



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Britt Walton, Principal

NEWSLETTER # 9

May 2, 2022

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:

A few friendly reminders as we approach the nice weather and our Covid restrictions begin to lift.

Health Check: Families are reminded to please review the health check daily prior to having their children attend school. We recognize that it is also allergy season and it is difficult to determine the difference(s) between allergies and sickness. However, the Daily Health Check is a useful and helpful tool that should guide us with our decision making. We want to continue to minimize the transmission of COVID 19 and other common colds and promote a healthy environment for all.

Playground Use Afterschool: Parents, we ask thing over to the playground independently without an adult and younger children are free to head directly over to the playground with their parent(s). The school is not responsible for supervision after 3pm.

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 and yet we cannot supply every child with additional food items. 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.

Sincerely,

Britt Walton
Principal



Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,
May 18, 2022 at
6:30 pm - hybrid
(in-person & Teams)**

Please contact
Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com
for link.

**Hope you can
join us!**

Early Dismissal

**Wed. May 4 &
Thurs. May 5
(student dismissed @
1:47 pm)**

Victoria Day
**Monday,
May 23rd**
(school closed)



Pro-D Day
(School-Based)
Monday, June 6th
(no school for students)

School Supplies



School supplies lists will be posted in June on Bramblewood Elementary website, as we are awaiting Creative Packs to provide the link. Please stay tuned, once we receive, will let you know.

Considerations for Student Placement

Now is the time of year when we start to build our staffing and our student grade configurations for next year. This is a long and detailed process involving many aspects of each child's learning profile. We consider the perspective of the professionals that we know have relationships with your children and then we place together a plan that we feel best fits the learning environment for them and one that we can provide with our staffing arrangements. This development of class lists is given a great deal of time, careful thought and understanding with the knowledge teachers have of each student and what will be in the child's best interest.

Some of the factors we consider:

- Child's learning profile and their social relationships with peers
- Academic strengths and stretches
- Instructional groupings
- Learning Styles
- Social Emotional Learning needs (strengths and stretches)
- Previous placement history
- Parental feedback regarding child's learning style (strengths and stretches)
- Recommendations of teachers and school-based team

Parent input is welcomed but should not include requests for specific teachers or placement based on friendships or daycare. Parent input should focus on the child's learning style (strengths and stretches). While we guarantee that all parent input will be given careful consideration, we cannot promise that all requests will be met. **Input regarding your child's learning needs can be sent to me via email only, before Friday May 27, 2022** otherwise we will not be able to factor it into our placements.

Bramblewood Parent Advisory Council Meeting (BPAC)



Next PAC meeting is hybrid (in-person & online with MS Teams) – Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 6:30 pm. Please email Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com for more information or to get a link to the meeting.

Thank you to all of the families that supported BPAC by ordering Spring Spirit Wear and ordering from Neufeld Farms. Spirit Wear will be available May 13th and distributed to the classrooms. Ongoing fundraisers include our Return-It program, Cobs Bread (Sunwood), Mabel's Labels, and Flip Give (perfect for end-of-school gifts). Please reach out to bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com if you want additional information for any of these programs.

Neufeld Farms Important Reminder: order pick-up is this Wednesday May 4th at 6pm sharp at the school. The truck will need to be unloaded as it has multiple deliveries to make and cannot take any orders with them. Please be at the school for 6pm or arrange for someone to pick up on your behalf. There is no storage available for Frozen items.

We are excited to announce the return of **Treat Day!** Mark your calendars for **Friday May 20th.** The PAC will be selling Freezies at the end of the school day and we need volunteers to help out. **Please email bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com if you are available to help out the afternoon of Friday, May 20th.** Details to come.

PAC Hot Lunch is coming back to Bramblewood! Keep an eye out for date and details.

As previously communicated, we are looking to fill the role of Milk Program Coordinator for the next school year: 2022/2023. Thank-you to Luz Frankel who has run this program for Bramblewood. Please reach out to PAC if you are interested in helping us run this highly profitable fundraiser.

Please **follow us on Facebook at Bramblewood PAC** for important updates, parent education links, and to connect with other families.
Thank-you! Lindsey Whittle, PAC Chair

Welcome to Kindergarten Orientation

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 as we are still trying to minimize the risk of Covid 19 transmission by splitting the groups into two and attempting to reduce the number of overall people in our facilities. We also recognize and our mindful that our families may have varying comfortability at this time.

