

École Braemar School News



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October 2011

2011 Terry Fox Run!

On September 22, Braemar students participated in our annual Terry Fox Run. \$417.00 was raised and will be donated on their behalf to the Terry Fox Foundation. Many thanks go to our staff who helped organize the event and to all of our parent volunteers who supervised and cheered on the runners: students, staff and families! The event was a great success due to everyone's enthusiasm and cooperation. Well done Braemar!

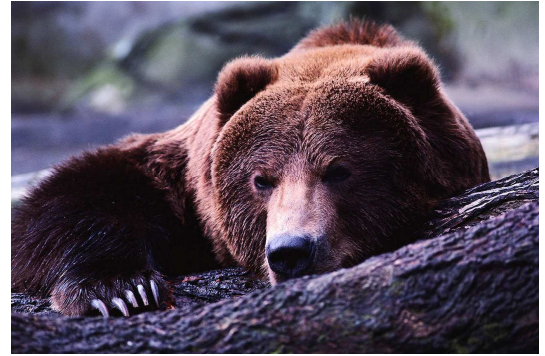


There's a Bear In My Backyard!

If you see a bear in your yard or neighbourhood remember to stay calm, don't panic or yell, and give the bear plenty of space. Talking to the bear with a normal voice will let the bear know you are nearby.

Allow the bear an easy exit route so it will move on when it finds nothing to eat. If you suddenly come face to face with a bear, back away slowly, moving in the direction you came from, avoiding eye

contact, and remember...*do not run!* Go indoors with your pets and children immediately and call your neighbours to advise them about the bear. Once the bear is out of the area check your yard to make sure you are not inviting it come back. Put away garbage, and/or birdseed and remove ripe fruit from any fruit trees you may have in your yard.



It's important to remember that we have chosen to live on the North Shore in a natural bear habitat. Let's do what we can to live in harmony with the environment for the safety of our neighbourhood and the protection of our wildlife.

If you see a bear...call the North Shore Bear Line 604 -990-2327 or go to: www.dnv.org/bears

Hee Ha! Braemar hosts another great hoe down! Thanks to Mrs. Denault for all her work both behind the scenes and on the day of the event. Students and staff had a 'stompin' good time!





Once again this year the Braemar Parent Advisory Committee has offered to host a 'hoot and holler' event at our school. On Monday, October 31, students are permitted to wear costumes during the afternoon. We are asking parents to ensure that these costumes are appropriate for elementary school and that:

- a) students are able to change into their costumes in the classroom (ie able to put on costume over their clothes)
- b) there be no masks covering the entire face
- c) there be no weapons or decorative weapons or masks that bleed or will frighten young children.

The agenda for the afternoon is as follows:

Gr. 1-5 12:15-1:00 pm
Primary Parade 1:15 pm
Gr. 6-7 1:30-2:45 pm



Cross Country

Over the last few weeks students from Braemar and from across the school district have been participating in cross country running. The final meet, hosted by Dorothy Lynas will be held at Cates Park on Wednesday, October 26th.



Hundreds of grades 3 to 7 students from across the North Vancouver School District have been meeting at different parks this fall and challenging themselves

with distance running. Typically, grade 3 and 4 students run a kilometre while students in grades 5, 6 and 7 run 2 kilometres or more! The running routes charted for them by volunteer staff and parents.

By participating in these events, students learn about setting goals, achieving their personal best and pacing themselves. Most importantly, they participate in a fun way to maintain a healthy lifestyle!

We would like to thank all our staff and parent volunteers for a job well done this season! Special thanks to Coach, Mark Bates and our Vice Principal, Rob Harden.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Student Permission Forms for 2011-2012

If you have not yet returned your child(ren)'s various permission forms that were sent home in September, please send them to the school office **as soon as you can**. The forms we are looking for are:

1. White Student Verification form for all new students.
2. Green Walking Field Trip form
3. White Photo Release form
4. Yellow Internet form
5. Blue & Green Emergency forms
6. Blue PAC forms for Student Directory, Class email, Yearbook and Technology Donation



We appreciate your efforts in completing all of the various forms and ensuring that the information on each form is complete.

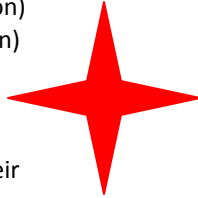
Student Medical Conditions

Student Medical Alert forms were sent home in September for all the students that we know have a life threatening medical condition. If you did not receive one of these forms, and your child has a life threatening medical condition, please call the school office at 604-903-3270.



Staffing Updates

In the coming weeks Braemar will be saying good-bye to three staff members. Both Mme Weller (Gr. 7 Late French Immersion) and Mme Hoodless (Gr. 5/6 French Immersion) will be leaving us temporarily as they begin their respective maternity leaves. We'd like to thank both these teachers for their fine work at our school and wish them well on their next journey. Stepping in for Mme Weller is Mme Bernier, and for Mme Hoodless, Mme Callow. We extend a warm welcome to both these new staff members. In addition, we offer best wishes our school counsellor, Mrs. Tavormina, who will also be taking a parental leave from our school.



