



October 2022

Brentwood Elementary

On the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ People

Calendar of Events

October 5 - Div 13 & 14 - Firehall
October 6 - Div 12, 15, 16 Firehall
October 6 - Kindergarten Students
Bus Safety
October 10 - Thanksgiving Holiday
(No School)
October 17 - Popcorn Day
October 19 - Fun Lunch Day
October 20 - Great Shake Out -
Earthquake Drill
October 21 - Pro-D Day (No School)
October 25 - PAC Meeting 7pm
(School PAC Kitchen)
October 26 - Early Dismissal (1:48pm)
October 27 - Early Dismissal (1:48pm)
October 28 - School Halloween Dance
Oct 31 - Hallowe'en Safety Mini Assemblies
K-5
November 1- Photo Retake Day

Message from Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is wonderful to see all of our students settled into their classroom routines and expectations. The students all seem happy in the hallways and are doing a great job following our Brentwood Beliefs. Grade 5 students have started engaging in leadership opportunities such as lunch monitoring. Their next opportunity will be after Thanksgiving: Crossing Guard sign up. September brought us many exciting activities that we are so excited to share with you below.

We had our first fire safety drill a few weeks ago, and I am pleased to share that the students were able to quickly and quietly exit the building and follow all the safety procedures to ensure the process was complete! WELL DONE. Our next safety drill will be to practice the procedures around earthquakes on October 20th.

This year Brentwood students have the opportunity to engage in cultural drumming lessons with Mr. Norris 1x/week. It has been quite powerful to hear and see the students drumming and singing along while they learn about the land and culture of the WSÁNEĆ people. We are also excited to work alongside with Ashley Cooper and PEPÁKEN HÁUTW as we create our Native Plant Garden in the two beds outside the main entrance. These garden beds are going to serve as an interactive platform for students to learn about the native plants and their functions, along with many other learning opportunities that will come along the way.

Our Fruit and Veggie/Milk Program recently distributed mini cucumbers and milk. We look forward to trying organic plums on the 17th!

Early Dismissal dates are Oct 26 & 27th at 1:48pm. Some teachers may be scheduling their parent-teacher conferences on these days or over the course of a few weeks. Each teacher will convey information about their process with families in their class. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher.

We are excited about our PAC Hallowe'en Dance on Friday, Oct 28th, and thank the Moss family for volunteering to DJ the event, along with all the volunteers who have signed up to make this night a great success! We truly are so lucky to have such a wonderful and engaged community to work, learn and play along

We are looking forward to a fantastic October, and we thank you for your continued support. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Respectfully,
Helena Takhar, Interim Principal



PEKELÁNEW

This is the moon of the turning of the leaves white season (frost). This moon brings the first frost. The leaves lose their colours and turn pale. Deer hunting is the activity during this moon. The earth is cooling down and the people turn their efforts to hunting.

Division 1 - Jeni-Lynn Blackie and her Kindergarten class prepared the October moons for us all to enjoy.



Terry Fox Run

We had our Terry Fox run on September 26th and our school raised over \$540 in Terry's name. Thank you to all of the families who contributed, and all of the students for their best efforts in running around the school in support of this great cause.



Orange Shirt Day

It was so great to see all the Orange Shirts. There were a lot of thoughtful and valuable conversations/activities happening throughout the school, such as listening to our Gr. 4/5 Territorial Acknowledgement. Thank you to Lance Norris for starting our day with a prayer song.

Thank you to our Brentwood Eagles families for showing your support on this day by providing an orange shirt for your child to wear.





Micah Zandee-Hart



It was a fun opportunity to meet this local Olympian, hear some of her stories and get a chance to play floor hockey with her in the gym and outside. She is a local Brentwood resident and actually attended Brentwood not too long ago. **Thank you Micah !**



Soccer Intramurals



Soccer Intramurals have started again at the school. Grade 4 & 5 students who have signed up will play during their lunch recess.

Popcorn Days

Popcorn is back! A big thank you to the PAC for organizing and cleaning the popcorn machine so the kids can once again enjoy this year.



Hot Lunch



Hot Lunch is also back with our first date of October 19th.

How to Order
Fun lunch ordering is done online at

www.brentwoodelementary.hotlunches.net Parents need to register their children every school year. Even if you registered your child on the website last year, you need to register them again this year!

Student and Family Affordability Fund

The Province is helping make back-to-school more affordable for students and their families who are struggling with rising costs of living due to global inflation.

Through the Student and Family Affordability Fund, \$60 million will help school districts make sure students are fed and have the school supplies they need to be successful this year.

“Many families in B.C. are feeling the effects of global inflation on daily costs, including groceries, school supplies and other school expenses,” said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education and Child Care. “We’re taking action by providing more funding that school districts will use to help meet the needs of families and students.”

This one-time targeted funding is intended to: 1. Improve students’ access to nutritional food/meals, before, during and after the school day. 2. Directly offset costs to parents, guardians, and students, such as field trip fees and other cost pressures they are facing using existing mechanisms such as hardship policies (Administrative Policy 506).

There will be a confidential survey coming out soon for families to share how we can best support. Please be assured that privacy will be paramount in our approach and information will not be shared with the greater community.

Please reach out to Helena Takhar, Interim Principal with any questions htakhar@saanichschools.ca or 250-652-3996.

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Attendance Alert - brentwood_attendance@saanichschools.ca

(Please email if your child will be away or late for school)

Tech Update

As many of you know by now, the district has a new website platform (<https://brentwood.saanichschools.ca/>). There is no longer a forum subscription required, so parents are encouraged to check the website frequently for the most up to date information. Our PAC also has a website (<https://brentwoodpac.ca/>) which you can subscribe to the forum along with a Facebook page.

At any time please feel free to reach out to the Office (Helena Takhar or Meghan Dutil) should you have any questions.