



BROOKSBANK BANNER

At Brooksbank we care for the safety of everyone.
We treat everyone and everything with courtesy, kindness and consideration.
We are responsible for our learning and our actions.

May – 2011

Principal: Arlene Martin
Vice Principal: Marilyn McVey

Brooksbank Calendar Update:

May 20 – Fun Day **Students 12:40 dismissed**
May 23 – Victoria Day – No School
May 25 – Intermediate Coffee House Gr. 5 – 7
May 26 – PAC Hot Lunch
May 30 – District Professional Day – No school
May 31 – Author Night Gr. 1 & 2
June 1 – PAC meeting 7:00 in the library
June 1 – Band Concert @ Eastview 7:00 start
June 2- PAC Hot Lunch
June 3 – Gr. 7's meet at Sutherland at 9:00 am for Tour
June 7 – Swangard Track & Field Meet
June 9 – Volunteer Coffee Morning 8:30 – 9:45 am
June 9 – PAC Hot Lunch
June 16 – Newsletter
June 16 – PAC Hot Lunch
June 20 – Gr. 7's to Cultus Lake
June 21 – Recognition Assembly 9:45
June 22 – Gr. 7's Ambleside Beach BBQ
June 27 – Farewell Assembly 9:15 - Last day for Gr. 7
June 28 – Primary Picnic – all day
June 29 – Last day of School 10:30 Dismissal

Volunteer Appreciation

Calling all volunteers....We all know that Brooksbank is blessed with so many parents who put so much of their time and energy into supporting Brooksbank School programs and activities. We would like to take the opportunity to say a heartfelt 'thank you' to you all on Thursday, June 9th between 8:30 and 9:45 am. Invitations will be sent home May 26th, but if yours should somehow get misplaced, please accept this as your invitation. RSVP to the school office, 604-903-3280 by June 3rd. **Mark your calendar!**

Tentative Calendar for 2011 - 2012

Sept 6 School Opens-dismissal at 9:45 am
Sept 20 Kindergarten Intake Meetings – Kindergarten students do not attend
Sept 26 Brooksbank Professional Day – School not in session

Oct 10 Thanksgiving – School not in session
Oct 21 District Professional Day – School not in session

Nov 11 Remembrance Day – School not in session
Nov 29 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 dismissal

Dec 1 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 dismissal
Winter Break – December 19 – January 2/12

Jan 3 School reopens after Winter Break
Jan 16 Curriculum Implementation Day – School not in session

Feb 24 District Professional Day – School not in session
Mar 6 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 dismissal
Mar 8 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00 dismissal

Spring Break – March 19-23

Tentative: March 12 – 23 (to be announced following May 24th School Board meeting)

Mar 26 School Reopens after Spring Break

Apr 6 Good Friday – School not in session

Apr 9 Easter Monday – School not in session

May 4 District Professional Day – School not in session

May 18 Fun Day – 12:40 Dismissal

May 21 Victoria Day – School not in session

Jun 28 Last Day - 10:30 Dismissal

Jun 29 Administrative Day-Schools Close – School not in session

Safety * Respect * Responsibility

School Telephone: 604-903-3280

Callback Telephone: 604-903-3285



Missing Jerseys

Would families please check their homes for missing jerseys?

We are missing numbers 22, 26, 39, 67, 73 & 99

It would be terrific if these missing numbers could be returned!

Dress Code Reminder

As the weather gets warmer, we ask students and their parents to support a learning environment where attire is appropriate and not distracting or offensive to others. Articles of clothing that are too revealing, have inappropriate language, topics or images are unacceptable. Students might be sent home to change if the school's staff and administration deem the clothing worn is inappropriate. Some examples for dress expectations are:

- Appropriate necklines
- Hats, caps & hoods removed when in school
- Bra straps, underwear & midriff are covered

Thank you for your support in ensuring a respectful learning environment for everyone.

Planning Ahead For Next Year

While it may seem a little early to be thinking about the 2011-2012 school year, we are beginning to make plans for next year. **If you know that your child(ren) will not be returning in September, please notify the school in writing as soon as possible.** All students new to North Vancouver, who have not already registered, may do so at the District Reception Centre, Room 102-2132 Hamilton Ave., North Vancouver.

District Art Show

Drop by Capilano Mall for the opening on May 12 through to May 24 to view art by students in School District 44. There will be pieces on display from our Brooksbank students: Julia E. Ethan M., Sarah A., James K., Raegan P., Julia D., Alex G., Skye T., Jenny V., Laila F., Angela V., Chantelle B., Abby F., Sian H., Claire D., Daphne B., Yvonne O. You may have noticed that the poster promoting the show features the work of our own Daphne B. in Gr. 6!



Band Registration

Just a reminder to students and parents, Band Registration has begun for students in Grades 4 - 7. Forms were handed out in April to students in Grade 4. There are more forms available from the office. Students are required to provide their own instrument (renting is an option!). Thank you to Mrs. Pinchin and to the Beginning and Continuing Band Students who are working hard for a final concert to be held at Eastview on June 1st at 7:00 PM.

