



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.



October 2010

Principal: Arlene Martin
Vice Principal: Marilyn McVey

Brooksbank Calendar Update

- Oct. 22 - Professional Day – **No Classes for Students**
- Oct. 29 – Hallowe'en Parade 1:15 pm
- Oct. 27 - PAC Saleema Noon Evening Presentation
- Oct. 28 - PAC Saleema Noon Student Presentation
- Nov. 1 – 5 – Gr. 6's to Outdoor School
- Nov. 3 - PAC Meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov. 9 - Recognition Assembly 2:15 pm
- Nov. 9 - Chess Club starts at 12:10 pm
- Nov. 9 - Photo retakes 1:00 – 1:30 pm
- Nov. 9 - I ♥ Math Night 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Nov. 11 - Remembrance Day – No School
- Nov. 12 - Local School Calendar Closure Day
- Nov. 19 - Newsletter Posted to Website
- Nov. 24 - New Student tour 9:30 am
- Nov. 26- Report Cards home
- Nov. 30 - **Early dismissal 2:00** Parent Teacher interviews
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School Goals

Our school goals, established by our School Planning Council last Spring, remain in place. The goals are as follows:

- To improve student achievement in the area of non fiction literacy
- To improve students' achievement in mathematical computation
- To improve student awareness of social responsibility

A new School Planning Council for the 2010 – 2011 Term will be elected at the Nov. 3rd PAC meeting. Please give your name to Lisa Stirling - PAC Chair or Arlene Martin if you are interested in running.

Please join us for:



I ♥ Math! Evening
On Tuesday, November 9th
6:30 to 7:30 pm
At Brooksbank School



Reading

Here are some hints from ABC Canada

Literacy Foundation, a charity that promotes literacy, for getting kids hooked on books.

1. Do simple crosswords together and play board games.
2. Provide a space for kids to store books, even a bin.
3. Discuss magazine, internet and newspaper articles with your kids.
4. Read together; even 15 minutes a day can improve their skills.
5. Give your kids library cards. Help them choose books related to their interests and activities.

We have now begun our Guided Reading program. Guided Reading involves small group instruction with students reading at their instructional level. The text pieces are short and are used to reinforce the reading strategies. Guided Reading teaches students to use their knowledge of language patterns; apply a wide range of strategies to comprehend, interpret, evaluate and appreciate text and use background knowledge and prior experience to make connections between what they read and what they already know. It promotes student understanding through thinking and talking and promotes student self-monitoring and self-correcting through ongoing assessment and evaluation by the teacher and the student.



Safety * Respect * Responsibility



School Telephone: 604-903-3280

Callback Telephone: 604-903-3285

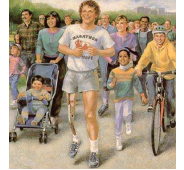
Dress for the Weather



Fall is upon us, and despite the glorious days of sunshine we have been enjoying, we need to be ready for rain. Please send your child to school everyday dressed for outside activity and play. Even on rainy days, students will be taking a break and getting some fresh air at recess and lunch, so should have rain jackets and boots, and even an umbrella if they wish. Also, classes often do outdoor activities, including Daily Physical Activity. Appropriate footwear helps keep your child comfortable and safe.

Terry Fox Run

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank those parents who helped with our Terry Fox Run! The weather was cooperative, and our Toonies For Terry campaign raised \$304.02.



Visitor Procedures

Anyone visiting the school during school hours NEEDS to report to the school office first to sign in and put on a Visitor's Pass. Parents volunteering in classrooms must complete a Volunteer Form available from the office.

LOST & FOUND

Just a reminder to those who may have "misplaced" those gym shorts, runners, jackets etc....Please check the lost & found bin and the coat hooks across from the library to "find" your missing belongings.

Hallowe'en at Brooksbank

This year, some classes at Brooksbank will be invited to bring their costumes to school to wear in the afternoon. As you plan, please remember our district's policy which does not permit toy weapons at school. Also, please consider carefully the appropriateness of all costumes – avoid violent characters. In addition, students will not be permitted to bring or wear adult oriented joke items, such as naked body parts or any costume which may be insulting or offensive to others. To enable the children to dress themselves teachers have requested that no makeup, masks, hair spray etc be brought to school. We are looking forward to a fun, safe Hallowe'en. Beginning at 1:15 pm on Friday, October 29th, we will hold an in-school Hallowe'en Parade. Students will parade through the school in costume. Any parents wishing to watch the parade are invited to the viewing area in the gym.



