



## BRENTWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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**January 27, 2026**

ÍY SȻÁCEL, Hello Parents & Guardians,

As we wrap up January, we're grateful for the crisp, sunny days that have brightened our play outdoors. It has been a productive month across the school, filled with meaningful learning and professional growth. This month, our Social Emotional Learning (SEL) school-wide focus has been on emotional management—helping students recognize, understand, and express their emotions in healthy ways. Through classroom lessons, assemblies, and small-group activities, students have practiced:

- Naming their feelings with greater accuracy
- Using calming strategies such as breathing techniques, mindfulness, and movement breaks
- Reflecting on how their emotions influence their decisions
- Building empathy and strengthening peer relationships

We've already seen wonderful examples of students beginning to use these tools independently, especially during moments of challenge. Thank you for reinforcing these skills at home—your partnership makes a meaningful difference.

Our staff members are engaged in their own learning this month with an 8-week focus on Physical Ed in partnership with PISE and a 3-part series in literacy professional development. Teachers are exploring evidence-based reading instruction in early literacy and strategies for strengthening fluency in the intermediate grades. This shared learning is already shaping daily instruction, and we're excited to see how these strategies will continue to enhance students' literacy growth.

As we approach the month of February, we have several exciting updates and events to share with you:

**Basketball:** Intramural Basketball has started at Brentwood for Grades 4/ 5 who practice and play games at lunch hours and will participate in the District Jamboree on March 6. We also have a new MEMEXÁŁ Caterpillar girls team that has been generously sponsored by Coastal Wave Basketball. They practice Wednesdays after school and will participate in a jamboree in April.

**Swim Club:** We're excited to share that our school's Swim Club has been off to a great start! We are already seeing so much progress! The District Swim Meet is on March 12. More details to come.

**Maple Man:** The Maple Man is coming to Brentwood on Feb 12! He offers a fantastic introduction to French Canadian culture, maple taffy and storytelling that ties in beautifully with French Canadian winter traditions.

**Board Games Club:** K/1 (Th) and 2/3 (T) students are invited at lunch hour in Mrs. Blackie's room.

**Bone Game Club:** Ms. Morris teaches this Coast Salish game on Wednesdays at 11:15 in the Cultural Room.

**Rocks and Rings:** Students will have an opportunity to engage in learning about the sport of curling Feb 2 and 10.

With gratitude, HÍSWKE,

Ms. Anita Ko and Ms. Suzanne Chisholm

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| INFORMATION ITEMS           |   |
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| ★ LITERACY WEEK             | <p><b>Literacy Week Jan 26- Jan 30-</b> during the week, all classes will engage in fun reading activities.</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan 30</b> - students and staff are welcome to dress up as their favorite literary book character and families are invited to come for <b>Family Read Around the School 8:40-9:05</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading will take place in your child's classroom or if you have more than one child, feel free to coordinate a meet up in the gym or learning commons to read together, after attendance is taken.</li> </ul> |
| ★ LITERACY RESOURCES        | <p><b>The district has launched a new Literacy Link newsletter!</b> Please check out the January Literacy Link <a href="#">here</a>.</p>  |
| ★ PARENT ENGAGEMENT EVENING | <p><b>Please join us online for the annual Saanich Parent Engagement Evening Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00</b></p> <p><b>Register for this VIRTUAL event:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Parent Engagement Evening - Registration Required   Saanich Schools</a></p> <p><b>Topic:</b> Digital Wellness and Learning<br/> <b>Location:</b> MS Teams Presentation (virtual)<br/> <b>Date:</b> Wed. Jan 28, 2026 @ 7:00 – 8:30 pm</p>  |
| ★ LEADERSHIP TEAM           | <p>The GR.5 leadership team would like to host a school spirit day Feb 6 with a PJ day.</p>   |
| ★ BRIGHTSPACE               | <p>Learning updates (report cards) will continue to be shared digitally through Brightspace, a secure online parent/guardian portal. We encourage all parents/guardians to authenticate their parent/guardian account now in order to ensure timely access to learning updates. For log in instructions, video tutorial and FAQ please see:</p> <p><a href="https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace">https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace</a></p>  |
| ★ KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION | <p><b><u>English registrations</u></b></p> <p><b>January 27</b> 3:30—5:30 pm<br/> <b>January 28</b> 12:30—2:30 pm<br/> <b>January 29</b> 7:30—9:30 am</p> <p>To register at your neighbourhood school please bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed registration form</li> <li>Original supporting documentation</li> <li>Copies of documentation if possible</li> </ul> <p>A list of acceptable documents can be found <a href="#">Here</a>.</p>  |

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| <b>★ DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR</b> | Feb 6 - School PJ Day<br>Feb 13 - ProD - No School<br>Feb 16 - Family Day - No School<br>Feb 23 - Popcorn Day<br>Feb 25 & Feb 26 - Early Dismissal at 1:48PM<br>Feb 25 - Fun Lunch Day<br>Feb 25 - Pink Shirt day<br>Mar 6 - Basketball Jamboree<br>Mar 12 - District Swim Meet<br>Mar 16-Mar 27 - Spring Break |
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| <b>BRENTWOOD PAC<br/>★ MEETING</b>        | All Brentwood parents are welcome to attend PAC meetings at 7 pm in Room 110 on Tuesdays Apr 28, May 26               |
| <b>★ BRENTWOOD FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHTS</b> | Mark your calendar for Mar 6 and May 22. The PAC will be hosting a family activity night. Stay tuned for more details |