



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Michael Bird, Principal

December 2024

Dear Bramblewood Families,

As we conclude our first term, I want to extend my gratitude to our whole community, students, parents, and staff, for your support, care, and efforts to make Bramblewood Elementary such a fantastic place of learning.

A special thanks to the Bramblewood PAC, whose support and involvement are invaluable. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure the success and well-being of our students while helping create some special memories in our building. Thank you in advance for hosting our pancake breakfast and PJ day on Friday, Dec. 20th.

As well a special thank you to our staff whose efforts make the classroom and school a warm second home to our students. Their passion and dedication to education have made this term a success and I am grateful for all that they do.

And the biggest thank you to our students who are the reason we are all together. If I never need an energy pick me up, I visit some classrooms and enjoy their welcoming faces and positive energy.

Term 1 Learning Updates will be published after school on Thursday, December 5th. Please remind yourself how to log in to your MyEd Family Portal before this time. Our school clerical, Ms. Weedon, has generously offered to help families who need some guidance. Note that she will not be available on Thursday afternoon to do so.

Starting this Friday, students will begin their practice for this year's Holiday Dance Performances on Thursday, December 19th. We will have two performances, one at 11:15 am and the other at 1:45 pm. Families are invited to attend either one.

Sincerely,

Michael Bird
Principal

Bramblewood has signed up to host a Virtual Food Drive in support of SHARE Food Banks BC. We are super excited about the work FBBC is doing, providing healthy food to those in need. Our donations will support children, families, seniors, individuals who have lost their jobs, and anyone who just needs a little bit of help. Please make a donation today by visiting <https://bcvfd.foodbank.bc.ca/team/bramblewood>

Your generosity and kindness will help us reach our goal of \$1000 to support those most in need across our communities. Together, we can do this!

Online donations are also tax-deductible.

Cash donations will be accepted at school as well but without a tax receipt. Students will visit classrooms to collect cash donations each morning.

We will begin accepting donations from December 1st through December 19th.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Virtual Food Drive and for ensuring that our communities have access to fresh and healthy food.

BPAC

Next Meeting...

January TBA

CALENDAR

Dec 12th
Early Dismissal
1:45pm

Dec. 19th
Dance
Performances

Dec. 20th
Pancake Breakfast
and PJ Day

Dec.
Winter Holiday
Break
**Dec 23, 2024 -
Jan 3, 2025**

*(return Monday,
January 6th)*

CHART OF IMPORTANT DATES

PROGRAMS OF CHOICE, KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND CROSS CATCHMENT for School Year 2025-2026

<i>PROGRAMS OF CHOICE REGISTRATION (POC) – Early & Late French Immersion, Montessori & Late Montessori and Mandarin Bilingual</i>		
<i>ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE</i>	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time
Online Applications for: Kindergarten – entering September 2025 Grade 5 – Late Programs of Choice	Jan. 9, 2025 (Thurs) at 9:00am	Jan. 15, 2024 (Wed) at 4 pm
<i>KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION Students who are five (5) years of age by December 31, 2025</i>		
	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time
Online registration	Feb. 4, 2025 (Tues)	Feb. 6, 2025 (Thurs)
<i>CROSS CATCHMENT</i>		
	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time
Online Cross Catchment Application – Grades 1 to 12	Feb. 7, 2025 (Fri) at 9 am	Feb. 12, 2025 (Wed) at 4 pm



BRAMBLEWOOD PAC

PAC MEETING

It was a busy two months at Bramblewood filled with great fundraising events and parties to kick off the year!

DJ Rock 'n Beau kept the crowd rocking all night long at the 2nd annual Bramblewood Dance Party on October 11 for a cost of \$768.

PAC purchased a new cordless microphone for the school which made its debut at the Remembrance Day ceremony allowing for a more engaging experience for staff and students. The cost was \$753.

On December 20, run by Sara Farid and Lynette Fraser, PAC is bringing back the Kinsmen for a Pancake Breakfast to send our students off into the holiday break. This is a wonderful event bringing many parent volunteers together with students and staff and it is another example of our beautiful Bramblewood community.

Grade 5 Committee Chair Max Drabkin is currently organizing the much coveted Grade 5 Hoodies for delivery before Christmas!

This Friday, November 29, Sarvi Zarrinfar is launching the return of Treat Day!! Come and get your Oreo and Chips Ahoy Muffins for \$2 in the MPR Room at 2:45pm!

Shailliz Jiwa continues to deliver healthy snacks running the monthly Fruit & Veggie program!

The December PAC meeting is cancelled! We will resume in January.

FUNDRAISING

BPAC has been busy fundraising the last 2 months!! Movie night, showing Moana, was a huge success and brought in **\$467!!** Thank you **Anni Zhai** for a successful 1st event as our new movie coordinator!

The Community Values Coupon Book sold an incredible 131 books for a total of **\$1716** profit to BPAC. Thank you **Lynette Fraser and Ryan Mymko!**

The Neufeld's Farms Fundraiser sold an incredible \$3100 in product for **\$617** directly to BPAC. Thank you **Allisa Swanson Salvalaggio!**

The Purdy's Chocolate Holiday Fundraiser just finished, selling **\$2,637** in product with **\$692** going to BPAC. Thank you to our BPAC secretary, **Ashley Hakin**, for running your first BPAC fundraiser!

Hot Lunches (4 weeks): current profit = **\$1780**
Milk Program (8 weeks): current profit = **\$374**

Total Profit as of 11/27/24: **\$5,646**