All incoming Kindergarten students' families will engage in a presentation to give them a sense of what Kindergarten is like at Bramblewood Elementary. The Kindergarten teachers will be present so that the Kindergarten children can begin to establish a relationship with them. Students will also receive a Connecting to Kindergarten bag filled with wonderful materials to support early learning and learn about fun activities they can do at home with their child. We respectfully ask that our families attending our Connecting to Kindergarten orientation make sure they review our [Health Check](#) prior to their attendance. We are excited and look forward to welcoming our new families!

Moving?



VERY IMPORTANT: New students to our community, planning to attend in September 2022, 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 or call 604-552-0313.

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 2022 | |
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| Wednesday, May 4 | 1:47 pm early dismissal: 3-way conference – May 4 & 5 (Format to be determined) |
| Thursday, May 5 | 1:47 pm early dismissal: 3-way conference – May 4 & 5 (Format to be determined) |
| Wednesday, May 18 | PAC Meeting via Teams @ 6:30 pm (email Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com for code/link) |
| Friday, May 20 | PAC Treat Day (more info to come) |
| Monday, May 23 | Victoria Day (<i>School not in session</i>) |
| Wednesday, May 25 | Connecting to Kindergarten – Group A: 9-9:45 am & Group B: 10-10:45 am |
| Thursday, May 26 | 9:10 am: Photo Expressions (Class Photo of Each Class) |
| JUNE 2022 | |
| Monday, Jun 6 | Pro D Day (School Based, school not in session @ Bramblewood) |
| Wednesday, Jun15 | PAC Meeting, hybrid: in-person & via Team @ 6:30 pm (email Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com for code/link) |
| Friday, Jun 17 | PAC Treat Day (more info to come) |
| Tuesday, Jun 21 | Grade 5 Leaving Ceremony 1:15 pm, in person – Gym) |
| Friday, Jun 24 | Grade 5's Leaving Party @ Eagle Ridge Pool, 1-3 pm |
| Wednesday, Jun 29 | Report Card – Term 3 (online through parent portal) – no printed copies issued Last Day of school for all students |
| Thursday, Jun 30 | Administrative Day (<i>students do not attend school</i>) – staff only in attendance |
| | Have a fun and safe summer! |

Summer Learning



Please see last page of this newsletter with a detailed brochure. Register online for Tues. May 3rd for Elementary Schools. Online registration opens at 6am.

For inquiries, please call 604-936-4261 or email summerlearninginfo@sd43.bc.ca Summer Learning website is: www.sd43summerlearning.ca

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.

Reporting Absences / Lates / Student Dismissal

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.
- ② Call the school at 604-552-0313 or
- ③ Email: bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca

Thanks for keeping us informed at school!

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

Counselling Corner

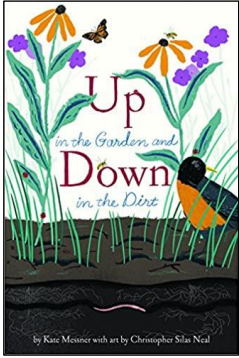
We are down to our last 2 months of the school year and the excitement and activity is strong in the building. As we move through the last couple of months we notice students’ emotions can be heightened and often there are significant social emotional changes this time of year as they prepare to move on to the next grade. For our grade five’s it also means moving schools which can bring both excitement and anxiety. These emotions are to be expected and kids benefit from being able to express their concerns and ask questions.

We wish to also recognize May 7th as it is National Child and Youth Mental Health Day. FamilySmart provides many virtual events throughout the year to support child and youth mental health. Please check out their website <https://may7icare.ca/homes-community/> for many resources and registration of the events they are offering this month for National Child and Youth Mental Health Day, here is their message...

May 7th is about building caring connections between young people and the caring adults in their lives. We know having caring, connected conversations can have a big impact on the mental health of children and youth.

As Founders of National Child & Youth Mental Health Day in 2007, FamilySmart has been leading May 7th and creating opportunities for home, schools, communities and organizations to connect around our “I care about you” message. <https://may7icare.ca/>

Literacy Family



Up in the garden and down in the dirt by Kate Messner

This book is a delightful textual and visual celebration of gardening layered with a wonderful inter-generational story of a granddaughter and her Nana. We follow the young girl and her grandmother as they journey through the year planning, planting, and harvesting their garden—and learn about all the animal and insect life that we don't even see or suspect going on in the world “down in the dirt”.

This would be a great book to inspire children to get outside to enjoy the spring weather with their families and perhaps do a little gardening!

