enthusiastic parents. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,
Ms. B. Walton
Principal

BPAC

Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,
Apr 17, 2024 at
6:30 pm (Library)**

or please contact
PAC if you would
like link at email:

Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

**Hope you can
join us!**

CALENDAR

Stat Holiday
April 1, 2024

Pro D Day
April 19, 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 for the remainder of the school 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.

PAC will be hosting a fundraiser in collaboration with Coquitlam's neighbourhood gem **Pasta Polo** on the evening of **Tuesday April 16th!** Treat the family with a delicious authentic Italian dinner while supporting your Bramblewood PAC! **10% of all in-person dining and 15% of all take away orders go directly to BPAC!!!**
*note: Community Values Coupon and Take & Bake promo not included

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!!

- 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

Student Safety



Please do not drop students off in dangerous places or allow them to cross the street unescorted. **Drivers are reminded not to park illegally on the east side of Bramble Lane or make dangerous U-turns.** To help keep our students safe, we kindly ask that you:

- Walk with your child to school if possible or park a block or two away and walk from that point.
- Use the Drive –Through to drop off and pick up your children **(8:48 a.m. – 2:47 p.m.) Do not leave your vehicle if you are stopped in the drive through. Do not park across the crosswalk or on the sidewalk.**
- Park on the west side of Bramble Lane only.
- **Do Not make U-Turns** or use neighbours driveways to turn around. Proceed to the next street and turn around safely and legally.
- Use the crosswalk at Bramble Lane and Panorama.

Please note that Bramble Lane and other neighboring streets are subject to City of Coquitlam Bylaws and the Coquitlam RCMP Traffic Laws.

After School Pick Up

We are noting a number of students expected/instructed to wait at the school office for their parents to pick them up after school. The number and frequency of students is not sustainable and our expectations are that parents pick up their children or make alternate arrangements should they not be able to arrive for pick up time. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Playground Afterschool

We recognize that the weather is getting better and that older children are gaining their independence as they prepare to transition to middle school. It is our expectation that when school ends, if unaccompanied by an adult, older children leave the school grounds and report home first and return to the playground with parent permission. Student supervision ends at 3pm and we after that time, are not responsible for children's whereabouts and safety. Should your child have extenuating circumstances in this regard, please contact Ms. Walton.

Grade 5 – Transition to Grade 6

Planning has begun for our Grade 5 students moving to middle school in September. A majority of Bramblewood Elementary students will be going to Summit Middle School. Back in December, 2023, Ms. Wright emailed catchment middle school letters, so please double check assignments.

On **Thursday, April 11th, 2024 between 10:45am – 11:45am** Summit Middle School Vice-Principal and School Counsellor will be coming to Bramblewood and presenting in person information session to **Grade 5 students only** to explain the transition to middle school and what it is like, as well as answer any questions students may have.

On **Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024**, Summit Middle School is hosting an in-person **school tour/orientation for parents of Grade 5 students** going there in September. **It is referred to as the Passport to Summit Middle – Grade 6 Tour.** This is for students and parents / caregivers. Families will be receiving an e-mail directly from Summit.

Our Grade 5 children will also be participating in the **“Grade 6 for a Morning”** event on **Thursday, June 6th between 9:30am -11:40am.** Bramblewood students going to Summit will all walk down to Summit for this event accompanied by their classroom teachers.

Please note that if your child is not attending Summit Middle School, parents are responsible for arranging their child’s participation in the event at their assigned middle school/middle school of choice. “Grade 6 for a Morning” is scheduled for the same date and time throughout the district.

École Kwayhquiltum Middle School will be hosting a **Parent Evening** on **Thursday, May 23 from 5:30-6:30pm** in their Gym for children pre transitioned to attend in September 2024.

Eagle Mountain Middle School will be hosting a Parent Evening on Wednesday, April 24th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm for children pre transitioned to attend in September 2024.

Summer Learning



Planning is underway for an engaging and varied program for 2024! At this time, we have been informed that Summer Learning Programs 2024 will be operating.