October/November 2011	
Oct. 21	Pro D Day School Closed
Oct. 24	Photo Retakes Gr. 7 Parent Mtg. 7:00 pm
Oct. 26	Bighthouse Group 1
Oct. 27	Bighthouse Group 2
Oct. 28	Km Club ends
Oct. 31	Primary Parade
Nov. 7	Wok Box 2
Nov. 10	Remembrance Day Assembly 11:00 am
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day School Closed
Nov. 14	Hot Dog Day
Nov. 21	Magic Lunch Box
Nov. 22	Kindergarten Tour @ 9:30am PAC Mtg. Parent Presentation 7:00pm
Nov. 28	Pizza Day

SCIENCE SPOOKTACULAR

Hello from Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Science! I hope that the Fall at Braemar Elementary has gotten off to a great start.

This free, family-oriented event is a great way for families to learn about science from our professors, researchers and students and have a Halloween adventure at the same time. We hope that you will help us promote in whatever way you think works best for your school, and in particular by printing and posting our event poster in a visible area and by forwarding this email to relevant members of your school community.

Date: Saturday, Oct 29th, 2011

Time: Noon-3:30PM

Location: SFU Burnaby Campus

More information: <http://www.physics.sfu.ca/about/outreach/spook>

Please download the poster by visiting: <http://www.sfu.ca/science/outreach>

Or using the direct link: <http://bit.ly/ppxkfv>



BPAC

Did you know....?

Anyone with a child attending Braemar Elementary School is a member of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and has the right to vote at general meetings?

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss at the meetings please contact the PAC Chair, Scott Despots, at least one week prior to the general meeting to have your issue put on the agenda.

Please note that you must be present at the actual meeting in order to present your issue for discussion.

The Executive PAC members are actively involved in support of many school programs and activities such as Bike Safety Week and community building events. The PAC also plays a significant role in an advisory capacity regarding the various functions of the school such as technology enhancements, emergency preparedness, arts and music.

The PAC needs the support of many parents in order to continue to provide the level of service that the school has enjoyed in the past. Please contact any one of the executive members listed and ask how you can get involved, even if your time is limited. You will be welcomed and appreciated.

2011-12 Braemar PAC Executive:

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Rick Mark..... rm@harvestau.com	Member at Large		

Please note: the **November** PAC meeting is scheduled for November 22, at 7:00 in the activity room. At this gathering, parents will have the opportunity to hear from Jesse Miller, a well known speaker on the North Shore, who provides parents with awareness and tools to better understand social media and the implications it holds for children today. Not to miss!

Mark your calendars now.



Student Registration 2012 – 2013 School Year

These procedures for registration and transfer requests are in effect for the 2012/2013 school year. These procedures are consistent with the North Vancouver School District **Policy 605: Admissions of Students to Schools**. Priorities for student placement are dependent upon place of residence as well as meeting registration and transfer deadlines. Please refer to **school catchment areas** to determine the school catchment area for your place of residence.

The following dates are in effect for the 2012/2013 school year.

- November 7, 2011** Registration begins for new kindergarten students
- December 16, 2011** Deadline for priority placement consideration for New Kindergarten Registrations
- January 23, 2012** Registration and transfer requests for grades 1 - 12 begins
- January 25, 2012** LFI Parent Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at LMCC
- March 9, 2012** Deadline for priority placement consideration for New Registrations, Grade 1 - Grade 12 and Transfer Requests

New Kindergarten Registration

Applications will be accepted starting November 7, 2011, until December 16, 2011. Effective date of registration is entered when all required documentation has been received. Applications received following the December 16, 2011 deadline will be placed according to space and facilities availability, and the legislated placement priorities. Children born in 2007, turning 5 by December 31, 2012, can register for kindergarten for September 2012. All applications for Kindergarten require the child's original birth certificate, (if not born in Canada, bring proof of citizenship, passport and Permanent Resident Card), proof of current residence at the date of application, (hydro bill and/or purchase/rental agreement). All Kindergarten classes will be full day classes.

All registration forms must be dropped off in person at **Central Registration**. Located in the William Lucas Centre
Room 102 - 2132 Hamilton Avenue
North Vancouver BC V7P 2M3
(North of Capilano Mall)





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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS



Under the age of 9, children are Developmentally not able to judge When it is safe to cross the street, And therefore need supervision When crossing the street.

After age 9, children have better peripheral Vision, are less impulsive, are more aware Of risks, and can handle many pieces of Information at one time.

Please review and model these 5 important Steps with your child:

1. Stop
2. Look both ways
3. Listen for traffic
4. Make eye contact with drivers
5. Cross only when street is clear and all traffic has stopped.

For more information go to:
www.safekidscanada.ca



WHEN TO KEEP SICK CHILDREN HOME?

Keep your child at home if he/she:

- Has symptoms such as persistent cough or sore throat, a constant runny nose, vomiting or diarrhea, a rash of unknown origin, or a fever
- Is too sick or lethargic to participate in normal school activities

Consider:

- The illness can spread to other children, their families and school staff
- Your child's recovery can be delayed without adequate rest
- The school's inability to care for an ill child

For more information call:

Public Health at 604-983-6700, your family Doctor or Health Link BC 24 hours a day at 811

Sneezes and Diseases, a resource book about childhood illnesses

<http://www.vch.ca/media/SneezesDeseases.pdf>

BC Health Guild/files online:

www.bchealthguide.org/healthfiles

GRADE 6 IMMUNIZATIONS!



Over the next 2 months, all grade 6 students will be bringing home immunization consent forms. Please fill out the form and return to school by the deadline indicated in the package.