Track & Field

Brooksbank has had a great Track and Field season this year. All of the students in grades 4 to 7 had the opportunity to experience Track and Field events for one intensive week of rotating stations during class time. We also had a really good turn-out for the extra-curricular practices over the following weeks. Brooksbank hosted a Field Meet where students in Gr. 4 & 5 from our Zone competed in Shot Put, Long Jump, Triple Jump, and High Jump. We sent a solid group of athletes to the Zone Track Meet at Handsworth, too, for Sprints, Relays, and Distance events. We can be very proud of our athletes. They competed with a high level of skill, and they demonstrated good sportsmanship at all times.



Track and Field wouldn't be possible without the tremendous commitment of time and energy from our many volunteers. So here is a big "thank you" to: Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Jeffers, Mrs. McVey, Mr. Clarke, Ms. Reichert, Mrs. Macmillan and three of our Student Teachers - Mrs. Leeson, Mrs. Perera, Miss Shaver.

Summer Internet Safety



Surfing the internet, chatting to friends online through instant messaging or hanging-out in chat rooms can be fun for young people but there is a growing trend of these experiences leading to encounters that are not so pleasant. Online bullying and harassment are of growing concern, as well as young people placing themselves at risk for exploitation by online predators when they publish private information about themselves. The threat of exposure to inappropriate material, such as pornography is also a concern. Often, the technology seems daunting for adults and yet is picked-up effortlessly by the younger generations. There are children who have never known the world without the internet. The role of parents, the community and educators and the community at large has never been more important in guiding and encouraging young people to practice safe and responsible online behaviour.

Some "Cyber Savvy" sites are: Media Awareness Network: www.media-awareness.ca
Childnet International: www.childnet-int.org
Web Wise Kids: www.webwisekids.org

Some interesting sites to visit are:

1. Visit the Canadian Museum - Treasure Hunt and explore 23 virtual museums across Canada, with exhibits on Canadian history, science, technology, art and nature: www.virtualmuseum.ca/Exhibitions/hunter2
2. Compose your own musical score & identify the instruments in an orchestra: www.artsalive.ca/en/mus
3. Learn about the Human Body – The Respiratory System, learn about your heart and lungs and colour in the "Smoking, You're Joking" online colouring book: www.lung.ca/children/index_kids.html
4. Hear stories on line, anytime from the Toronto Public Library : www.kidsspace.torontopubliclibrary.ca

North Vancouver Summer School Programs

North Vancouver Summer School 2011

Full Credit Summer School will be at Handsworth from July 5th to Aug. 11th. Registration for Full Credit High school courses began on May 16/11. Remedial will be at Sutherland from July 5th to July 28th. Registration for High School remedial courses begins on June 20/11. Elementary programs will be at Carisbrooke from July 5th to July 28th. Registration for Elementary programs began on May 16/11.

Please see the North Vancouver School District website: www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Programs/Summer%20Programs.aspx for further information or changes to dates.

Attention all young artists:

Artists for Kids is now taking registrations for its summer camp at the North Vancouver Outdoor School featuring noted BC artists George Littlechild, Marcus Bowcott & Judson Beaumont. If you love drawing, painting, sculpting and having loads of fun, then this is the summer camp for you! Pick-up a registration form in the flyer box in front of the office today! Registration fills up quickly and is limited to 75 spaces each week.

Please keep us informed!

At this stage in our planning, we anticipate a Kindergarten - Grade 7 enrollment of approximately 300 students. Based on this projected number of students, we will receive our staffing entitlement. Once we have this information, the following decisions can be made:

- the number of divisions at each grade level
- the number of students in each class
- where classes will be combined (4/5, 6/7, etc.)
- the amount of time provided to other disciplines in the school such as Music, Library, LAC
- what grade levels teachers will register.

Student Placement

Once an organization has been decided upon, the process of assigning students to classes begins. Our class placement process ensures that thoughtful consideration of each child's social, emotional and academic needs is aligned with the need to create balanced and effective learning environments. The assignment of students to classes is decided by a team, which includes the child's current teacher, possible teachers for the coming year, specialists such as the ESL and LAC teachers, counsellors and the administrators. This professional team considers each placement carefully as they create classes that include a variety of students who learn in a variety of ways. In addition to individual circumstances, criteria considered in the placement process include:

1. Workable instructional groups considering:
 - the child's academic needs and strengths;
 - teaching and learning styles;
 - the child's work habits.
2. Positive social groups considering:
 - placements where a child can work positively and productively with other children in the class;
 - peer support or conflicts;
 - establishing the presence of positive leaders in each class;
 - ratio of grades in combined classes.
3. Balanced classes considering:
 - gender (male/female);
 - students with Special Needs;
 - students who are English Language Learners;
 - academic, social and emotional needs and abilities;
 - leadership abilities.
4. Other information considered:
 - the past history of students in combined or single grade classes;
 - school-based resource team recommendations.

