



Bramblewood Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

It is truly energizing to see our learners engaging in their learning and showing curiosity, positivity, excitement, and laughter as they learn. Thank you for the gratitude regularly shown for our teachers and educational assistants as they lead our learners in finding interesting and creative approaches to talking and showing what they know and can do.

As we begin the New Year, we want to thank families for your continued commitment to following the COVID-19 Safety Protocols. The province-wide health orders remain in place, specifically at this time families are not allowed to have play dates, birthday parties or sleep overs with anyone outside of their immediate household.

- Please ensure that you complete the Daily Health Check before determining if your child should be sent to school. A copy is attached to this newsletter to review and refresh your memory on the requirements for daily checking your children for any symptoms of COVID-19. When in doubt, it is best to have your student remain at home until they are symptom free and/or have received a negative test.
- Students are to remain in their own learning cohort or class.
- When dropping off and picking up students, ensure that you maintain a minimum of six-feet from students and families outside your learning group. Wear a mask if possible while on school grounds.
- Parents and adults may not enter the building without an appointment. Please contact the school if you need to meet with a staff member and wait outside the building until you are directed to enter by a staff member. All visiting adults must wear a mask once invited into the building.
- Please remind your children of the importance of hand washing and of not touching others, sharing food, personal equipment (pens, pencils, etc). January and February are traditionally peak season for cold and flu viruses. Obviously, this year we need to be most vigilant about our practices to ensure student, staff, and family safety.

Take care,
Dawn

Ms. D. Holden
Principal



Reminder:

**Pro D Day
Monday, February 1st
Students Do Not Attend School**



Upcoming School Events

January 19 – PAC meeting via Zoom

January 27 – February 4 – Online Kindergarten Registration

February 1 – Pro-D Day (Students do not attend school)

February 5-10 – Cross-catchment applications

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school know either by submitting an online absence report, found on the school website under quick links here:

<https://www.sd43.bc.ca/school/bramblewood/Pages/default.aspx#/=> or by giving the school office a call.

Kindergarten Registration – January 27 – February 4, 2021

Kindergarten registration for September 2021 will be held throughout the district on the above dates. Registration will only be available **online** using the online form on your catchment school's website during the registration period. In order to be eligible for kindergarten a child must be 5 years of age by December 31st, 2021. Parents must provide their child's **Birth Certificate** and proof of Canadian Citizenship for parent **and** child (i.e. PR Card, Passport) and proof of residency in B.C. (e.g. rental contract, property purchase agreement, tax notice, utility bill, etc.). You can find the full checklist and more information here:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/KindergartenRegistration.aspx#/=>



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.

Cross Catchment Process

Cross catchment requests must be completed online. Cross catchment applications will be accepted starting at 9 am on Friday, February 5th and close at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 10th. 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:

<http://www.sd43.bc.ca/Schools/Pages/CrossCatchment.aspx#/=>