Hallowe'en Safety

- Children should wear bright and reflective costumes to be easily seen at night. (Reflective tape and or glow lights can be added to any costume).
- The costumes should fit the child and be short enough that they will not trip. (No longer than the child's ankles.)
- When buying a costume, make sure it is labeled "flame resistant".
- Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.
- Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Street safety is paramount when crossing streets! Remember to Stop, Look, Listen & Walk.
- Children should stay in well lit areas and should only visit homes that have some form of outside lights turned on.
- All candies should be inspected to make sure that no one has tampered with them. Discard anything that looks suspicious.
- Children should trick or treat in a well known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.



First Term Reporting

First term student progress reports will go home on Friday, November 26th. Formal reports communicate to students and parents significant aspects of the students' progress in the areas of intellectual, social, human and career development. These reports are 'snapshots' of progress to date, and offer suggestions of areas for further development, and ways that students may be supported at home and school. Conferences with your child's teacher will be held during the week of November 30th, but we encourage regular communication between home and school, so if you have questions or concerns, please call or make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher at any point during the year.

News From the Library

We're up and reading in the Brooksbank Library. The primary students are busy bee-coming super readers with their "Don't Bug Me – I'm Reading" book logs and the older students are working on book talks and biography projects. With our new automated system, the students are welcome to take out more books and can exchange or renew them any day that the Library is open. (The Kindergarten students are still taking just one book until the routines are established...however they are also welcome to exchange their books as soon as they have shared them at home. First thing in the morning or after school is always a good time to choose a new book.) For those Brooksbank parents who have inquired about the Wish List for the Library.....yes, there is a new list at Kidsbooks in the Village. Thank you to all the families that have given so many books to the library for Christmas, birthdays and just for fun!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Fairbank

Kindergarten Thank You!

Thank you to the: Schmit, Bowyer, Helgason, King-Tucker, Stadnyk and Lawrence families for donating: Toys/Dress-up Clothes/Books/Puzzles for the students to enjoy! We are currently looking for: Babyfood jars and Playmobile toys that are in good condition.

On the Subject of dogs.....



Did you know that the North Vancouver District By-Laws states that, "Dogs **ARE NOT ALLOWED** on playgrounds, picnic areas, playing fields...." Please don't bring your dog to school.

Brooksbank Chess Club

Students in grades three through seven are invited to sign up for a weekly lunch hour Chess Club hosted by a Chess Master. Sessions will begin on **November 9th** and will run for 6 weeks. Please use the registration form included in this newsletter or pick one up from the office. Registration is limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Cost is \$30 for the 6 week program.



World Book On-Line

Is your child conducting research at home on the internet? If so, they can access the World Book on-line (www.worldbook.com) through a licensing agreement with the school district. All they need is the ID: erac and the password: erac. Please note that these are case sensitive.



Brooksbank School Tour

Brooksbank School will be offering a tour for parents of students from other catchment areas who may be interested in coming to Brooksbank in the 2011-2012 school year. The tour will start promptly at 9:30 am on Wednesday, November 24. Please meet outside the school office. Attendance is NOT necessary for in-catchment parents of upcoming Kindergarten students.

ARTISTS FOR KIDS
AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

FALL SESSION begins the week of Oct. 12th

Visit our website at www.artists4kids.com to view all the exciting programming details.

REGISTRATION began Sept. 24th

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL THE ARTISTS FOR KIDS OFFICE AT 604-903-3798.

Photo Retakes

Please take note that retakes for Individual Student Photos will be done on Tuesday, November 9th from 1:00 – 1:30 pm in the gym. The photographers will be here for approx. ½ hour. Students who missed the original photo day will have their photo taken at this time.



Purdy's orders.....Save 25% !



This is a reminder that we are offering a group order opportunity. Save 25% on your Christmas chocolate orders. These also make great Hostess/House gifts! Please come to the office to pick up a brochure and an order form. We ask that all orders be returned to the office by 3:00 pm November 9, 2010. As we are placing only the one order, no late orders can be accepted.

Kindergarten Registration for 2010 – 2011

Kindergarten registration for the 2010 – 2011 school year begins at the Central Registration Office on January 24th, 2011.

Where: 2132 Hamilton Avenue

When: Beginning **January 24th, 2011**

What to Bring: Student's birth certificate (Canada) or proof of citizenship and proof of current residence (Hydro bill, purchase or rental agreement)

Parent Information Meeting

January 12th, 2011 at the Lucas Centre Gym (2132 Hamilton Avenue)

For more information Visit www.nvsd44.bc.ca, call 604- 903-3368 or e-mail registration@nvsd44.bc.ca

LATENESS

Our school day begins at 8:45 a.m. with a warning bell. At that time, students should be hanging up coats, organizing books and materials and reporting to their desk or carpet area. Classes start with the 8:50 a.m. bell. Lunch begins at 12:15 a.m. and the bell rings at 12:55 p.m. for students to return to their classrooms. Afternoon classes begin promptly at 12:58 p.m. A reminder please to parents, that students, may not go to another child's house for lunch without written permission from their parent.

