



# Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Britt Walton, Principal

## NEWSLETTER # 9

May 2, 2024

### Our Mission Statement

The community of Bramblewood builds on the strengths of all students, helping them to develop socially, intellectually and physically to become responsible members of society. We believe education is the shared responsibility of the home, school and community.

### Dear Parents / Guardians and Students:

Como Lake Relays were eventful in the beautiful sunshine this year with our Grade 4 boys taking 7<sup>th</sup> place! All of our Bears did a fabulous job representing Bramblewood and we are extremely proud of everyone's participation. We look forward to watching our Grade 3-5 students who qualify by meeting district standards compete at Percy Perry Stadium for our district Track and Field Meet on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We look forward to future events at Bramblewood including supporting Cops for Cancer throughout the month of May as well as hosting two Art Starts performances including Professor Wow and Sam2 Recycled Music for all of our children. Thank you to our BPAC for supporting meaningful fine arts opportunities.

Families are reminded that **class photos** are scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> as well as the school wide arial photo and a special Grade 5 class leaving photo. Please be sure to have children to school on time and dressed appropriately. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate clothing changes due to a tight schedule.

Finally, Grade 4/5 students will perform their speeches within their classrooms and we will host a school final on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Gym @ 1:15pm. Should your child qualify for the school final, you will be notified through email and your attendance is welcomed.

A few friendly reminders as we approach the nice weather:

**Playground Use Afterschool:** Parents, we kindly ask that you accompany your children to the playground afterschool. Should older children wish to stay afterschool we kindly ask that they report home first and return with permission. The school is not responsible for supervision after 2:45pm. Much appreciation.

**Snacks, Lunches & Growth spurts!** During the Spring months, when the weather improves and children typically spend more time outside, they tend to burn more calories and many of our children are in the midst of significant growth spurts! There becomes a need for additional food items in their lunch bags. We don't like to bother families at during the workday with such requests. Please check your child's lunch and should you notice they are gobbling everything up daily, please include some small additions to keep their brain and body ready for learning. A friendly reminder that we are supplying an increased number of spoons and forks that have been forgotten in students' lunches; this can be quite costly. **Families are reminded to pack spoons and forks.**

Sincerely,

*Britt Walton*

Principal

## BPAC

### Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,  
May 15, 2024 at  
6:30 pm (Library)**  
or please contact  
PAC if you would  
like link at email:  
[Bramblewoodparents2@  
gmail.com](mailto:Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com)

**Hope you can  
join us!**

## CALENDAR

Victoria Day  
(Stat Holiday)  
**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Pro-D Day  
(School-Based)  
**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Students  
Do Not  
Attend School

## ***Bramblewood Parent Advisory Council Meeting (BPAC)***



**Next PAC meeting and our AGM – Wednesday, May 15th 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](mailto:bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com) for more information or to get a link to the meeting.

PAC is currently selling GARDENWORKS Gift Cards to raise money for Cops for Cancer. **\$10 from every \$50 card and \$5 from every \$30 card goes directly to Cops for Cancer!** Support a great cause while working on your garden!! Order at [www.munchalunch.com](http://www.munchalunch.com) Sales close on Friday, May 3 and cards will be delivered on May 10!

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 looking for a new Secretary and DPAC Rep. 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 involvement goes a very long way!!

Email PAC President Ryan ([mymkovski@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com)
- Email PAC President Ryan directly at [mymkovski@gmail.com](mailto:mymkovski@gmail.com)

## ***School Supplies 2024-2025***



We have posted on Bramblewood Elementary website. Once in website, click on parents tab + school supplies or click link: [School Supplies - click here](#) We do not promote any one company, as it is your choice as to whom you wish to order, but Creative Packs has kindly supplied lists. **Note: orders placed by July 1, 2024 will receive free shipping to the school.**

## ***Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation – May 14, 2024***

Connecting to Kindergarten will be held in two in person sessions this year! We are excited to host the incoming Kindergarten students and their parents in the Gym. We respectfully ask that you make previous arrangements for childcare for their siblings to limit the attention to our school age children as well as be mindful of capacity.

All incoming Kindergarten students' families will participate in a presentation to provide families with a sense of what Kindergarten is like at Bramblewood Elementary. The Kindergarten teachers will be facilitating activities so that the Kindergarten children can begin to establish positive relationships with them. Students will also receive a Welcome to Kindergarten bag filled with wonderful materials to support early learning and learn about fun preparatory activities they can do at home with their child. We are excited and look forward to welcoming our new families!

## ***Moving?***



**VERY IMPORTANT:** New students to our community, planning to attend in September 2024, are asked to pre-register as soon as possible. It is important that we have accurate information for a smooth start up for September. **If your family is planning to move out of our community or you are considering moving your children to another school, we would appreciate hearing from you.** Please contact us as soon as you know you are moving by emailing: [bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca) or call 604-552-0313.

