

# Spring Newsletter — Brooksbank Elementary School Edition

*Welcoming brighter days, budding flowers, and fresh learning adventures!*

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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Brooksbank Community,

As we head into Spring Break, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been an amazing second term of learning at Brooksbank. The past few months have been busy, engaging, and full of meaningful experiences for our students.

This term was rich with important learning both inside and outside the classroom. Students demonstrated teamwork, perseverance, and school spirit during our exciting Triple Ball games, cheering one another on and building community through sport. Students also enjoyed our “Rocks and Rings” curling lessons, which were thoughtfully aligned with the start of the Winter Olympics. We are grateful to our PAC for sponsoring a week-long dance program for students from kindergarten to Grade 7, bringing energy, creativity, and movement into our school.

Our Grade 4 students had the opportunity to participate in Outdoor School, where learning came alive through nature and hands-on exploration. Our Grade 3 students deepened their understanding of Indigenous perspectives through a meaningful day-long visit to the Longhouse, strengthening connections to culture, place, and community.

We ended the term on an especially joyful and memorable note with our truly magical production of The Wizard of Oz. This incredible performance showcased the creativity, courage, and collaboration of our students, along with the dedication of our staff and parent community. It was a wonderful celebration of the arts and a powerful reminder of what is possible when we work together.

As Spring Break begins, I hope it is a time for rest, connection, and fun for our students and families. Whether you are travelling, spending time outdoors, or enjoying a slower pace at home, I wish you a safe and refreshing break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting and productive third term.

Warm wishes,

Angela Meule Principal,

Brooksbank Elementary

## What's Happening This Spring

### Spring Break

A reminder that Spring Break begins **March 16** and runs through **March 27**. We wish all families a safe, restful, and playful break.

### Good Friday and Easter Monday

Good Friday is **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and Easter Monday **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. We hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend! Good Friday and Easter Monday are great days to relax, spend time with family, play outside, and enjoy the signs of spring all around us.

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## Upcoming Events

### Primary kilometer

Primary students will have kilometer club in spring. Students will run the gravel field three times a week. Bring running shoes and extra water.

### Track and Field

Track and field will begin for students in grade 4-7. An email will be sent home with event practice days and times. Encourage your child to also check the bobcat news bulletin for more information.

### Earth Day Celebration — April 22

Students will participate in school-wide eco-activities.

### Sutherland Visit- April 28

Grade 7's will walk up to Sutherland Secondary for a visit on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the am.

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## Wizard of Oz Musical

Our school's recent production of *The Wizard of Oz*, directed by Mr. Matthew Barrie, was a wonderful success. The students brought the story to life with incredible energy, talent, and hard work, making each performance truly special.

A huge thank you to Mr. Barrie, our dedicated staff, and the many volunteers who worked behind the scenes to make this production possible. Congratulations to all the students on a fantastic show—you should be very proud!





## Bobcat Athletics

The season was filled with so much individual growth and growth as a team. The students showed up to every game ready to play hard and support one another. Their effort, teamwork, and positive attitude made the season something to be proud of.

**Pat yourselves on the back — you earned it!**

### Grade 6



### Grade 7



**Artists for Kids is pleased to offer two After School Art classes at the AFK Studio on Lonsdale this spring!**

***Drawing & Painting!***

**Dates:** Every Tuesday from April 14th to June 2nd (8)

**Time:** 3:45 - 5:15 PM

**Grades:** 4-7

**Instructor:** Courtney Johnstone

**Class description:** In this course, students will learn about influential artists and styles, then create original drawings and paintings inspired by each period.

***Squish, Press, Sculpt: Clay Adventures!***

**Dates:** Every Wednesday from April 15th to June 3rd (8)

**Time:** 3:45 - 5:15 PM

**Grades:** 1-3

**Instructor:** Catherine Schechter

**Class description:** Students will be introduced to the world of ceramics through exploration and experimentation. They will learn several hand building and surface decoration techniques and will have the opportunity to create their own unique pieces. This class will cover the pinch, coil, and slab methods as well as underglaze, sgraffito, and glaze.

Classes will be held at the Artists for Kids Shadbolt Studio, located at 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver. Visit the [After School Art page on the Artists for Kids website](#) for more information and to register - classes are filling up quickly, so don't miss out!

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## PAC spring plant fundraiser

Bring on spring and order some plants from growing smiles.

<https://brooksbank.growingsmilesfundraising.com/>

## Fun Lunch

Fun Lunch Spring ordering is open till March 29,2026.

<https://munchalunch.com/schools/brooksbank>

## Purdy's Chocolatier

Hurray, the easter Purdy's chocolate fundraiser is now open. Support your PAC by ordering. Order closes Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and pick up will be Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/campaign/000021380/shop>

Subscribe to the school calendar here

<https://www.sd44.ca/school/brooksbank/calendar/calendar.aspx#/=>

## The Card Project

Card project will come home with students the first week back in April.

