



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Ms. Dawn Holden, Principal

NEWSLETTER #2

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Dear Parents:

We have been pleased with how well our adjustment to our new COVID-19 protocols has gone. Students have become very adept at washing hands, ensuring they are maintaining distance with those outside of their learning groups, and being respectful of all the procedures that make school a little different this year. Thank you for adapting to this new reality and the changes in procedure.

A few reminders:

- Please do not enter the school building unless you have made an appointment ahead of time. If you have a scheduled meeting, please wait outside the front entrance for the staff member with whom you are meeting – or call the school office to let us know you have arrived. Any visitor, including parents and caregivers, with a scheduled appointment must wear a mask while inside the building, and sanitize hands upon arrival.
- Please remember when you are dropping students off to ensure you and your child(ren) are maintaining physical distance from families in other classes. Please take your child(ren) directly home rather than remaining on school grounds or the playground area.
- If your child has forgotten their lunch, please leave it outside the front door on the shelf designated for student pick up/ drop off. At this time fast food lunches (such as McDonalds) are not permitted.
- It is parents' responsibility to ensure you are assessing your child(ren) using the symptoms listed on the Daily Health Check, which is available on the school website (and attached to this message as well, as a reminder). Please take the time to review your child(ren)'s health each day before sending your student(s) to school.
- There are number of parents/caregivers who have yet to sign off acknowledgement of the Daily Health Check requirements. That form is available on School Cash Online, (<https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/>) and **must** be completed for your child to continue to attend school. If you have not already done so, please complete that form – and all forms – as soon as possible. To review the Daily Health Check please click on the following link to our school website <http://www.sd43.bc.ca/School/bramblewood/Pages/default.aspx#bd7b27b8-06f4-4fea-9304-8c698179a20034> Once on our school webpage, click on the School District updates banner at the top of the screen. This will take you to a page that has all the district updates. Scroll down and you will see the Daily Health Check button. Click on the button to go review the daily health check. I would recommend you print off a copy and keep it to refer to before sending your child(ren) to school each day. The Daily Health check is also posted in other languages for your reference.

Sincerely,

Dawn

Ms. D. Holden – Principal

Individual Student Photo Day



Our photographer will be at Bramblewood on November 12, 2020. Individual student photographs will be taken, and a consent form is required to be signed before a child's picture can be taken. The reason for the consent has to do with the reality of COVID-19 and the safety features put in place by Photo Expressions. The consent form went live on School Cash Online last week and a reminder was sent to all families this week to complete the document.

For information about ordering photos, please go here

<https://shop.photoexpressions.ca/clients/bramblewood-elementary-school/bramblewood-elementary-school-2020-2021/optIn> for the company's ordering process. Any questions regarding this process, please contact Photo Expressions directly given the new COVID-19 processes put in place by the company.

Even if you do not wish to order pictures, your child's picture should be taken for Bramblewood's student directory and therefore, signing the consent form is crucial. This directory is vitally important to identifying a student in any sort of emergency situation where we may need a visual of a student. Please go to School Cash Online <https://sd43.schoolcashionline.com/> to fill out the consent form.

Remembrance Day Assembly via Microsoft Teams

On the morning of **Tuesday November 10th** we will participate in a district wide Remembrance Day Assembly via Microsoft Teams. On **Wednesday, November 11th**, school will not be in session.



Dress for the Weather

Our students will be expected to go out for fresh air at recess and lunch, even when it is raining. As we enter the winter season, *please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for the weather conditions.*



In the event of heavy snow, ice or extreme temperatures, a decision on school closures will take place as soon as possible after 6:00 a.m. that day.

- Check the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca beginning shortly after 6:00 a.m.
- Be sure to hit Refresh when checking back
- The district website posting is official – ***there is no need to call the school or the Board office after viewing***
- Tune in to CKWX 1130 AM, CKNW 980 AM or CBC 690 AM for updates

If there is no school closure announced, we respect that parents may still decide to keep their child home due to inclement weather. In this case, we request that you inform the school of the absence as per our usual routine.

Formal Report Cards December

Our first formal report will be distributed on **Monday, December 7th**. As part of regular communication, teachers will contact parents as needed to discuss a child's progress. Parents are also welcome to contact their child's teacher.



There will be an **Early Dismissal on Monday, December 14th at 1:23pm and 1:33 pm** to facilitate meetings as required.



Bramblewood PAC

Next PAC meeting via Zoom – Tuesday November 24th at 7:00pm. Please email contact@bramblewoodpac.ca for more information or to get a link to the meeting.

Bottle Fundraising:

Support Grade 5 Fundraising by bringing your bottles to Return-it! Drop off your bottles and use the Bramblewood Drop-Off Code 604-781-3771. The money will be automatically deposited into our account. It is very important that we only drop off eligible bottles (not accepted: US containers, containers without labels, crushed cans). There could be fines if ineligible bottles are returned.



Bramblewood Face Masks:

Missed out on the Bramblewood Face Masks Sale? The PAC will have additional face masks for sale on MunchaLunch after November 5th if you are interested in ordering one! To order please go to www.bramblewoodpac.ca and select the link for MunchaLunch.

Upcoming School Events

November 11 – Remembrance Day (School Closed)
November 12 – Individual Student Photo Day
December 3 – Individual Student Photo Retake Day
December 7 – Report Cards Home
December 14 – Early Dismissal



After School Programs

Given that we are not yet able to run face to face after school programs, Do What U Luv Foundation has developed a menu of online programming available to you. Use this link here to see what programs they are offering: <https://dowhatuluv.ca/advancedfilterprogram/59/all>

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