Online registration for summer learning begins on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @ 6am for elementary registrations. For middle school students, registration begins Friday, May 3, 2024 @ 6am.**

You must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Please note that students who have completed Grade 5 can register to preview Grade 6 programs or can register in Grade 5 skill building courses. Should you have questions, please ask your child’s classroom teacher for a recommendation.

To create your account for Summer Learning, please visit our website at www.sd43summerlearning.ca or contact Continuing Education at 604-936-4261. A Summer Learning Brochure will be sent out soon. For inquiries, email: summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca or phone: 604-936-4261.

Are You Moving?



It is really important as we work to determine our school organization for September **that if you are planning on moving to a new school or district, you let us know as soon as possible.** If students are changing schools, it is most valuable for us to articulate with your child’s new school about setting up a suitable placement. You will be required to provide 3 x supporting documents of your new residency address. If you know of families who have moved into our area, please encourage them to email: bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca or call 604-552-0313 to make arrangements to register as soon as possible.

Term 3: Formal Report Cards – Wed. Jun 26, 2024



Our Term 3 report cards will be available on [MyEd Portal Link](#) for **Wednesday, June 26th.** All parents will require their username and password. Parents’ usernames and passwords have 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. Term 3 Report Cards will NOT be printed.

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 June 26th to avoid unnecessary delay in accessing your child’s/children’s report card.

All families are reminded to print off their child's Final Report Card for their personal file.

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

Thanks for keeping us informed at school!

Important Dates



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](#)

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 (9 am) Track Attack in the Afternoon for Grades 3-5 only
Friday, Apr 12	Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)
Wednesday, Apr 17	PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link Gr 4 & 5: Como Lake Relay @ Como Lake
Thursday, Apr 18	Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC) Fruit & Vegetable Program: Cucumber
Friday, Apr 19	Pro D Day (no school for students)
Wednesday, Apr 24	Admin Professional Day aka Secretary Day (school is in session)
Friday, Apr 26	Hot Lunch (TBD)
Tuesday, Apr 30	Summer Learning 2024 (registration begins at 6 am for Elementary school students)
MAY 2024	
Thursday, May 2	Fruit & Vegetable Program: Apples
Friday, May 3	Summer Learning 2024 (registration begins at 6 am for Middle school students)
Friday, May 10	Art Starts Performance @ 1:30pm Hot Lunch (TBD)
Tuesday, April 14	Connecting to K for New Kindergarten Parents (Children beginning in Sept 2024)
Wednesday, May 15	PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link
Thursday, May 16	Grade 4 & 5 School Finals for Public Speaking (TBD)
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
Monday, May 27	Art Starts Performance @ 1:30pm



Summer Learning

2024

Elementary

Eight locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Visual & Performing Arts, French Immersion, Integrated studies, Math, Reading & Writing, Coding (Info tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, and more!
Free to all BC residents*.

Middle

Three locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, English and French Immersion Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, Visual & Performing Arts, and more! Free to all BC residents*.

Two locations. Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:30-11:30am OR 12:00-3:00pm. English, English for Beginners, IB Math & Science, Jazz & Concert Band, Science, Home Ec, Sewing, 2D Animation, Metal and Wood Tech Ed, Math, Coding (Info Tech), Skills for Success. Free to all BC residents*. These non-credit courses may be taken to review previously covered course content OR preview a course. Academic Completion 9/10 (earn a passing mark) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Secondary Full Credit

Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track
Two locations. Wednesday July 3 - Thursday August 8 8:00-11:30am OR 12:00-3:30pm. Biology 11,12; Career Life Education 10; Chemistry 11,12; EAL 10,11; English 10,11,12; English First Peoples 11,12; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PHE 10; Socials 10,11.

Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!

Registration begins at 6:00am for ...
- Elementary: Tuesday April 30
- Middle & Secondary Skill Building: Friday May 3
- Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 8
Phone 604-936-4261 for assistance.
*SD43 Residency requirements apply

To Register

WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change

