



December 2022

Brentwood Elementary

On the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ People

Calendar of Events

January 3 - School Re-Opens

January 5 - Kindergarten Information Night for those registering their child in Kindergarten Sept 2023. - ZOOM (link to follow) @ 7:00pm

January 18, 2023 - Fun Lunch



January 23 - Popcorn Day



Message from Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy snowy Monday! Winter is officially here.

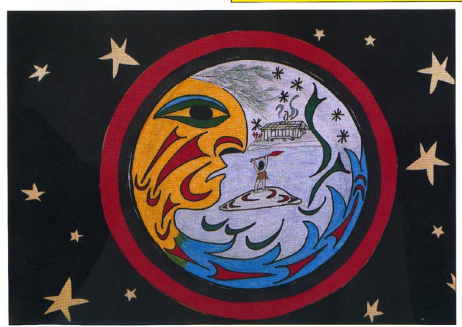
The past few weeks of December held many exciting days for students at Brentwood Elementary. Lots of field trips, crafts, and overall classroom fun was had by all.

I want to express my sincerest gratitude to you all for your support of me as your children's Vice Principal/Principal over the past 3.5 years. My time at Brentwood has always been filled with joy and pride. This community invites a sense of safety for all to grow and learn within, and I thank you for helping to cultivate and enable this rich culture for our students and families. Your children each bring a wealth of uniqueness, positivity and curiosity to the fabric and culture of this school. I feel so lucky to have been able to call it my own for the years I have been here. I thank you for welcoming Ms. Anita Ko into the Brentwood family, and I feel confident knowing you will continue to support her, as you have me.

On behalf of the entire staff at Brentwood Elementary, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. May you all be showered with rest, love and joy.

May 2023 bring you happiness.

All the very best.
Helena



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This is the moon of putting your paddles away in the bush. This moon is the season of strong winds. The weather is unpredictable making it unsafe to travel. It is time to put the big sea canoes and paddles away. It is time to honor the paddle for carrying one safely all season long. Snow is possible at this time of year. The long house activities start.

Thank you to Division 9 for their artwork this month.

Cram the Cruiser



Brentwood students do it again! This is Brentwood's fifth year participating in Central Saanich Police Department's Cram the Cruiser Campaign. Students brought in 151 toys to support families in our community. Over the past 5 years, our school has supported close to 750 children through this campaign. Way to go Eagles.

Brentwood students also raised \$268.75 to help support our local food bank.

Thank you Brentwood Families for your generosity.



Oopsie!

On December 01, we enjoyed the arts performance by Candice Roberts from Candy Bones Theatre, called **Oopsie!** Oopsie is about the character Dr. Professor who is on a quest to understand, "Is it OK to make mistakes?" She held our students captivated with awe and laughter as we watched her make mistakes inviting our students up to help her solve her problems. It was wonderful to watch this light hearted play about having a growth mindset and persevering even when things are new and challenging.





Playground Update

The playground is almost fully installed and should be ready for January 03, 2023! We look forward to watching the children play and explore this new space. It has been fun watching the deconstruction and construction process! Great opportunity to learn and observe.

Blanket Exercise

Thank you to the PAC for supporting this learning opportunity on December 12th. It was wonderful to have so many parents attend this valuable learning session. Please connect with the PAC or Anita if you would like another session offered in the Spring.



A big **THANK YOU** to the PAC for supporting and purchasing our new RAINBOW CARPET initiative which will be laid at the front office window for all to enjoy!



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 Anita Ko with any questions ako@saanichschools.ca or 250-652-3996.

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

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