



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Britt Walton, Principal

NEWSLETTER #5

January 8, 2024

Dear Bramblewood Families, -

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We sincerely hope this finds you and your family in good health and having had some rest during the winter holidays.

As we return to school, we are continuing to be mindful of our hygiene/hand washing as well as respiratory etiquette among students and staff. Families are reminded to assess their child/children before attending school each day for any symptoms of the flu, cold and/or gastrointestinal issues. Although it can be difficult to decipher between allergies and legitimate sickness, we ask families to continue to make the responsible decision in preventing unnecessary spread of such illnesses.

Bramblewood continues to invite many new families into our catchment and school. We are very proud of the leadership demonstrated by our existing students to welcome, embrace, and build positive connections with our new students to make the transition easier. Staff continue to reference and reinforce our important Bramblewood bear characteristics of responsibility, resiliency, being resourceful and honoring relationships.

September to December was a busy time as there were many student activities including extracurricular activities and school wide events like our community barbeque, Rock n' Beau dance party, and our movie themed dance performance etc. We would like to extend a sincere thank you for all of the support our PAC executive and parent volunteers who supported a yet again a wonderful and exciting Pancake Breakfast. What a wonderful way to end before our Winter Break! Thank you also to Mrs. Wright for organizing and ordering our Gabby & Jules Ginger people decorating. We hope the kids enjoyed them as a special treat.

Student-Led Conferences are upcoming next month, and families are reminded of early dismissal on February 22nd.

Additionally, we have several fine arts performances in the upcoming months to further promote fine arts opportunities for our students. We are excited to host such events and know the students will be as well!

Sincerely and with gratitude,

Ms. B. Walton — Principal



Next Meeting...

**Wednesday,
January 17th, 2024
at 6:30 pm
(Library) or please
contact PAC if you
would like link at
email:**

Bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

CALENDAR

**Pro D Day
(School Based)
January 29, 2024**

**Students
Do Not
Attend School**



Next PAC meeting via Teams – Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 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 in the New 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.

Treat Day: Friday, January 12th will be 'treat day', and PAC will be serving up popcorn after school in the Multi-Purpose Room! Kids will line up down hall & leave out the back door of multi-purpose room near the playground.

Milk Program: If you would like for your child to receive milk on Wednesdays, please email Ryan Mymko - mymkovski@gmail.com to find out the pro-rated pricing and we will add your child to the program!

Wishing you the best in the New Year!

Your Bramblewood PAC Executive,

Join us on Facebook at Bramblewood PAC <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bwpac>, follow us on Instagram at [bramblewood_pac](https://www.instagram.com/bramblewood_pac), Email us at bramblewoodparents2@gmail.com

Kindergarten Registration – Online (February 6 – 8, 2024)



- **Date of Online Kindergarten Reg.:** Tues. Feb 6-Thur. Feb 8, 2024
- **When can my child start Kindergarten:** Children who are 5 years old on or before Dec 31, 2024 may enter school in September 2024. You may defer your child's enrolment until September 2024.
- **When Should I Register My Child?** Kindergarten registration (except for Programs of Choice - Montessori, Mandarin Bilingual, Reggio and French Immersion) within School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) will be held between Friday, Feb 9, 2024 @ 9 am to Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024 @ 4 pm using the online forms on your catchment school's website.
- Use [School Locator](#) to determine your catchment school

All Kindergarten students must register at their catchment school, **before** completing a Cross Catchment Application, **except** those students with siblings at the requested school who will be attending the following year. Please note that siblings of students who will be in attendance at a school are considered as a catchment area child at that school if the sibling is remaining at the school the following year. Please refer to the School District website at www.sd43.bc.ca for more information on the cross-catchment process. [New student registration link](#)

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Wright (email: lwright@sd43.bc.ca) with any questions.

Cross Catchment Process (February 9 – 14, 2024)

Cross Catchment application forms can be accessed online at www.sd43.bc.ca **between Friday, February 9, 2024 at 9:00 am to Wednesday, February 14, 2024 to 4:00 pm.** Cross catchment requests must be completed online.

If you are applying for cross-catchment you will need your child's PEN number for the applications. Please visit the district website for more details on the cross-catchment process or click [here](#)

2024-2025 STUDENT REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

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| FEBRUARY 9 | CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION OPENS AT 9 AM |
| FEBRUARY 14 | CROSS CATCHMENT APPLICATION CLOSES AT 4 PM |

CROSS CATCHMENT

FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO
ATTEND ANOTHER SCHOOL
OUTSIDE THEIR CATCHMENT AREA

LEARN MORE:
[SD43.BC.CA/CROSSCATCHMENT](https://sd43.bc.ca/crosscatchment)

REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON THE
MAIN [SD43.BC.CA](https://sd43.bc.ca) WEBSITE



School District # 43- Programs of Choice (January 11-17, 2024)

There are several Parent Information Meetings coming up in early January for Early French Immersion (Kindergarten Entry), Early Montessori, Reggio Influenced, and Mandarin Bilingual. Please check the School District #43 website at www.sd43.bc.ca for information on any of these programs for the next school year, 2024-2025. Click [here](#) for more information. Additionally, **families are reminded that Programs of Choice new Kindergarten students (beginning Sept 2024) as well as those students entering into Grade 6 (beginning Sept 2024) has opened for online registration as of January 11th and will close January 17th @ 4pm.** Please note: Bramblewood does not have Programs of Choice.

