

Track & Field Parent Update 2017

Brooksbank is now nearing its completion of the grade 4 Track & Field events orientation that was being held last week, and concluding on Tuesday, as we were rained out for several days. . We have had a great response from the grade 4 students, so we hope to be able to start the extra-curricular portion of the practice for all students on the week of Tuesday, April 18th, in conjunction with the days and times that teacher coaches have indicated. If not actual practices, a general informational meeting may occur, to meet with students in their specific events. Students will need to listen for announcements to determine when to meet with their coaches for each event.

All of the coaches are now in place as follows: grade 6/7 Sprints - Mr. Donoghue; Grade 6/7 Relays –Mr. Martin; Grade 4/5 Sprints – Mrs. Reichert; Grade 4/5 Relays – Mr. Earland; Grade 4 - 7 Long Distance (400, 800 m. and 1500 m) – Ms. Arnison, Mr. Martin along with Nikki Knapp; Grade 6/7 Long Jump/Triple Jump – Mrs. Beleski; Grade 4/5 Long Jump/Triple Jump – Ms. Harstone, and Ms. Folke; Grade 4/5 High Jump –Mr. Holland; Grade 4 – 7 Shot Put – Mr. Martin, along with Mr. Tolbert.

The students have received their Track & Field Consent form, Risk and Responsibility form, and medical form this week, and are encouraged to hand in their permission forms as soon as possible so they have permission to begin practices. There are schedules for each of the events now posted in each of the Intermediate classrooms, and there is a copy on the bulletin board beside the office. Each coach will confirm the start time for the students on the first practice. A copy will be posted on the school website for parents.

The Track Qualification meet will be held at Handsworth on Tuesday, May 17th, from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. A letter specific to the Track meet, and an order of events will be posted shortly. The Field Qualification meets will be held on Wednesday, May 24th after school, with grade 6/7 competing at Brooksbank, and grade 4/5 at Ridgeway. Students must attend these meets in order to qualify for the District qualifying meet at Swangard, which will be held on Tuesday, June 6th from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. You will be notified if your child has qualified for either the Track qualification at Handsworth, and/or the Field qualification at either Brooksbank or Ridgeway, and you will be notified a second time if your child qualifies for Swangard. There will be meetings of these students a few days prior to the events, in order to explain what the students need to know, and to answer any of their questions. Students may only enter into four a total of Track and Field events, not counting the relay teams.

Volunteers are an very important part of the Track & Field program, and we welcome parents who wish to help out. Thank you to Ryan Tolbert, Nikki Knapp, Erica Smorthchevsky, and others who are starting to volunteer to help out. Parent volunteers, please contact the coach of each event that you are interested in, and let them know you are available. We will also need a number of parents to help with the Handsworth meet, and the Field qualification meets on the days mentioned above. If you are interested in volunteering for these please let me know directly (bmartin@sd44.ca).