Numeracy Activity

Now that the warm weather is approaching, getting your children outside is a must! Sidewalk chalk games are a valuable way of developing numeracy skills in children. Here are a few ideas below:

Draw a colorful math facts garden: For this one, kids draw a basic flower with 10 numbered petals, as shown below. Then they write a number to multiply (or add or subtract) by in the middle and fill in the petals with the correct answers.



Or **create a life-size number line** like the one found here. Number lines are wonderful for all sorts of math games and activities. Make one big enough for kids to stand and jump around on using sidewalk chalk (or painter's tape indoors). You'll use it over and over again!



Summer Learning 2022*

Elementary

Eight locations, Tuesday July 12 - Friday July 29 9:00am-12:00pm. K to 1 transition, English for Beginners, Fine & 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 12 - Friday July 29 8:45-11:45am. Art, Band, Guitar, Creative Writing, Drama/Improv, English for Beginners, Guitar, Home Ec/Culinary, Integrated studies, Language Arts, Mathematics, PE/Leadership, Coding (Info Tech), Outdoor Science, STEAM, Tech Ed, and more!
Free to all BC residents.

Two locations, Tuesday July 12 - Friday July 29 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, 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 (to earn a passing mark on a 9/10 course from this year) also available, by referral.

Secondary Skill Building

Secondary Full Credit

Face-to-Face Advanced Credit OR Online Blended Fast Track
Two locations, Tuesday July 5 - Wednesday August 10 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; Mathematics 10,11,12; Physics 11,12; PE 10; Socials 10,11.
Check out the SOYL full day program on our website!

Register online, starting at 6:00am:
Elementary: Tues. May 3
Middle & Secondary Skill Bldg: Fri. May 6
Secondary Full Credit: Wed. May 11

To Register



FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.SD43SUMMERLEARNING.CA



*Courses and locations are subject to change

UBC is proud to be a host of Science Rendezvous, a national festival that takes science out of the lab and on to the street. Join us on Saturday May 7, 2022 from 10AM to 3PM for a day of hands-on, family friendly science activities! Any inquiries on the fabulous and free event at UBC on Saturday May 7, please go to: <https://science.ubc.ca/science-rendezvous-2022> or email: melania@mail.pims.math.ca

Festival-goers of all ages will get a chance to meet world-class researchers and innovators, participate in hands-on experiments, and see amazing scientific demonstrations on UBC's Vancouver campus. See map with venues and parking below. In accordance with UBC's campus rules, masks or face coverings are required in public indoor spaces.

Events and Hands-On Science

Pacific Museum of Earth

Get hands on with a table of touchable fossils. There will also be tours of the new Hominin Hall and guided tours of the new Walk Through Time exhibit at 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00.

- Location: Pacific Museum of Earth

Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Visit Canada's largest blue whale skeleton. The Museum is running its regular daily [programming schedule](#) and is open by donation.

- Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum

Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream with UBC Chemistry

| Time | Show | Room |
|-------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11:00 | Fun with Materials | Chemistry B150 |
| 11:30 | Fun with Fuels | Chemistry B250 |
| Noon | Fun with Green Chemistry | Chemistry B150 |
| 12:30 | Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream | Between Chemistry B and B150 |

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| 1:00 | Fun with Fuels |
| 1:30 | Fun with Green Chemistry |

- Location: Chemistry B Block

Fun with Robots

UBC Geering Up Engineering Outreach is on a mission to provide youth with the opportunity to investigate engineering, science and technology in a fun, educational and safe environment.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building lobby throughout the day

Make an Air Vortex Cannon

Make an air vortex cannon with UBC Let's Talk Science. Learn basic concepts about air and advanced concepts in fluid dynamics.

- Location: Beaty Biodiversity Museum courtyard throughout the day

Math Mania

Interactive demonstrations, puzzles, games art and mathematical paradoxes that make math and computer science concepts fun. Math Mania welcomes all age levels, but is particularly suited to students in Grades 2 to 5.

- Locations: Interactive stations at all venues throughout the day

Holographic Systems and VR

UBC HiVE offers demonstrations with Hololens 2 (a holographic system) and Oculus Quest 2 (a virtual reality system).

