



BRENTWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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ÍY SÇÁCEL, Brentwood Parents & Guardians,

As February draws to a close, we can look back on a busy, productive, and (mostly) sunny month here at Brentwood. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Joan O'Leary to our school as Interim Principal while Ms. Ko is away.

We all enjoyed having lots of families visit classrooms during this week's open house sessions and parent-teacher conferences. Your presence in our school means a lot to students - and to staff. Thank you.

Social Emotional Learning: We are launching a new unit on Empathy and Kindness through our schoolwide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons. Across the grades, students are learning why kindness is important and how we can demonstrate kindness. They are also learning about empathy and how it can support acts of kindness.

Kindness: The theme of kindness coincided well with our school-wide **Pink Shirt Day Kindness Walk** on February 25. Students gathered outside and were asked to walk around the school with a friend and share at least one kind thought. It was wonderful to see everyone in our school community exercising and smiling in the sunshine.

Activities at Brentwood: It was a sweet treat for the whole school to sample maple taffy and learn about authentic French Canadian culture and music with the Maple Man. We also had author and motivational speaker Michael Bortolotto visit our school to talk to students about resilience. With the backdrop of the Winter Olympics, students learned about curling and played the sport in the gym through the Rocks and Rings program.

PISE: Leaders from PISE (Pacific Institute for Sport Education) have been at Brentwood for an 8-week physical literacy program for all students. Students have enjoyed learning new games and improving their movement skills.

Basketball continues to be very popular at Brentwood, with a large group of Grade 4/5 students playing twice a week in the gym. They will participate in a jamboree on March 6 at Bayside and Stelly's. We also have the MEMEXÁE Caterpillars girls team, who practice weekly and will play in a jamboree at Stelly's on April 24.

Swimming: We have an enthusiastic group of swimmers. They have been practicing weekly at Panorama and will participate in a district-wide swim meet at Commonwealth Pool on Thursday, March 12.

Bone Game Club: Ms. Morris leads students in this Coast Salish game on Wednesdays in the Cultural Room.

Please see below for information on new literacy resources, how you can access your child's Learning Update and IEP, upcoming activities, and PAC information. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or to us with any questions or comments.

On behalf of Brentwood, we send our warmest wishes to you, and we hope you have a lovely Spring Break!

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INFORMATION ITEMS	
★ NEW! LITERACY RESOURCES	You can now access a wide range of Saanich Schools' literacy resources online through the Supporting Literacy at Home webpage: https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/literacy-learning-home
★ LEARNING UPDATES IN BRIGHTSPACE	Your child's Term 2 Learning Update (report card) will be available through the secure online portal Brightspace on Thursday, March 12 . Learning Updates will continue to be shared digitally through Brightspace. For login instructions, video tutorial and FAQs please visit: https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace Please contact the school office if you require support. Paper copies of your child's Learning Update can be made available upon request.
★ INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS (IEPs) WILL SOON BE IN BRIGHTSPACE!	Beginning March 2 , Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will be shared digitally through Brightspace, our secure online parent/guardian portal. For login instructions and FAQs, please visit: https://saanichschools.ca/resources/studentsfamilies/d2l-brightspace As the District launches this new process, there may be some initial technical challenges. If you are unable to access your child's IEP by March 6, please contact the school office for assistance. Paper copies of IEPs can be made available by request; please contact your child's case manager.
★ DATES TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR	Friday, March 6: Basketball Jamboree @ Stelly's and Bayside Thursday, March 12: District Swim Meet @ Commonwealth Pool Monday, March 16 to Friday, March 27: Spring Break Thursday, April 16: Ready, Set, Learn! @ Tsawout Gym; for families with children age 3-5 Monday, April 20: Non-Instructional Day (no school) Wednesday, April 22: Play to Kindergarten @ Brentwood Thursday, April 23: Climate Changemakers Open House @ Bayside - 4:30 to 6:30 Friday, April 24: MEMEXÁŁ Girls' Basketball Jamboree @ Stelly's

★ BRENTWOOD PAC MEETINGS	All Brentwood parents are welcome to attend PAC meetings at 7:00 pm in Room 110 on Tuesday April 28 and Tuesday, May 26
★ BRENTWOOD FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHTS	Mark your calendar for May 22! The PAC will be hosting a family activity night. Stay tuned for more details!