



# Bramblewood Elementary School

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Mr. Michael Bird, Principal

## NEWSLETTER # 1

October 2024

### Dear Parents / Guardians and Students:

As we head into October, I would like to show my appreciation to everyone for such a great start up to the school year. It can be a challenging time in so many ways and I appreciate how our parents have supported their children in being positive about their return to school and making new friends in new classes. Teachers and support staff have been amazing at bringing our kids together and settling into new routines.

We just finished the month of September with a very meaningful Orange Shirt Day assembly that featured a lot of student voice and shared knowledge and understandings. Thanks to our impressive student presenters, to our teachers, and to our Bramblewood student audience who were attentive, mature, and regulated for this serious and important assembly.

September also saw highlights that included our PAC Kindergarten Tea and our PAC BBQ and Meet the Teacher event. Thank you PAC for those two great community events. Our whole school came together to cheer on the COPS for Cancer Ride. That was so heartwarming to see our kids cheering on and being connected to the event that we fundraised for. We also had special guests from HUB Learn 2 Ride cycling lessons for our Grade 4 and 5 students just last week which was a tonne of fun and brought some rules of the road that is so important for our children to learn.

### Looking ahead to October

Bramblewood Do What You Luv and After School Life offering classes from 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm starting up in the second week of October.

Hip Hop Dance on Mondays

Soccer for Grades K-2 on Tuesdays

The Art of Cartooning on Wednesdays

Soccer for Grades 3-5 on Thursdays

Register through our school web page or via [DWUL](#)

### Calendar Details:

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> School Photo Day

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Interim Reports go home

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> PAC Hot Lunch Day and the PAC Dance Party from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with DJ Rock and Beau

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Early dismissal Day (1:45 pm)

Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Photo Retake Day

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Hot Lunch Day

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Pro D Day

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween

All of these events can be found nicely displayed on our school online calendar:

[Calendar - Calendar - Bramblewood Elementary School \(sd43.bc.ca\)](#)

Regards,

*Michael Bird*

Principal

## BPAC

### Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 2024 at  
6:30 pm in (Library)**

**Hope you can join us!**

**Please follow PAC on Facebook** at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/bwpac> or search for Bramblewood PAC on FB.

If you have any questions, you can reach out directly to PAC Chair **Ryan Mymko** - [mymkovski@gmail.com](mailto:mymkovski@gmail.com)

## CALENDAR

Early Dismissal  
**1:45 pm  
October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Stat Holiday  
**Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Pro D Day  
**Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Students  
Do Not  
Attend 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](mailto:bramblewood@sd43.bc.ca)

Thanks for keeping us informed at school!

## **Traffic Safety**



Our drive-through area gets to be very busy and it is important that rules of usage are followed (see below).

**IMPORTANT:** If you choose to drop off on Bramble Lane, be sure to obey signage indicating "No Parking" zones. Also, please do not "U-turn" or use neighbors' driveways to turn around in. Instead, take the time to drive to the top of the street to turn and always drop off on the side the school is on. The Bylaw Officer reminded us that he will be giving tickets to cars illegally parked. We need your assistance to ensure the safety of our students.

**Please remember:**

- **You must stay with your vehicle at all times. There is no parking in the drive-through between 8:35 - 3:00 pm.**
- **To pull as far forward as possible in the morning and to drop off as quickly as possible.**
- **There is no parking or dropping off of students in the staff parking lot.**

## **Dogs on the Playground**



We recognize and appreciate that pets are significant and adored members of some of our families. We need to balance this with the acknowledgement that pets can be unpredictable, particularly around high volumes of people. Therefore, we request that all dogs who are accompanying their owners on the walk to school each day are kept on leash and in the presence of their owner at all times. *We also ask that owners be mindful not to come within the pathways, waiting or playing areas of students.*

We also ask that students not pet the dogs that are accompanying owners near our site. This is for their safety, and also to ensure that students bring clean hands into their classrooms where they will be working alongside peers.

## **Back to School – On time!**



For your child to have the best chance of success at school, they must be on time in order not to miss the information and opening exercises in the classroom. Research indicates a correlation between tardiness and student achievement. Late arrivals not only disrupt the learning for your child, but also their classmates. The morning bell rings at **8:45 am** by which time your child should be on the school grounds. **Students that arrive after 8:45 am are considered late for school & should report to the office.** Thank you for cooperating with us in this matter.

## **Electronics & Personal Items**

It is advised that electronic equipment (games, cell phones) or any item of value to a child should not be brought to school. We cannot be responsible for damaged, lost or stolen items. Pokemon cards and other personal toys are also not appropriate for school and cause a disruption to the learning environment.

## **Coquitlam Library – Mobile Library**

Starting Oct. 6th, 2023 the Library Link (Mobile Library) will be at Bramblewood StrongStart on Fridays from 10:00-11:00am. All Bramblewood students can participate in the Library bus during recess on Fridays, however it

will require a Coquitlam Public Library Card and your child is responsible for any books they may sign out. More information about the Library Link is here:

<https://www.coqlibrary.ca/services/community-outreach/library-link/>

### ***Student Health (From Fraser Health)***

**Prioritize sleep:** Ensuring your child gets enough sleep is an important part of a healthy routine. Quality sleep helps with concentration, mood and overall well-being. Aim for nine to 11 hours of quality sleep per night.

**Eat well:** Support your child's learning and development with scheduled meals and snacks. Breakfast kickstarts their morning, while snacks and lunches nourish them throughout the day. Pack a water bottle to help them stay hydrated.

**Boost immunity:** As with any public environment, school exposes children to various germs and viruses. Ensuring they are up-to-date on their vaccinations helps protect them and others. Specific immunizations are recommended for children prior to entering Kindergarten as well as in grades six and nine. Help your child avoid the spread of illness by encouraging them to wash their hands regularly, teaching them to cover their coughs and sneezes and keeping them home when sick.

**Keep active:** Adding physical activity to your child's routine sets them up for success. Activities like walking or biking to school, playing sports, dancing, swimming or helping around the house are great ways for your child to stay active. Set limits on screen time and promote outdoor play as much as possible for overall well-being.

**Make time for talking and connection:** Make it a point to encourage open communication and support your child to talk about their feelings and help them feel heard and understood. Integrate downtime into their routine where they can relax or focus on a special interest or hobby.

Find more school health tips and resources on Fraser Health's website: <https://ow.ly/gS1S5oPegic>

### ***Halloween***



Halloween is quickly approaching, and many students may want to wear a costume to school. This is just a reminder to wear school appropriate costumes (no masks or replica weapons). Please ensure students can easily put on & remove their costume independently. Please be mindful that costumes are culturally appropriate. We will have fun activities scheduled for the children. Should your family not celebrate such festivities, please communicate this with your child's teacher.

### ***Bottom of the Newsletter Puzzle***

Congratulations! You read all the way to the bottom. Time for a puzzle called WODB -Which One Doesn't Belong. Tell Mr. Bird (in email or written on paper) which of the four images doesn't belong, include a brief rationale and get a chance to win a prize! 😊

