

# BROOKSBANK

Compassion in our thoughts, words, and actions

## Lego Club

Lego Club will start Monday, October 1st. Please follow the [Lego Club](#) link for registration information.

## Photo Day

On Friday, September 21st, students and staff will have individual photos taken. Ordering information will follow.

## Meet the Teacher Evening

We are hoping families are able to attend Brooksbank's Meet the Teacher evening this Thursday, September 20th. Please see the schedule [here](#).

## School Forms

Please return all forms to your child's classroom teacher, except for volunteer and driver forms, which can be returned to Mrs. Lanigan in the office. All forms, including online forms, must be completed by September 28th.



## Cops for Cancer & Terry Fox

We have a week of activities to bring awareness to, and in support of, cancer research.

On Wednesday, September 19th, the [Cops for Cancer](#) will return to Brooksbank. Last year they did a ride by, but this year they will stop for a brief visit in the school. **Please note that their scheduled stop is toward the end of our day, and as a result students may be dismissed shortly after the bell.**

Our annual Terry Fox Run will be held the afternoon of Thursday, September 27th. That week we will also be collecting donations for both charities.



## **Portable Ramp**

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Please reserve the use of our Portable's ramp for students, staff, and volunteers in the classroom, including before and after school.

The ramp is not to be used as a play space, nor a walk-through, as staff members and students are often working in there outside of school hours.

## **Autumn Clothing**

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Students should be prepared to be outside in rainy conditions by having rain coats, boots, hats, umbrellas, etc. On occasion, we may shorten or cancel outdoor breaks, however, this will not be the norm. Thank you for ensuring your children have clothing that enables them to be comfortable outside.

## *Orange Shirt Day*

Schools across North Vancouver will recognize Canada's history of residential schools with Orange Shirt Day on Monday, October 1st.

First Nations residential schools were established across Canada in an effort to assimilate First Nations children into European customs and lifestyles. Over 150,000 children were taken from their homes and put into 130 residential schools across Canada. Taken from their families, these children were not allowed to speak their language, nor take part in any First Nations ceremonies, activities, or cultural events. These schools existed for over one hundred years, with the last residential school closing in 1996.

Orange Shirt Day provides us opportunity to reflect on this dark part of Canada's history, but, importantly, gives us reason to celebrate the positive direction our Canadian society is headed in as we move towards reconciliation. Students are encouraged to show their support for our First Nations people, and students in our school who are of First Nations heritage by proudly wearing an orange shirt.

The school will be holding an assembly on Monday, October 1st, and classroom activities will continue the learning around self-identity and human rights during the week.