

As the end of the year is getting closer, we know that there will be some staffing changes at Brentwood Park due to some teaching staff retirements after long and rewarding careers as well as a few staff who are exploring changes in assignments, and some staff who have been filling temporary positions this year. It is never easy to say good-bye, especially to staff who have been at our school for many, many years. We are very sad to see the following staff members leave us and we thank them very much for their tremendous contributions and care at Brentwood during their time as part of this special school community:

Mr. Peters is retiring after 35 years of teaching! After moving west from Nova Scotia, he has worked in Burnaby for 33 of those years...and the last 23 of them at Brentwood Park!

Mrs. Davis is retiring after 37 years of working in Burnaby! She has taught at 6 schools with the last 12 years making a difference at Brentwood Park.

Ms. Bandarra who has taught in a variety of roles the past 4 years at Brentwood, is heading to Gilmore School to teach K/1 next year.

Mr. Almirol has been our daytime custodian for the past 5 years, doing an outstanding job keeping our school safe and clean. He is also heading to Gilmore School next year.

We also thank the following staff members for making a difference at Brentwood Park this year and we wish them all the best as they search for new positions or venture to other schools next year:

Teachers: Ms. Starling, Ms. Kim, Ms. Weir, Mr. Visser, Ms. Reynolds & Mr. Leclair

EAs and Custodians: Ms. Poitras, Ms. Chan, Ms. Wang, Ms. Guo, Mrs. Evanisky, Mr. Choi, Ms. Parmar & Ms. Lerio.

There are a few other changes at Brentwood Park next year:

Ms. Gil's job share partnership with Ms. Davis will be ending but she will remain on staff in a part-time non-enrolling role covering NIS and teaching some LSS.

Due to vacancies and growing by another division next year, we welcome some new teaching staff:

Ms. Chu is coming from a district tech role this year and many years previously in Grade 6/7. Ms. Lavorata has also taught for many years in 6/7 at Aubrey and Ms. Geddes is coming from teaching the Grade 4/5 MACC program at Capitol Hill the past 9 years. They all look forward to joining our intermediate team of teachers.

Ms. Pierson will be joining our LSS team, coming from teaching LSS at Brantford the past three years.

Ms. Kensall will be joining as our daytime custodian. Mr. Ni, Mr. Menor and Mr. Requieron will work evenings.

We are also very grateful that **Ms. Coletta** will be continuing as Vice-Principal and LSS teacher next year. She has made a difference in her past year with us, and we look forward to continuing our work together again next year. **Ms. Sue** (previous VP/LSS teacher) has just returned from her mat leave and has been assigned to Marlborough as VP. We wish her all the best on her new admin adventure!

May has been filled with many fun events whole school events and activities including Gymsense, Jump Rope for Heart, Active Transportation Week and AccessAbility Week. It has been wonderful to see the excitement, fun and activity...and the various opportunities to bring our school community together.

We are also looking forward to our Volunteer Appreciation Event, Sports Day as well as our Grade 7 Camp and Leaving Ceremony in June! Many classes have also been planning fieldtrips, and we are grateful to the parents who are volunteering to help. We couldn't do these events without your help. We are very thankful to the staff members who have devoted time to planning these fun year-end events too.

We also thank our PAC executive members for the financial support for fieldtrips, supplies in the classrooms, projectors, providing emergency kits for classrooms, running Hot Lunch, planning fun whole school events such as the Pumpkin Patch and Santa Breakfast, running fundraisers, and supporting some of the bigger school initiatives! We also thank the volunteers who have stepped up to help the PAC executive. It takes a village to provide these opportunities and we are very appreciative of all of our volunteers. Please RSVP to the invitation if you have volunteered and join us for treats and recognition on the morning of June 11th.



They are currently bringing more portables on site for growth as well as swing spaces for construction. Some classrooms from the north end of the school will be moving to portables at the end of this year.

Station One are the architects supporting the school designs and Unitech is the construction management company hired to work on the addition and seismic project. They will present to parents about phase one construction and timeline via Zoom on June 24th. Link to come.

They will be placing orange fencing around trees they will be protecting in the coming weeks; 6 poplar trees need to come down where the new gym will be built on the west side of the school.

