



October, 2023

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Principal's Message

To our Bradner students and families,

We can't believe it is already October! We have had a wonderful start to the school year, filled with a love of learning, and fun activities. Below are some of the events that took place in the past few weeks.

Students and staff participated in Orange Shirt Day on September 28th. The following day staff participated in Professional Development at Abby Arts. The day focused on Truth and Reconciliation, with presentations from various members of the community and ended with a session by Dr. Keith Carlson, a professor at UFV.

On Friday, September 23, 2022. Students participated in the Terry Fox Run. We raised \$89.00. Thank you to everyone who donated. A special thank you to our PAC who provided juice boxes and granola bars for the event.

Our first Bulldog Assembly & Star Awards took place on Tuesday October 3rd. Congratulations to our September winners . Congrats to Fiona, Mikaela, Abigail, Evelyn, Quinn, Mason Q, Parker, Kate, Laura, Jase, and Jackson Keep on shining!



With gratitude,
Kam Sidhu

October

- Oct. 9
Thanksgiving- no school
- Oct. 10
Individual Picture Day
- Oct.11
Cross country
Popcorn Day
- Oct.12
PAC Movie Night
- Oct. 18
P/T conferences- Early
Dismissal 12:15
- Oct. 19
Earthquake Shakeout drill
P/T conferences- Early
Dismissal 12:15
- Oct. 20
Non-Instructional Day
- Oct. 26
Lockdown Drill
- Oct.27
Subway Hot Lunch
- Oct.31
Halloween Dress Up Day
PAC treat provided

We're on Instagram!

Would you like to stay posted on upcoming events? Follow us on Instagram for reminders on events and activities!



Newsletter



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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 18th & Thursday, October 19th.

Evening conferences will take between 4:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday October 18th.

Early dismissal will be at 12:15 on Wednesday and Thursday. Bussing students will be dropped off 2.5 hours in advance of their regular drop off time. All students will need a snack for recess break.

***Bussing students only:** Please bring your lunch.

How do I book?

We will use a booking software program called School Appointments Online

<https://bradnerelementary.schoolappointments.com/>

Please create an account online. If you are having difficulty creating an account please watch the video on how to create one, or contact the school and we can guide you through the process and book an appointment for your child(ren).

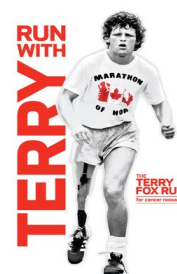
When can I book?

You can create an account now. However, bookings will open on Friday, October 13th. More details will be

Terry Fox

This year we raised \$89.

Thank you to our PAC who donated juice boxes and granola bars for this event, and to all the families who donated!



Halloween Costumes

A reminder that all costumes must be school age appropriate for grades K-5. ie. (no weapons or excessive blood).



Remembrance Day

We would like to honour our Bradner families who are currently serving, or who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces/Peacekeeping Troops. If you would like to share an image of a relative, and their story, please send your image along with a name and some information on who they are (which student they are related to) and where they served. Please send this info to Kamaljit.sidhu@abbschools.ca with the subject heading Remembrance Day. We would like to try and include these pictures in our Remembrance Day Assembly.





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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.



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Looking to update your wardrobe? Bradner Spirit Wear
is available now.

All orders are due by November 2nd.



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Parent Advisory Council

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 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 Representative & May

Day:

Diana Madden

Next Meeting

TBA

Follow PAC on Facebook:

Bradner Elementary Parents'
Facebook group

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:

abbotsford.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/4/89/false/true?fundDestination=Bradner%20Elementary%20School

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.



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UPCOMING PARENT EVENTS

DPAC Parent Evening Series: The Welcome Project

October 11, 2023 / 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Mámele'awt Indigenous Education Centre (3277 Gladwin Rd)

The first event is part of our parent series, hosted by the DPAC (District Parent Advisory Council) and the school district. *Éy kw'as é mí - The Welcome Project* will be presented by Darlene MacDonald, District Principal for Indigenous Education and Christine Seymour, District Principal of Indigenous Education for Fraser Cascade School District. This project was specifically created to strengthen our district's knowledge and awareness when working with Indigenous people and communities. Please note that this session will be conducted in person; no pre-registration is required.

Be Well, Be Safe

October 18, 2023 / 7:00 - 8:30 PM (Doors Open at 6:30 PM)

Abbotsford Arts Centre (2329 Crescent Way)

The second event is a parent evening supported by the Abbotsford Board of Education. It focuses on strategies to protect you from trafficking, exploitation, gangs, and online bullying under the theme "Be Well, Be Safe." We are honored to announce Cathy Peters as our keynote speaker from beamazingcampaign.org. This event is free for the public, parents, and youth.

The latest events and information continue to be posted on our website at www.abbschools.ca.





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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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Stay Up To Date

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

Download the Abbschools 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.

To access online payments, please register at:

abbotsford.schoolcashonline.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.