

Brooksbank Elementary

December 2025



Jingle Walk for the Harvest Project

On Friday, December 12, students took part in the annual Jingle Walk, letting neighbours know about Brooksbank's food bank collection. On Monday, December 15, they returned to collect donations — and the results were outstanding! Through the leadership of Mr. Karr, we gathered an abundance of food for the Harvest Project, supporting families in need this season. Thank you, Brooksbank community, for your generosity.

❖ **Holiday Message**
As we head into the winter holidays, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

It has been a joy watching our students learn, grow, and shine this term.

May your holiday season be filled with rest, warmth, and meaningful moments with those you love.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year!



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Important Dates

- **January 5 — First day back to school**
- **January 6–9 — Grade 6 Outdoor School**



🎵 Choir at the Quay, ICBC and Retirement Home

On Thursday, December 11, the **Brooksbank Choir** spread holiday spirit at **Lonsdale Quay** and **ICBC**. Led by **Mr. Barrie**, students performed a selection of classic holiday carols for lucky shoppers. Thank you to **Mrs. Finden** for her continued support of our singers.



Brooksbank Rocks – Fill a Box for Covenant House

What an incredible team effort, Brooksbank! Our **Fill a Box** campaign collected **over 1,000 items** for Covenant House youth, including:

- 220 pairs of socks
- 230 tubes of toothpaste
- 250 toothbrushes
- Over 200 bars of soap and bottles of body wash

These donations will be delivered over winter break and will help support youth in our community. Thank you for your kindness and holiday generosity

🎄 A Special Holiday Thank You to Our PAC

Our PAC has been incredibly generous again this year. Their contributions include:

- Outdoor playground equipment for each classroom
- IXL Math programming
- A new athletics foam mat
- ...and countless other supports

We are deeply grateful for everything they do for our school community.



Lego Club

Our Lego Club has been buzzing with creativity! From Halloween builds to Winter Holiday scenes, students from our intermediate grades have been working on themed projects each week. Their impressive creations are proudly displayed in the front hallway display cases. Thank you to our teachers who support this fun and imaginative club.

Athletics Highlights

Bravo to all students who participated in:

- Cross Country
- Grade 7 Basketball
- Grade 5 Ball Hockey

And a big THANK YOU to our amazing coaches — **Mr. Barrie, Ms. Nikki, Ms. Jefferson, Ms. Walters, Ms. Bingham, and Mr. Earland.** We appreciate your energy, dedication, and holiday spirit!



Grade 7 Boys Basketball Team 1



Grade 7 Boys Basketball Team 2



Grade 7 Girls Basketball



2026 Upcoming Dates

January 5th – Return to School
January 6th – 9th – Grade 6 ODS
January 6th – Ball Hockey Game @ Brooksbank
January 12th – Rocks & Rings (in school field trip)
January 16th – Kindergarten Hearing Screening
January 21st – Earthquake Drill



Crafting Club



A warm and cozy welcome to our newest club!

So many students have shown interest in **knitting & crocheting** that it now runs **three days a week**.

Thank you to Ms Wilson, Ms Faganello & Ms Zubic who make this creative, calming activity possible.

Jingle Mingle Shop

On Tuesday, December 16, the PAC hosted our festive **Jingle Mingle Shop!** Students enjoyed choosing special gifts for their families, filling the school with excitement and holiday cheer. A huge **thank you** to all organizers, volunteers, and donors who made this magical event possible.

Winter Weather Reminders

As winter settles in, please remember NVSD's weather procedures:

- Schools will **remain open whenever possible**, even during snowfall.
- Any district-wide closures will be announced by **6:30 a.m.**
- Updates will appear on the district and school websites, as well as through local media.

Please ensure students come to school dressed warmly for outdoor play.

Warm wishes for a safe and happy holiday season!