Parent Information for Student Placement Forms

If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or the principal does not have and should consider when placing your child, please complete a form and submit it to Mrs. Martin no later than May 27th, 2011. **Forms received after May 27th will not be considered for student placement for the 2011-2012 school year.**

Teacher assignments are tentative and subject to change along with enrolment and school organization changes. **Please note that the form will not be accepted if names of staff members are used. These forms will be returned to the sender with a reminder of the placement criteria outlined above.** Our goal is to meet the needs of all students at Brooksbank in order to maximize their growth as learners. We appreciate your support in this complex multi-level process in arranging educationally sound and balanced classes.



Skipping Our Way to Good Health

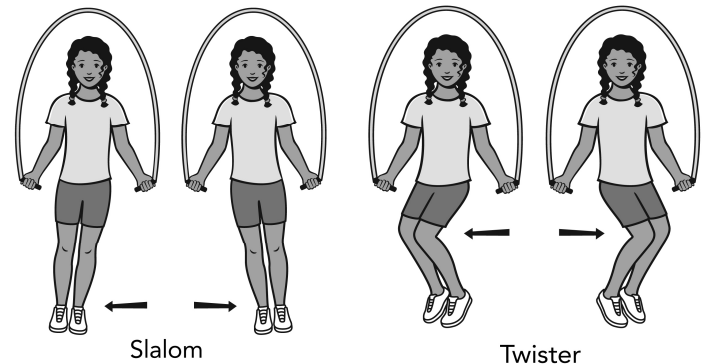
For health benefits, the new Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines (2011) recommend 60 minutes of moderate- to vigorous-intensity physical activity daily for children aged 5-17. A popular moderate activity anyone can do anywhere is skipping rope...

Skipping rope builds strong bones, develops muscle endurance, promotes a healthy heart and increases co-ordination. For ages 6 to 9, use a 7 foot (2.1 metre) rope and for older children use an 8 foot (2.4 metre) rope.

Tips for skipping rope:

- wear proper footwear with laces tied
- keep arms close to body
- use small bounces, rather than big jumps
- aim for one successful jump at a time

Encourage skill progression. Practise jumping and landing in different ways **without rope first** then progress to: **two-foot** (basic), **one-foot, boxer** (jump two times on each foot), **forwards, backwards, slalom** (skier jumping right then left over mogul), **twister** (twist hips side to side), **jumping jacks** (feet together, straddle, repeat), **scissors** (straddle with right foot forward left foot back, reverse), **X-It** (alternate straddle with feet crossing at ankle each jump). Make a routine to music and share it with family and friends.



For information on skipping or other playground games review the Action Pages! under Quick Links on www.actionschoolsbc.ca.

Marketing to Children

A recent study found that 8-18 year olds spend more than 7 hours per day using media that includes TV, cell phones, iPods, laptop computers, and video games. Companies spend billions of dollars using these forms of media to market their products to children. Most of the food and drink ads are for products low in nutrients and high in calories, fat, or sugar.

Tips for managing marketing and media:

- monitor your child's media use
- set limits for the types and amount of media they use
- spend time with your child and the media they are using
- talk about marketing methods companies use to help sell their product
- teach children to be critical viewers or to ask questions when they are watching or listening to marketing messages
- check the privacy policy on websites before giving them personal information, e.g. contests and surveys

Visit the Media Awareness Network at www.media-awareness.ca for more information.

If you have any suggestions for future topics, please contact Kathy Romses, Community Dietitian at 604-904-6200 or Kathy.Romses@vch.ca. If you have general nutrition questions, call **HealthLink at 811** and ask to speak to a dietitian or visit www.HealthLinkBC.ca. For school based physical activity or nutrition questions please contact info@actionschoolsbc.ca.

COMMUNITY NOTES:



Soccer Season is coming:

North Vancouver Football Club (formerly Lynn Valley Boys Soccer, Lions Gate Boys Soccer) – For more information visit the website: www.nvfc.ca

North Shore Girls Soccer For more information visit the website: www.nsgsc.ca



Calling all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts!



Register for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Beavers and Cubs meet Tuesdays, Scouts meet Thursdays. We all meet at St. Agnes Church ~ open to boys and girls, ages 5 and up! email: northvanscouts@shaw.ca or call: Ken @ 604-986-8828

6th St. Agnes Scout Group – Bringing Scouting to the North Shore since 1928

Lynn Valley Day – May 29th

The Lynn Valley Lions, Lynn Valley Community Association and local merchants welcome you to come and enjoy Lynn Valley Day – Saturday May 29th, 2010. You'll find fun for the whole family with events and entertainment throughout the day!

- Pancake Breakfast 7:30 – 9:30am Lynn Valley Park
- Parade (Rain or Shine) 10:00am
- Family Fun 11:00am – 4:00pm Lynn Valley Park

HOCKEY:

North Shore Minor Hockey

<http://www.nvmha.com>

North Shore Girls Hockey

<http://northshoregirlshockey.com>



Sparks ages: 5 – 6, Brownies ages: 7 – 8, Guides ages 9 – 11, Pathfinders ages 12 to 14



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