



Tiger Times

June 2026



Principal: Mrs. Heather Kimmie ~ Vice Principal: Ms. Giovanna Malito
Head Teacher: Mrs. Georgia Loukopoulos ~ Admin Assistant: Ms. Lora Delorme

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:

- * **Mrs. Nielsen**, one of our Grade 2/3 teachers, is retiring after 35 years of teaching! She has had an amazing career, teaching at three schools... Buckingham, Inman and the past 13 years at Brentwood Park!
- * **Ms. Kensall**, our Custodian, is retiring after 34.5 years of working in Burnaby! She was an EA from 1991-2020, and then switched to her latest role as custodian, finishing her career this past year at Brentwood Park.
- * **Ms. Delvecchio**, Teacher Librarian and Head Teacher, has been on leave the past three years. She is officially leaving her position at Brentwood Park. We thank her for all her leadership and wish her all the best!
- * **Ms. Derbitsky**, Grade 4/5 teacher, is heading to Simon Fraser University as a Faculty Associate teaching and supporting people entering into the role of teacher.
- * **Ms. Chu**, Grade 6/7 teacher, has a new role in the district next year as a Numeracy Support Teacher. She will work in a variety of schools helping staff and students with math initiatives and learning.
- * **Ms. Sawkins**, LSS teacher and HT relief teaching Div. 2 on Tuesdays, has been in a temp position that is ending. She will be looking for a new position within the district.
- * **Ms. Yeo**, Grade 2/3 teacher, has been covering Ms. Fitzgerald's maternity leave. As a newer teacher she is hoping to gain experience as a TOC while exploring a variety of Burnaby Schools next year.
- * **Ms. Malito**, Acting Vice Principal and LSS teacher, will be heading to Edmonds School as Head Teacher next year as Ms. Coletta is slated to return to Brentwood.
- * **Mr. Rehman**, EA, is venturing to another Burnaby School next year.

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

- * **Ms. Peachy** will be staying on in a permanent role as an upper intermediate teacher next year.
- * **Ms. Lee** will shift from LSS to teaching K/1 next year.
- * **Ms. Trinh** will be returning and covering Ms. Singh's upper primary mat leave for the year.

Due to vacancies, we welcome some new teaching staff:

- * **Ms. Chi** will become our new Head Teacher and LSS teacher next year. She is joining us from Maywood School. We thank Ms. Loukopoulos for being our Acting Head Teacher the past three years.
- * **Ms. Baker** is coming from Maywood School and will be joining our upper primary team, covering Ms. Fitzgerald's mat leave.

We do still have a couple of positions to fill between now and the end of June.

May has been filled with many fun events whole school events and activities including Sports Day, Pride Dance and Jump Rope for Heart. 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 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 also thank our PAC executive members for the financial support for fieldtrips, supplies in the classrooms, carpets, 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 our volunteers.



It's almost time to bring back your library books! All books are due back by **June 12th**. Have a look around at home for any books that might have been misplaced.

THANK YOU SPIRIT CLUB

A huge thank you to all of our grade 7 Spirit Club members for the positive energy, creativity, and enthusiasm they shared throughout the year. Their hard work planning and organizing our school spirit days helped create a fun and welcoming environment for everyone. We hope you continue to sprinkle the same kindness, leadership, and positive energy wherever you go. We are so proud of all of you!

-Ms. Lavorata

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART



We are excited to share that our Jump Rope for Heart fundraising campaign has raised an amazing **\$4,845** so far — far surpassing our school goal of **\$3,000!** Thank you so much to all of our generous donors and to our students for their enthusiasm, energy, and dedication to fundraising for such an important cause.

Students across the school participated in our jump activities, showing their support for the Heart and Stroke Foundation while also getting their own hearts pumping through movement and exercise. It was wonderful to see so much school spirit, teamwork, and perseverance throughout the event.