## ***Considerations for Student / Class Placement***

In May and June of each year, we begin the process of planning for the next school year. Plans are tentative, as enrolment can change over the next few months, which necessitates the need for flexibility in our planning. The process of assigning students to classes will be happening over the next few months, however, is not finalized until September 2024 for the upcoming school year.

## **Considerations for Student / Class Placement Cont...**

Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional, and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided as a team, including the School Based Resource Team, a child's current teacher, non-enrolling teachers, support staff, and administration. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a wide range of students who learn in a variety of ways.

In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include:

1. Workable instructional groups considering:
  - the child's academic needs and strengths;
  - teaching and learning styles;
  - the child's work habits.
2. Positive social groups considering:
  - placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class;
  - peer support or conflicts;
  - establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class;
3. Balanced classes considering:
  - students with exceptionalities
  - English acquisition learners
  - social, emotional and academic needs and abilities
  - leadership abilities
4. Other Information considered:
  - School-Based Resource Team recommendations

***If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal, does not have and you wish for the team to consider when placing your child, parents are encouraged to **email the Principal directly outlining those considerations BEFORE May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Emails received after the published date will not be considered for student placement for the next school year.***

*Please note: Teacher preference will not be considered for student placement.*

Please consider the placement criteria referenced above when describing your child's needs. Please describe a learning environment that may suit your child's learning style/needs (social, emotional and/or academic). If you are requesting placements that involve other students (one or two at most) please think carefully before making your request and provide an explanation for that request. Please focus on the needs of your child. The information that you provide in your information sheet will be given to the team of professionals described above, to be used along with the criteria listed above in the placement of your child. Please note that it may not be possible to meet all requests as classes are determined. Teacher assignments are tentative and subject to change, along with enrolment and school organization changes.

## **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 began on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024 @ 6am**. You must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses. Also, for Grade 5 students wishing to preview Middle School registration opens **Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6am**. Programs fill up quickly. Should you not get into a desired class, you are encouraged to check the website frequently as spots can become available opening registration again. Please note Bramblewood Elementary does not have influence over registration. Thank you.

To create your account for Summer Learning, please visit our website at [www.sd43summerlearning.ca](http://www.sd43summerlearning.ca) or contact Continuing Education at 604-936-4261. A Summer Learning Brochure is attached below. For inquiries, email: [summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca) or phone: 604-936-4261.

## Procedures for Reporting Wildlife

It is the time of year once again where we may see wildlife such as bears, deer and coyotes visiting the school property. The School District has a procedure in place which all staff are aware of. We encourage our families and neighbours to contact the Conservation Officers directly at the following numbers should you wish to report a sighting. It never hurts to give our school office a call as well. Thank you for your assistance.

Conservation: 1-877-952-7277

Coquitlam RCMP: 604-945-1550

## 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](#)

MAY 2024	
Thursday, May 9	Cops for Cancer Classroom Presentations
Friday, May 10	Hot Lunch Sushi Professor Wow! Performance @ 1:30pm
Wednesday, May 14	Connecting to Kindergarten (Group A ; Group B in Library)
Wednesday, May 15	PAC Meeting in Library @ 6:30 pm or email <a href="mailto:Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com">Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com</a> for code/link
Thursday, May 16	School Finals> Grade 4/5 Public Speaking @ 1:15pm
Friday, May 17	Treat Day> Jumbo Freezies for \$1 in MPR after school Class Placement Consideration emails due to <a href="mailto:bwalton@sd43.bc.ca">bwalton@sd43.bc.ca</a> by 3pm.
Monday, May 20	Victoria Day ( <i>School not in session</i> )
Wednesday, May 22	District Track & Field
Thursday, May 23	Class Photos
Monday, May 27	Sam2 Recycled Music Performance @ 1:30pm
Thursday, May 30	Parent Appreciation Day
JUNE 2024	
Monday, Jun 3	Pro D Day ( <i>School not in session</i> )
Monday, June 3-7	Bike to School Week
Thursday, June 6	<b>Grade 6 for a day</b>
Friday, Jun 7	Activity Day
Friday, Jun 7	Hot Lunch (TBA)
Wednesday, Jun 12	PAC Meeting please email <a href="mailto:Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com">Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com</a> should you wish to attend. <i>Location to be determined.</i>
Friday, Jun 14	Treat Day – Kona Ice after school.
Wednesday, Jun 19	Grade 5 – Celebratory Event > Cultus Lake Waterslides
Friday, Jun 21	National Indigenous Day
Tuesday, Jun 25	Grade 5 – Leaving Ceremonies (A.M.)
Wednesday, Jun 26	Term 3 – Report Cards published online – visit MyEd Parent Portal *no printed copies issued*
Thursday, Jun 27	Last day of school for students
Friday, Jun 28	Administrative Day ( <i>students do not attend school</i> ) – staff only in attendance

## Bicycles, Skateboards & Other Wheels



As the weather gets nicer, students may decide to ride their bike, scooter or skateboard to school. Although we support “green methods” of transportation, students must be wearing appropriate safety protection and have a suitable lock for the outdoor racks. Please note that we will not be able to store any skateboards or other “wheeled” vehicles in the school as we do not have safe and appropriate storage space to accommodate all students.