They will be fencing off much of the field and west side of the school soon to prepare for civil work; we will need to shift play areas and are hoping to get permission to use Brentwood Park; we will also need to adjust some entry and exit spaces for classes on the west side of the school

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



Wow, Brentwood Park! You have done an amazing job fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart this year—our school total is now almost \$3,125!

As a reward for your incredible efforts as a school, we celebrated with an extended recess. We also want to congratulate Mr. Peter's class for raising the most donations this year. Thank you for your efforts!

We are so proud of the dedication many of you showed in supporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation. A special shout-out goes to our top donation collectors:

- · Rōnin \$1,675
- · Aviana \$225
- · Marino \$200
- · Dylan and Sophia \$145
- · Alder \$100

Thank you to these students and their families for your amazing commitment to such a great cause.

Jump Day on Friday, May 16 was fantastic! We're proud of all of you for jumping and keeping your hearts healthy for a full hour. \bigcirc

Keep up the great work and keep jumping, Brentwood Park!

MOVING?



If your child will **NOT** be returning to Brentwood Park Elementary School in September 2025, please notify us as soon as possible by emailing brentwoodpark.info@burnabyschools.ca. This information helps us plan for next year and prepare student records to be transferred to the new school in a timely manner. We appreciate your assistance.

TRACK

Brentwood Park was very proud of our Grade 4, 5, 6 and & 7 Track team who participated in the track meet at Burnaby North and an all day meet at Swangard Stadium on April 30th They came out for early morning practices twice a week rain or shine, and showed dedication, sportsmanship and perseverance each week. Congratulations to all of our athletes who had great runs in the events at Swangard. Out of our 8 relay teams, we had 3 running in the finals for the relay races and they all had great finishes! Special thanks to all of our parent drivers and Mrs. Nielsen, Ms. Di Spirito & Ms. Gil for coaching and Mrs. Fleming for managing.



Dear Principal, Staff & Students of Brentwood Park Elementary,

Each year, words never come easy when we try to express our family's enormous gratitude for your commitment to Terry's dream. We can see the determination he displayed echo in your school community as students and staff embrace his call to help others. Your \$2,517 fundraising effort makes a real difference in the lives of Canadians facing cancer—our family is humbled by such a meaningful gift.

More fundraising equals more life-changing research. We believe Terry would be so proud of how far we've come., knowing that his legacy is in great hands and that lives are being extended and saved. Here's to another year radiating Terry's spirit and contributing to new advancements in cancer research.

On behalf of Terry's family,

Fred, Darrell, Judith, Kirsten, Erin, Jessie & Alexandra

P.S. We are so honoured to have had your long standing support. Thank you for you continued commitment!



It's almost time to bring back your library books! All books are due back by **June 10th**. Have a look around at home for any books that might have been misplaced.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT



Monday June 11th 10-11am

Our Volunteer Tea allows us to extend our thanks for all of the hard work and time that so many of you have contributed to our school. We are very thankful of our parent community and appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. Please join us for refreshments and entertainment. If you volunteered at Brentwood Park this year, please join us by RSVPing to the link below .

https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/annual-volunteer-tea

GRADE 7 LEAVING CELEBRATIONS

For Parents of Grade 7 Students

Friday June 20th Grade 7 Luncheon & Activity



Monday June 23rd

9:30-11am — Leaving Ceremony



** The Grade 7 Leaving Ceremony is a special event. Students should dress nicely for this ceremony. We ask that students wear something that reflects their age.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for students is **Thursday**, **June 26th**. Students will receive their Report Cards and be dismissed at **10am**. Students who are away on vacation can pick up their Report Cards when the school reopens in September. **Report Cards will not be mailed**. Please be sure to have students bring home their supplies and any extra clothing etc. by June 26th.



LOST & FOUND

Are your children missing any items? Please check the table in the undercover area to claim your items. All items will be on display on Sports Day, June 13th. If these items are not claimed by June 20th they will be donated to charity.

SPORTS DAY



Sports Day will take place on Friday, June 13th!

Students will begin this exciting day in their classrooms, taking attendance and solving some fun sports trivia. They will then head outside to gather with the rest of their team to show team spirit and cheer for the other teams, followed by the much anticipated Grade 7 Tug-O-War! After recess at 11am, station events will take place; station events will be marked and divided into three separate areas outside: Intermediate, Upper Primary, and Lower Primary. Families are invited to the outside events to watch and cheer. Students will return to their classrooms for lunch as they await the winning results!