2024-2025 STUDENT REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

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| JANUARY 11 | FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN A PROGRAM OF CHOICE (POC) KINDERGARTEN & LATE POC APPLICATION OPENS AT 9 AM |
| JANUARY 17 | KINDERGARTEN & LATE POC APPLICATION CLOSES AT 4 PM |
| FEBRUARY 6-8 | KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION |

KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OF CHOICE
(FOR STUDENTS 5 YEARS OLD BY DEC 2024)

- FRENCH IMMERSION
- MANDARIN BILINGUAL
- MONTESSORI
- REGGIO INFLUENCED

LATE PROGRAMS OF CHOICE
(FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6 IN SEPT 2024)

- FRENCH IMMERSION
- MONTESSORI

REGISTRATION LINKS WILL BE POSTED ON THE
MAIN [SD43.BC.CA](https://sd43.bc.ca) WEBSITE



Pink Shirt Day - February 28, 2024



Pink Shirt Day, celebrated in B.C. this year on **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024**, is a nationally recognized day where people wear pink shirts to raise awareness about the issue of bullying in schools, workplaces, homes and online. Terry Fox Secondary leadership classes have designed new black (with pink text) or pink (with black text) anti-bullying shirts. **For those who ordered, t-shirts/hoodies clothing, items should be in for week of February 12th.**

On The Calendar



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](#)

| JANUARY 2024 | |
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| Monday, Jan 8 | School re-opens after Winter Break |
| Wednesday, Jan 10 | StrongStart re-opens after winter break |
| Jan 11-17 | Programs of Choice (January 11, 2024 @ 9 am – January 17, 2024 @ 4 pm) |
| Friday, Jan 12 | Treat Day > Popcorn |
| Tuesday, Jan 16 | MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) - Jan 16 & 23 |
| Wednesday, Jan 17 | PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link |
| Friday, Jan 19 | Hot Lunch |
| Tuesday, Jan 23 | MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) - Jan 16 & 23 |
| Thursday, Jan 25 | Fruit & Vegetable Program: Cheese Sticks |
| Friday, Jan 26 | Treat Day > TBA |
| Monday, Jan 29 | Pro D Day -School Based (school not in session for students) **This is a school-based day, meaning it may not be shared by other schools. |
| FEBRUARY 2024 | |
| Feb 6-8 | Kindergarten Registration (February 6-8, 2024) |
| Wednesday, Feb 7 | PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link |
| Thursday, Feb 8 | Fruit & Vegetable Program: Apples |
| Friday, Feb 9 | Hot Lunch TBD |
| Feb 9-14 | Cross Catchment Application (February 9, 2024 @ 9 am – February 14, 2024 @ 4 pm) |
| Friday, Feb 16 | Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC) |
| Monday, Feb 19 | Family Day (Statuary Holiday, no school) |
| Thursday, Feb 22 | 1:45 pm: Early Dismissal (Student Led Conference) |
| Friday, Feb 23 | Pro D Day |
| Wednesday, Feb 28 | Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day) |
| Thursday, Feb 29 | Fruit & Vegetable Program: Snap Peas |
| MARCH 2024 | |
| Wednesday, Mar 13 | PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link |
| Thursday, Mar 14 | Term 2: Report Cards (view online through MyEd Parent Portal, not printed by school) |
| Friday, Mar 15 | Last day prior to spring break Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC) |
| Mar 18-28 | Spring Break |
| Friday, Mar 29 | Good Friday (statutory holiday, school closed) |
| APRIL 2024 | |
| Monday, Apr 1 | Easter Monday (statutory holiday, school closed) |
| Tuesday, Apr 2 | School Re-Opens (after spring break) |
| Friday, Apr 5 | Hot Lunch TBD |
| Friday, Apr 12 | Treat Day (more info to follow from PAC) |
| Wednesday, Apr 17 | PAC Meeting in library @ 6:30 pm or email mymkovski@gmail.com for code/link Gr 4 & 5: Como Lake Relay |
| Thursday, Apr 18 | Fruit & Vegetable Program: Cucumber |
| Friday, Apr 19 | Pro D Day (no school) |
| Friday, Apr 26 | Hot Lunch TBD |
| Wednesday, Apr 24 | Admin Professional Day (school is in session) |



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!

Winter Weather Ahead!

Schools are not routinely closed due to snow or other inclement weather conditions. All schools in School District 43 (Coquitlam) will remain OPEN, if possible, during winter weather, including snowfall.

However, on occasion, a district-wide or partial-district closure is required due to extreme weather. Partial-district closures affecting individual schools may occur due to the very different geography within our school district. If there is a partial-district closure affected schools will be identified.



The decision on schools remaining open or needing to be closed, because of extreme weather, occurs **before 6:30 a.m.** so that families can plan and make alternate arrangements.

Any district-wide or partial-district closure will be decided and communicated by 6:30 a.m. via the School District 43 website www.sd43.bc.ca and CKNW AM 980 radio, CKWX 1130 radio and CBC (690) radio.

Extreme weather can also impact transit. Transit schedules may face significant changes or cancellations due to the weather conditions. Parents seeking information on transit schedules need to consult the Translink website: <http://www.translink.ca/>

We encourage families to continuously check the School District 43 website for updates and changes: www.sd43.bc.ca

While the District tries to make the best decision with the information available, the weather does change quickly. Therefore, when schools remain open, decisions to stay at home during challenging weather conditions should be made by each family.

Learn more about SD43's process for emergency and inclement weather status updates at: <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/NewsEvents/Pages/EmergencyInformation.aspx>



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- Registration Open Until February 1st
- Scan the QR Code Above For Direct Link To Our Web Registration Page

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