- Location: Earth Sciences Building Main Floor

LEGO Bricks, Paper Circuits and Oscilloscopes

Build a chart of nuclides using LEGO, draw paper circuits to light-up LEDs, and learn how programmable sensor data can be displayed with an oscilloscope. Travel virtually into the heart of UBC-based TRIUMF, and the world's largest cyclotron of its kind.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

Magic and Mazes with UBC CS

Explore data representation and structures presented as puzzles, games and challenges! UBC Computer Science and the Vancouver Independent School for Science and Technology illuminate the science of computing without touching a keyboard.

Play with Microscopes: Come to the lab and play with microscopes and discover the beauty of pond biodiversity!

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 102 throughout the day

Create Your Own Gut

Make a piece of art with Microbiology and Immunology that lets you "create your own gut" by decorating it with specific microbes based on your lifestyle.

Location: Outside the Beaty Museum throughout the day

Science Talks

10:00am

BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Social Exposome Cluster

The Social Exposome Research Cluster aims to understand the biological mechanisms by which social factors get 'under the skin' to influence health. Join us for fun-filled STEM demonstrations, interactive activities and the premiere screening of a video showing how early life factors influence future health outcomes.

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 101

Microbes and Human Health

The Tropini lab investigates the connection between gut microbes and human health, common factors that impact bacteria in our gut, and how these changes may contribute to digestive disorders.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

3D Coral Project

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

11:00am

How Birds Move

How birds use visual motion to maneuver, feed and avoid collisions in flight.

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 102

Food Nutrition - What's Good to Eat

Eating a wide variety of nutrient-rich foods is one way to support health. But it's not just about what you put on your plate. Get the big picture on how stress and anxiety impact diet using real life experiences and current research projects from the Cohen Lab at UBC.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

Get the Projects You Want in Grad School

Graduate student Mitch Albert on how he created a path for himself to work on great projects ranging from hip implants to airplanes. Dig into the science behind the projects.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

Noon

Higgs @ 10

Ten years after the discovery of the Higgs boson, the elusive subatomic particle, researchers at the world's largest science experiment are gearing up for next-generation searches. Join TRIUMF physicists to explore the Large Hadron Collider, the ATLAS detection experiment, and Canada's role on the frontier of physics.

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

Race to Immunity

Learn the steps in designing, producing and distributing your own vaccine in a pandemic. Beat another team in a dramatic race against time!

- Location: Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 101

1:00pm

Three Minute Thesis Finalists

- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 102

Wild Mushrooms: Careful What You Eat

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

Bird Feathers and Improving Flight Performance

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

2:00pm

BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Social Exposome Cluster

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- Location: Michael Smith Building, Room 101

Dark Extinction

A talk on the recent and future extinction of species. Are there species that have become recently extinct without being scientifically recorded, and perhaps leaving no physical trace?

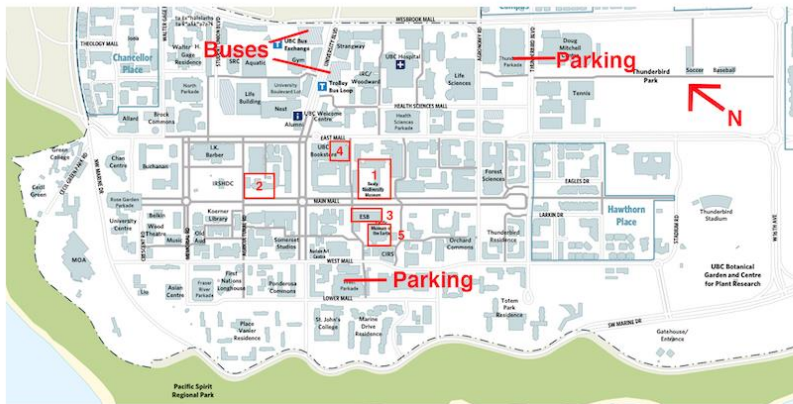
- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1013

What Electron Microscopy Teaches Us About the World

- Location: Earth Sciences Building, Room 1012

Venues

The locations are close together. Museums are open by donation. In accordance with UBC's campus rules, masks or face coverings are required in public indoor spaces.



1. **Beaty Biodiversity Museum**
2212 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)
2. **Chemistry D Block**
2036 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)
3. **Earth Sciences Building**
2207 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)
4. **Michael Smith Building**
2185 East Mall | [Map and parking](#)
5. **Pacific Museum of Earth**
2207 Main Mall | [Map and parking](#)

Direct inquiries to UBC, either visit website for more info: <https://science.ubc.ca/science-rendezvous-2022> or email: melania@mail.pims.math.ca