A special shout-out goes to our top donation collectors:

Rōnin (Div 3) with \$1000

Hailey (Div 15) with \$1000

Rachel (Div 23) and Quinton (Div 9) with \$685

Lexie (Div 21) with \$595

Ava (Div 21) with \$225

Kaleb (Div 20) with \$125

Mizuki (Div 22) with \$100

We also want to share a big congratulations to the students in Mrs. Trinh's class for raising the most in donations at \$1055!

A heartfelt thank you to all of the students and families who helped raise funds for such an important cause.

MOVING?



If your child will **NOT** be returning to Brentwood Park Elementary School in September 2026, 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.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Don't Ride Them to School or Store Them Here



Legally, riders must be at least 16 years old.

You cannot ride e-scooters on school property. In BC, e-scooters can only be used on designated roads in communities that are part of the pilot.

There are no charging stations or storage areas at school for e-scooters.

Visit the City of Burnaby website for more.



Join the Burnaby Public Library Summer Reading Club



Free for children of all ages. Registration starts Monday, June 15

- ★ 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 22!

You can read anything, any way, anywhere, and in any language. Being read to also counts.

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.

BP LSS NEWSLETTER

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BREAK!

Love, Ms. Gil, Ms. Lee, Ms. Pierson, Ms. Sawkins, & Ms. Malito
June 2026

What We Learned

- This year in our LSS role, we've gained valuable experience supporting students with diverse learning needs.
- We've learned the importance of patience, encouragement, and consistency when working with students who have IEPs.
- We developed a better understanding that every student learns differently.
- We've learned how accommodations, technology, individualized strategies, and strong relationships support student confidence and independence.
- We've learned the importance of communication and collaboration between staff, students, and families.
- We saw how strong support systems help students feel safe, understood, and motivated.
- We witnessed student growth in areas such as:
 - Self-advocacy
 - Organization
 - Emotional regulation
 - Academic skills
 - Social confidence

Over the summer, parents can support learning by:

- Maintaining consistent routines
- Encouraging reading and learning activities
- Supporting independence and daily life skills
- Spending quality time together

Summer is also a good time to focus on:

- Emotional well-being
- Confidence-building
- Physical activity and outdoor time
- Creativity and hobbies
- Rest and relaxation

Simple daily activities that support growth include:

- Reading together
- Visiting community spaces
- Practicing conversations
- Encouraging interests and hobbies
- Having play dates!

WHAT'S COMING UP?

VOLUNTEER TEA

A big thank you to all of our incredible community volunteers! Everything you do for our school community goes a long way and is deeply appreciated. To celebrate you, we are hosting our annual Volunteer Tea on June 15th. Please scan the attached QR code to RSVP and let us know if you can make it, along with any food allergies. If you cannot attend, please know that your hard work is highly acknowledged and celebrated. We look forward to seeing you there!

*Join us for a lovely afternoon
at Brentwood Park's*

Volunteer Tea



06/15
Monday

Brentwood Park
Elementary Gym

1:45 - 2:45
P. M.



"It's always tea-time"
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

GRADE 7 LEAVING CELEBRATIONS

For Parents of Grade 7 Students

Friday June 19th
Grade 7 Luncheon & Activity



Monday June 22nd
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 25th**. 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.



"Failure is an
opportunity to grow"

GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude
determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try
new things"

"Failure is the
limit of my abilities"

FIXED MINDSET

"I'm either good at it or I'm not"

"My abilities are unchanging"

"I don't like
to be challenged"

"I can either do it,
or I can't"

"My potential is predetermined"

"When I'm frustrated,
I give up"

"Feedback and criticism
are personal"

"I stick to what I know"

PAC CORNER

Dear Brentwood Families,

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over! Thank you to everyone who volunteered for PAC events this year—we are very grateful for your help. Special thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who helped out with our long-term programs like Hot Lunch and crossing guards!