*Please note there is a 1pm early dismissal time on Sports Day.



Dear Brentwood Park Families,

We can't believe we're already approaching the end of the school year, time really flies!

Firstly, a big congratulations to everyone for making **Active Transportation Week** such a success! Our school had an impressive **70% average** for active trips to and from school. Way to go, Brentwood!

A special shout out to our top classes:

- Ms. Smith's class (85%) and Ms. Loukopoulos' class (81%)
- Runners-up: Ms. Lopez (76%) and Ms. Neilsen (85%)

Great job, everyone — thank you for helping keep our community healthy and active!

Thank you as well to all who joined us for the **PAC Annual General Meeting**. We're excited to welcome a brand new group of PAC Executive Members for the **2025–2026 school year**.

Here's your new PAC team:

Chair & DPAC Rep: Kate McMahon Co-Treasurers: Rachel & Gurpreet

Secretary: Emma

Members at Large: Erika, Gustavo, Hanny, Helen, Hidy, Isabelle, Krista, Michelle, Pam, & Shanti

We also want to express heartfelt thanks to our outgoing members **Suzy**, **Prachi**, **and Irina**. A special appreciation goes to **Suzy and Prachi**, who have served on the PAC for several years — your dedication, leadership, and support have meant so much to our school community. Thank You!

Construction Update

There will be an information session for parents on **Monday**, **June 24th at 7:00 PM via Zoom**. We'll go over the timeline and first phase of the upcoming construction project. Keep an eye out for an email from the school with more details.

Stay Connected!

We'd love for you to get involved, share your ideas, and stay in the loop. Follow us on Instagram, and if you're interested in volunteering, sign up here!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Brentwood Park PAC

















COMMUNITY INFORMATION









LEARN-TO-ROW SUMMER CAMPS

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What We Offer:

- Row on a 2000m uninterrupted and fully buoyed course
- Learn to maneuver rowing shells with expert guidance
- Build confidence, teamwork, and physical
- outdoor fun on the water
 20 hours of rowing fun!

Camp Schedule:

- Monday Friday: 10:00 AM
 2:00 PM
- All summer long!Limited spots available for
- weekend camps
 Saturday/Sunday: 12:00 PM
 2:30 PM

Register here!







Join the Burnaby Public Library

Summer Reading Club



Free for children of all ages. Registration starts Monday, June 16

- Get your reading tracker at any library location or online
- Choose your reading goal
- Read all summer long
- Pick up your Summer Reading Club medal starting August 23!





Need reading ideas? Have questions? Let's talk!

Call 604-436-5400 or email kids@bpl.bc.ca

Visit bpl.bc.ca/summer-reading-club to get your reading tracker, and find booklists and summer activities for the whole family.



PLAY



STEAM4KIDS

8-WEEK MATH4KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM

Our MATH4Kids Summer Program offers 8 fun weeks of online classes, with each class aiming to enhance critical thinking skills by fostering problem-solving, logical reasoning, analytical abilities, and abstract thinking. To do this, our program is based on problem-solving and puzzles, rather than solely looking at straight numbers and symbols. Help your child stay sharp over the summer and register today!

Program Cost: \$120.00 including tax (8 Sessions) Class Size: maximum 8 students per program

- Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29; August 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 5:00pm 5:50pm
 Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30; August 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 6:00pm 6:50pm
- Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31; August 7, 14, 21, & 28 @ 7:00pm 7:50pm

GRADE 3-4 Programs

- Dates & Times
- Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29; August 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 6:00pm 6:50pm
- Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30; August 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 7:00pm 7:50pm
 Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31; August 7, 14, 21, & 28 @ 5:00pm 5:50pm

GRADE 5-6 Programs

- Dates & Times:
- Tuesdays, July 8, 15, 22, & 29; August 5, 12, 19, & 26 @ 7:00pm 7:50pm Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30; August 6, 13, 20, & 27 @ 5:00pm - 5:50pm
- Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31; August 7, 14, 21, & 28 @ 6:00pm 6:50pm
 - To register, please fill out the form @ https://forms.gle/ypSuLugMXfuUJizi8







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