Also, **students are reminded that they are not permitted to “ride” these items on the school grounds between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm as there are too many pedestrians on our property at that time.** Parents are responsible for ensuring that students are properly trained in road safety and wearing appropriate safety gear if students are choosing to ride to school.

## 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](mailto:bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca)

Thanks for keeping us informed at school!

**Summer Learning Flyer** (register online: Tuesday, April 30 for Elementary Schools if interested)

**SD43** COQUITLAM  
Summer Learning

# Summer Learning 2024

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\*.

## Elementary

Three locations, Tuesday July 9 - Friday July 26 8:45-11:45am. Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Impro, 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\*.

## Middle

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

Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track

## Secondary Full Credit

## To Register

Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!

Registration begins at 8:00am 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

[WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA](http://WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA) / Phone 604-936-4261

Courses and locations listed above are subject to change.

# BIKE <sup>to</sup> school WEEK

JUNE 3 ▶ JUNE 7



Ride your bike,  
walk, or wheel  
to school!



JOIN TO  
WIN PRIZES



**A FREE EVENT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO  
BIKE, ROLL, OR WALK TO SCHOOL!**

## Why Participate?

- Win prizes from Science World, gnubees, Active for Life, and more!
- Create healthy habits and arrive at school energised and ready to learn!
- Compete with other schools for online shout-outs and certificates!
- Promote sustainable transportation and reduce congestion around school streets.

Learn more at [bikehub.ca/btsw](https://bikehub.ca/btsw)

## Summer Camp/Program 2024 Registration is open!

Link to James Park Program Page:

[https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/jamespark/communityschool/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/jamespark/communityschool/Pages/default.aspx#/)

Link to Minnekhada Program

Page: [https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/minnekhada/communityschool/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/minnekhada/communityschool/Pages/default.aspx#/)

**Kids Summer Dance/Art programs**

Weekly Programs July 2-Aug 9

Let's Make A Memorable Summer Together

Register Here:  
<https://www.karelo.com/register.php? BID=610&BT=10&PrivEv=21957>

Questions?  
SilviaJorge  
604-209-1424

SCAN ME

# James Park

Community School



**Weekly Camps running:  
Tues July 2-Fri Aug 9**

Outdoor games, Water Fun,  
treasure hunts,  
interactive games, and  
more!

**REGISTRATION RUNS:  
APRIL 10TH -MAY 24TH, 2024**



Contact Silvia Jorge with questions  
604-209-1424 sjorge@sd43.bc.ca

[https://www.karelo.com/register.php?  
BID=610&BT=10&PrivEv=21957](https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=610&BT=10&PrivEv=21957)

# MINNEKHADA MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS



**Week 1: July 2-5  
Soccer Camp  
12-3pm \$100 4 days**

**Week 1: July 2-5  
Kids in the Kitchen  
9am-12 \$110 4 days**

**Week 2: July 8-12  
Visual Arts  
11am-2pm \$130 5 days**

**Week 2: July 8-12  
Freestyle/StreetArt  
12-3pm \$120 5 days**



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**Week 3: July 15-19  
Skateboarding  
11am-1pm \$135 5 days**

**Week 4: July 22-26  
Basketball 10am-2pm  
\$190 5 days**

FOR KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GR5 TO ENTERING GR8

<https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=549&BT=10&PrivEv=21976>

**FOR KIDS FINISHED  
KINDERGARTEN-  
ENTERING GRADE 5**



**JAMES PARK  
SPORTS  
SUMMER  
PROGRAMS**



**WEEKLY CAMPS  
JULY 2-AUG 9**

**12-3PM**

**JAMES PARK GYM**



**ACTIVITIES**

**FOOTBALL  
BASKETBALL  
VOLLEYBALL  
GYMNASTICS  
SOCCER  
and more!**



**QUESTIONS?  
SILVIA JORGE  
604-209-1424  
SJORGE@SD43.BC.CA**

**REGISTER HERE:**

**[https://www.karelo.com/register.php?  
BID=610&BT=10&PrivEv=21957](https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=610&BT=10&PrivEv=21957)**



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