

# BROOKSBANK

Compassion in our thoughts, words, and actions.

## School Opening

On Tuesday, September 3rd, students in Grades 1 to 7 attend from 8:50 am to 10:55 am. Students are asked to return to last year's class on Tuesday and Wednesday. New students, please report to the library.

Wednesday is a full day, with students being dismissed at the usual Wednesday dismissal time of 2:00 pm.

New Kindergarten students, please follow the gradual entry schedule mailed to you over the summer.

## Attendance Call Back

If your child is going to be away please call the school's Attendance Call Back line at 604-903-3285. Please include your child's name and the teacher's name to assist in the attendance process. If no message is received, the office staff will be following up with calls to verify your child's absence.



Construction of the new natural play and learning space.

## Welcome Back, Brooksbank!

Hello Brooksbank community,

We are excited to be back at school and we look forward to sharing our summer stories with one another, as well as seeing the smiling faces as we return to establishing the school routines.

On behalf of the staff at Brooksbank, we are looking forward to a great year of learning in this great school community!

Sincerely,

Spencer Kelly & Glenda Robertson

## Natural Play & Learning Space

Construction of our new, PAC-funded Natural Play and Learning Space on the east side of the gravel field is well underway and will be completed in time for school to start next week (should there be any final construction activities still underway on Tuesday, we'll ensure the area is safely cordoned off).

Teachers cannot wait to start using the space with our students. Stay tuned for updates on the opening celebrations and the PAC upcoming "stepping stone" fundraiser.

## Upcoming Events

### Photo Day

September 20th individual photos of students and staff will be taken.

### Meet the Teacher Night

Please come on the evening of September 17th to meet staff and connect with other families in your child's class. Details to follow.

### Professional Development

Day September 23rd marks the first Professional Development Day. Students are not in session.

## Preparing for the Year

As with every September, there are many thoughts about the new school year. How can parents help with the transition from home to school and from grade to grade?

- Encourage a 'can do' attitude.
- Support your child in accepting change by being open-minded.

Each new year is a new beginning for staff and students alike.

- Help your child understand that adjusting to change can take time, but things will work out fine! This helps to build resiliency.
- Connect with your child's teacher to establish a mutually respectful partnership.
- Many children settle quickly into their new learning environment with the help and encouragement of family.

Brooksbank staff have spent a great deal of time considering placements in the context of individual students' needs, our school's organization and priorities for balancing class compositions. Our task is not an easy one. Children often need encouragement when adjusting to a new classroom placement, and we appreciate your support in assisting with this process.

## Summer Vacation Photos

After a wonderful summer, please share your family's adventures with the school. We will use the photos in a slideshow at the beginning of the year, as well as on the TV in front hallway. Please email them to [brooksbank@sd44.ca](mailto:brooksbank@sd44.ca) by September 11th as a jpeg attachment.

## Bell Schedule

8:45 First Bell - Arrival Time  
8:50 First Instructional Period Begins  
10:20-10:40 Recess  
10:40 Second Instructional Period Begins  
12:10-12:35 Lunch (Play)  
12:36-12:55 Lunch (Eat)  
12:55-3:00 Third Instructional Period (Wed. 12:55-2:00)

**\*Note: All Wednesdays have a 2:00 pm dismissal.**