



February 2024

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Principal: Mrs. Sidhu • Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Juulsen



Principal's Message

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I can't believe it's already February! January went by quickly with a later start and surprise snow days. Bradner was buzzing with excitement with our future Kindergartens joining our current kindergartens for a pop in and play in the gym. Thank you to our PAC for hosting a fabulous movie and pizza night. Finally a shout out to our students who participated in Handball. Way to go Bradner Bulldogs!

It has been wonderful seeing the growth in students as we moved into February. This month you will have an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher to learn more about your child's growth.

Please check your email and/or child's planner to sign up for conference dates and times.

With gratitude,

Kam Sidhu



Bradner Star Students

Congratulations to the following Star Students:

Div.5 Sky, Stella, Oliver, **Div.4** Ollie, Olivia

Div.3 Mason S, Alexandra **Div.2** Xander P, Summer, Noah G

Div.1—Adalynn, Kaiden, Cheyanne

February Events

- Feb.1 Out of catchment requests accepted
Gr.5 Indigenous Students Fieldtrip
- Feb.5 District Joint Partner Mtg
- Feb.6 Bulldog Awards—wear your shirts!
- Feb.7 PT Conference
Early Dismissal Day 12:15 dismissal
- Feb.8 PT Conference
Early Dismissal Day 12:15 dismissal
- Feb.9 Baking club begins 3:05-4:10
Lunar New Year celebrations
- Feb.10 Lunar New Year
- Feb.14 Valentine's Day
Spirit Day- Red, white, pink
- Feb.15 Bingo Night
- Feb.16 Non-Instructional Day
- Feb.19 Family Day
- Feb.21 Popcorn Day
Basketball @Aberdeen 3:45-4:30
- Feb.22 Shelter in place drill 2 of 2
- Feb.23 Pizza Hot Lunch
PAC mtg 9:15
- Feb.27 RSL Pop in and Read (incoming K)
- Feb.28 Basketball @Aberdeen 3:45-4:30
Pink Shirt Day

School Updates

Kindergarten

Calling all 5 year olds! If your child is turning 5 in 2024, it is time to register for Kindergarten! We would love for your child to learn with us here at Bradner!

Please visit our school website for more information:
<https://bradner.abbyschools.ca/about/>



Kids Zone Preschool & Before and After School Care

Did you know that not only do we have a before and after school care program, but we also have a pre-school inside Bradner!

Preschool
9:15-2:15 PM

Before & After School Care
Hours: 7:00-9:05 & 3:05-5:00

For more info call: 778-239-2075

**RE-ENROLL
NOW!**

If you have an out-of-catchment child attending Bradner Elementary, it's time to re-enroll! Applications are accepted starting Feb.1st

Parent/Guardians, please note that all out-of-catchment students who have been accepted into our school are required to reapply for placement on an annual basis.

We will begin accepting out of catchment forms at 8:30 am on February 1st.

Please note that Non-Catchment Requests may be granted based on the availability of resources and space in the school **AFTER** In-Catchment students have been accommodated.

If you wish for your child to continue here at Bradner, you are required to:

1. Complete 'AP 336-3 In-District Non-Catchment Request' on paper or fillable form.
2. At, or after, 8:30 am on February 1, 2024, email the completed form to your catchment school for the principal to review and sign.
3. Office staff will return the signed form to you. The parent/guardian is responsible for sending it to the requested school.

Note: Requests will be considered after space is made available for all catchment area children. Non Catchment Requests will be reviewed mid-March and mid-June for schools not experiencing enrolment pressure. Final review will be in September.



Parent Advisory Committee

Our PAC is an integral part of our school community. Parents are partners in education, and we value your feedback and support for school activities. PAC works with the school to set goals, fundraise and assist with financing materials and activities for students.

PAC Hot Lunches

Save the dates!

Feb. 23 Pizza

Mar. 15 - Sushi

Apr. 19 - KFC

May 24 - Homemade Pasta

June 20 - Hot Dog & Chips

Baking Club

Melissa Crump will be running after school baking club for grade 4/5 students.

Please check student planners for forms and details.



PAC Committee 2023-24

President:

Jocelyn Radom

Vice President:

Elva Lottenback

Treasurer:

Ravina Gill

Secretary:

Elyse Schroeder

Volunteer Co-ordinator:

Danica Neufeldt

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator:

Jennifer Nadon

DPAC Rep & May Day:

Diana Madden

Meeting & Minutes

Please check website

Follow PAC on Facebook:

Bradner Elementary Parents' Facebook group

Popcorn Days

Save the dates!

Feb. 21

Mar. 6

Apr. 10

May 8

Jun. 5

May Day Volunteers

Calling all volunteers!
Contact PAC for ways you can help!



BINGO Night

Bingo Night is coming soon!

Please keep your eyes out for information regarding details, dates and donations for gift baskets!





Be Prepared!

Out here in Bradner, the changes in weather means that we are expected to have lots of puddles and plenty of mud!

Please ensure that your child is bringing appropriate clothing for the varying weather patterns.

If you have not done so, please send a change of clothes clearly labelled with your child.