We are excited to introduce our PAC executive for 2026/2027:

Co-Chairs: Kate and vacant

Co-Treasurers: Rowena and Rachel

Secretary: Emma

Members-at-Large:

Returning: Shanti, Gurpreet, Hanny, Gustavo, Isabelle, Pam, Hidy, Cece, Helen

New: Naem, Lani, Joan

DPAC Rep: vacant

We are still looking for a second Co-Chair and a DPAC (District PAC) Representative for the 2026/2027 school year. If you want to step forward or you'd like more information about these roles, please reach out to us. And a giant thank you to Krista, Michelle, and Kevin for all your years of PAC service!

If you've volunteered at the school or for a PAC event this year, check your kids' planners for your invitation to the school's **Volunteer Appreciation Event**, June 15th from 1:45 to 2:45.

See you in **September!** On the first day of school, come find us in the undercover area to drink coffee and catch up with your PAC about our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Ongoing:

A huge thank you to our **volunteer crossing guards**, Angela, Gustavo, Shanti, Vesna, Tam, Sonia, and Kate! We still need a few more parent volunteers to help our kids get to school safely. Please [sign up here](#), and reach out to us with any questions.

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers who made our **Hot Lunch** program possible this year, including Ai, Fariya, Gary, Ivy, Hiral, Joan, Kumi, Maria, Ophelia, Patricia, Prachi, Swathi, Shinyoung, Valentyna, Yuki, Cece, Gurpreet, Hanny, Isabelle, Krista, Michelle, Pam, Rowena, and Shanti! Hot Lunch runs every Thursday with local vendors, including Peaked Pies and Sushi Yoi. [Sign up with Munchalunch](#) to order lunch.

If you are registering for a **Pedal Heads** bike, swim, or soccer camp this summer, use our code BRENTWOOD26. You will get \$25 off your fee and \$25 will go to our PAC.

We have an ongoing fundraiser with **Mabel's Labels**. Order labels for your kids' clothing and lunchboxes through our [fundraising link](#), and 20% of your order will go to our school. If you order the Logo Label Pack, your labels will feature the Brentwood Park logo. (Note: search for "Brentwood Park Elementary"—several other organizations use the name "Brentwood.")

We are running a **Secondhand Spirit Wear Drive!** Drop off your gently used spirit wear at the PAC kitchen, and we will resell it to the school community. All proceeds will go to classroom emergency kits.

Stay in touch:

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our activities! You can sign up for our [volunteer list](#) to get involved. Please reach out to brentwoodpac@gmail.com if you have any questions, and don't forget to follow us on [Instagram](#).

Thank you for your support! See you next year!

The Brentwood Park PAC

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Try-It Caprice ARTISTIC SWIMMING

Does your child love the water?

Join us for Artistic Swimming Try-It sessions - the perfect way to discover a sport that combines swimming, dance, and gymnastics!

Space is limited; sign up today!

Ages 8 and over.
Need to be able to swim 50m unassisted.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

E-Mail: registration@capriceswim.ca
Sunday Evenings in June
6:00-7:00pm or 7:00-8:00pm
Fred Randall Pool, Burnaby

SFU Camps SFU DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
FOREST STORIES CAMP (9-12YRS)
8:30AM - 3:30PM JULY 6-10 | JULY 27-31

Combining nature walking, storytelling, and book making, this camp will guide campers in writing and illustrating their own unique forest story.



At the end of the week, campers will take home a book they made themselves as a keepsake.
Physical activities and outdoor time such as hiking are included.

For more info and to register scan here



SFU Camps SFU DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL DISCOVERY CAMPS
CHINESE | JAPANESE | SPANISH
(7-9YRS) (10-12YRS) (13-14YRS)
8:30AM - 3:30PM
JULY 6-10 | 13-17 | 20-24 | 27-31

Dive into a week of language, culture, and fun! Campers can choose between one of three options as they are introduced to language and culture through creativity and games.



No prior language experience needed!
For more info and to register scan here