October 2010 - Health Matters

Action Packed Ideas - Canada received a failing grade for physical activity levels noting that only 12% of children and youth are meeting Canada's guidelines of 90 minutes of physical activity per day (Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card, 2010).

We Can Help Our Community's Kids Adopt an Active Lifestyle

Living on the North Shore provides the ideal environment year round for regular participation in physical activities. Here are a few simple ideas from Action Schools! BC: Support healthy, active events and activities (e.g. sport or physical activity programs, birthday parties at the pool or gym, refereeing or coaching) and fuel these activities with vegetable and fruit snacks (e.g. berries, dried apricots, vegetable sushi). Play badminton, bocci, disc golf, Frisbee, table tennis in the yard, or hockey or basketball. Bike or walk to school, to get groceries, a DVD or library book whenever possible - even 5 minutes is hearthealth worthy. Play on the playground equipment before and after school and



on weekends – ask about the school’s Action Schools! BC Playground Circuit or visit www.actionschoolsbc.ca Create an action bin and place it by the door filled with balls, skipping ropes, chalk, racquets, birdies, hockey sticks, bike helmets, etc. making it easier for everyone in your home to be active.

Overnight Muesli

500 ml rolled oats 2 cups
500 ml plain yogurt 2 cups
250 ml milk 1 cup
45 ml sugar or honey 2 tbsps
2 apples, peeled, cored & grated 2
250 ml berries or dried fruit 1 cup
125 ml nuts or seeds ½ cup
(e.g. pumpkin, sunflower, sesame)



This is a tasty breakfast or snack recipe that has all 4 food groups. Get your children involved in choosing the fruit, nuts and seeds and making the recipe.

Combine all ingredients except nuts or seeds in a bowl and refrigerate overnight. Serve topped with nuts or seeds.

4 servings

HEAD LICE

Reminder to families that head lice is a common issue among school-aged children and one that can affect the entire family.

Facts on head Lice:

- They are tiny insects about the size of a sesame seed and live only on the human head.
- They are not caused by being dirty. Anyone who has hair can get head lice.
- Head lice bites can make the scalp itchy but they do not cause disease.
- You cannot get rid of head lice with a hair brush or hair dryer.
- Lice are wingless - they do not jump or fly but rather spread by crawling from one head to another.
- Lice spread through **DIRECT head-to-head** contact as well as through sharing personal articles such as hats, combs, brushes, helmets, scarves etc.

The best way to reduce the risk of getting head lice is to:

- **Check** each family member’s head **EVERY week**. Make this a family routine Sunday night.
- Provide individual combs and brushes for each family member.
- Teach children to avoid sharing items that come in contact with their head or neck (towels, helmets, hats, scarves etc).
- Tie long hair back.

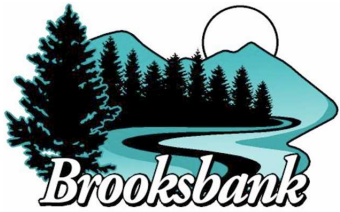
If you discover that your child has head lice please report this to the school office and they will provide you with information regarding treatment options. Children with head lice may remain in school during the treatment period.

Most pedestrian related injuries happen in the months of September and October!

- Children under the age of 9 are not mature or skilled enough to judge if a situation is safe. Children need supervision when crossing the street until at least 9 years of age.
- After the age of 9, children have better peripheral vision, are less impulsive, are more aware of risks, and can handle many pieces of information at one time.
- Children should remove earphones when crossing the street, so that traffic sounds can be heard.
- With shorter, darker days children need to wear bright reflective clothing.

For more information go to: www.waytogo.icbc.ca and www.safekidscanada.ca

Grade 6 immunization clinics have now been scheduled at each school and **Consent** forms have been sent out. Please return the consent form to the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions about any of the immunizations, please call the **On-Call Nurse for the Child and Youth Team at: 604-983-6714**. Thank-you!



BROOKSBANK ELEMENTARY

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BROOKSBANK CHESS CLUB

Join the Brooksbank Chess Club!

When? Tuesdays beginning November 9

Time? Lunchtime... bring your lunch!

Where? In the Library

Who? Students in grades 3 through 7

Cost? \$30 for 6 weeks



The Chess Club is run by a Chess Master from *Westcoast Junior Chess*.

For further information, please contact Luc Poitras 778-846-0496 or queluc@lynx.net

Space will be limited, so register now to reserve a spot. Just complete the form below and return with payment to the main office by Wednesday, November 3rd. Cheques for \$30 are payable to *Westcoast Junior Chess*.

BROOKSBANK CHESS CLUB REGISTRATION

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Division:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **email:** _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent Signature: _____