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 5 should have an extra pair of clothes at school. Including socks! This will save you a trip to the school!



Bradner House Teams

- Eagles (Yellow)
- Buffalo (Red)
- Bears (Black)
- Wolves (Grey)

Donate

If you would like to send a donation to our school, please click the following link. In the message area, please specify what the donation is for (for example, updating the playground) please click the following link to donate:

[Donate Now](#)

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to volunteer this year, please be sure to fill out a volunteer application form. All volunteers are required to have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) with the district. Please book your appointment with the district 604-859-4891 to apply for a CRC.

Criminal Record Checks

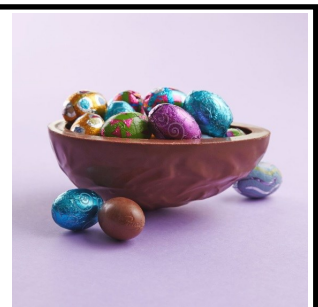
All volunteers with the Abbotsford School District must complete a Criminal Record Check. Criminal record checks are good for five years (the duration of your child's elementary school experience). Please note that all Criminal Record checks can take up to six weeks. If you would like to volunteer, visit the School Board Office with 2 pieces of ID.

The School Board Office is located at **2790 Tims Street**.

Call ahead to book your appointment @ **604.859.4891**

Div. 1 Grade 4/5 students @ BRADNER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL are fundraising with Purdy's Chocolatier, just in time for EASTER! To order, click the link below:

[BUY NOW](#)





parent workshops

Family Sessions - Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Recommended for Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents and youth aged 10 and up as a way to facilitate the conversation of safe and caring use of technology at home and in the community. (60 minute session)

The sessions cover all things digital, from how to be a good digital citizen, the criminal consequences of cyberbullying, and how to report and receive support in cases of sexting/sextortion.

Some of the most prominent concerns currently surrounding the use of social media platforms, smartphones, and artificial intelligence will be discussed.

Where: Online. Registration is required to receive the link.

Dates: February 7, February 28

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

[Learn More & Register](#)

The Evolution of Inclusion

Date: February 15, 2024

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Matsqui Centennial Auditorium (32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford BC)

Before the parent event, starting at 6 PM, join us for the Community Engagement Fair.

[Learn More & Register](#)



Family Supports:

We understand that over the past few years, many families have faced a number of challenges, struggling financially with work closures, child care costs, environmental factors etc.

If your family requires any additional supports from our school community, such as food bank services, or food security for your child(ren), or additional time or support to pay for supplies, hot lunch days, or special events, please do not hesitate to contact the office. This information is kept completely confidential.

For hot lunch orders we can extend the date for hot lunch payment for families who require additional time to purchase, as well as split up the costs so that you may pay for one lunch at a time, versus all at once. Please inform the office if this applies to you. Once again, this information is completely confidential.



Medical Forms

We have sent out paperwork for all students that have medical needs. These forms must be updated yearly. If your child has a life-threatening allergy/condition, please make sure to email our school at: bradner@abbyschools.ca to ensure that you have all the correct paperwork filled out. This includes children required to take medication such as asthma puffers or prescription medication.

Food Security Programs

School Lunch Program

The School Lunch program provides lunch for students who come to school hungry. The program is intended to help feed children from homes where parents are struggling to provide food for their families. If you feel that your child(ren) qualify to be placed on the School Lunch program, please contact the school office or email Mrs. Sidhu @ Kamaljit.sidhu@abbyschools.ca. This information will remain confidential.

Starfish Back Pack Program

The program is organized by Archway Food Bank with the coordination of many community partnerships. The purpose of the program is to support families in need with food on weekends. Each student is given a pack with basic groceries (ex. cereal, soups, rice, bread, tuna, snacks, and a few fresh fruits and a vegetable), that is prepared and delivered to our school by a group of volunteers.

Walking Forms & Photo Consent Forms

Please complete any additional forms that were sent to you including photography consent, and walking field trip forms.





When should students stay home?

Please keep students at home when they are sick. Families can use the following link to determine when it is safe to come back to school: K-12 Health Check (gov.bc.ca) or call 8-1-1.



If Students Become Sick At School:

If a student becomes sick while at school, the office will contact the student's parent/caregiver with a request to have their child picked up as soon as possible.

Contact Us

Phone: 604.856.3304

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<https://bradner.abbyschools.ca/>

Download the Abbyschools App and follow Bradner Elementary

You can report your child's absence in 3 convenient ways via:

- 1) School Messenger App Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- 2) Safe Arrival Website Using the SafeArrival website, go to: go.schoolmessenger.ca
The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
- 3) Toll-Free Number Call 1-844-487-3701 to report an absence using the automated phone system.



These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week.

Future absences can be reported at any time.

With School Cash Online, parents have the convenient and secure option of paying for school items using their credit card online or chequing account, 24/7. You can pay for school items such as trips, club/athletic fees, and spirit wear. It will save you time too!

To access online payments, please register at:

abbotsford.schoolcashionline.com; it takes less than five minutes. Registered parents/guardians can see their payment history, print receipts, and receive email notifications whenever new student fees are posted for their child.