

# BROOKSBANK

Compassion in our thoughts, words, & actions.

## School Opening

On Tuesday, September 5th, students in grades 1 to 7 attend from 8:50 am to 10:50 am. Students are asked to return to last year's class on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Parents, please join the PAC for a cup of coffee on the morning of the first day of school. It's a chance to catch up with other parents and meet members of the PAC.

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.



## 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 & Blair Martin



## Attendance Call Back

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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.

## Upcoming Events

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### Welcome Back

**Schoolapalooza** Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm at Brooksbank School. An evening of social activity for families to catch up from the summer break. Treats for everyone. Games and activities for students. Chat time for parents.

### Photo Day

September 14<sup>th</sup> individual photos of students and staff will be taken.

### Meet the Teacher Night

Please come on the evening of September 21<sup>st</sup> to meet staff and connect with other families in your child's class. Details to follow.

### Professional Development

**Day** September 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the first Professional Development Day. Students are not in session.

### After School Offerings

Information about after school offerings will be posted and emailed as information comes in.

## 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.

For the 2017 - 2018 school year, Brooksbank Elementary will follow a morning entry model that is common in many schools in the Sutherland Family of Schools. Student entry will be at 8:45 am, to coincide with the first warning bell of the day. To avoid congestion, both front double doors will be available for student entry.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 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
12:10-12:36	Lunch (Play)
12:36-12:58	Lunch (Eat)
12:58-3:00	Third Instructional Period (Wed. 12:58-2:00)

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