



April 2024

5291 Bradner Road, Abbotsford, BC, V4X 2P5
- 604.856.3304 - bradner.abbschools.ca -
Principal: Mrs. Sidhu • Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Juulsen



Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from spring break! We hope you had a rejuvenating and enjoyable time with your families. We look forward to reconnecting with your children and guiding them through this last part of the school year.

As we resume classes, we encourage you to check your child's backpack and planner for any important notices or updates regarding upcoming events. As we enter the final stretch of the school year, we have an exciting lineup of events and activities planned including a school-wide field trip, as well as after school clubs and activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. Together, we can make the remainder of the school year a memorable and successful one for our students.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Warm regards,
Kam Sidhu

Bradner Star Students

Congratulations to the following Star Students:

Div.5 Michael, Finn, Tayviah

Div.4 Dayton, Ayden, Maxwell

Div.3 Eleanor, Misa, Aliza, Addison

Div.2 Lily, Tirath

Div.1 Lenny, Huynh, Mylah, Paisley

April Events

April 10

Popcorn Day

April 11

Baking Club 3:05-4:05 Monkey Bread

April 12

Abby Arts field trip to see Aladdin.

Flower Show

April 16

Bulldog Assembly

Maypole Practice 3:05-4:05

April 18

Reimer visiting grade 5

Singing Club

April 19

KFC Hot Lunch

Maypole Practice 3:05-4:05

April 23

Maypole Practice 3:05-4:05

April 26

NID- schools are closed

April 30

Field trip for Div.2/3

Maypole Practice 3:05-4:05

Bradner Flower Show

April 12-14

10AM-4 PM

Hall Admission: \$2.50





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.

Maypole Practices

3:05-4:05 PM
April 16th, 19th, 23rd, 30th
May 3rd, 7th, 10th, 14th, 21st, 24th
Performance May 25th



PAC Hot Lunches

Save the dates!
Apr. 19 - KFC
May 24 - Pasta
June 20 - Hot Dog & Chips

Popcorn Days

Save the dates!
Apr. 10
May 8
Jun. 5



PAC Committee 2023-24

President:

Jocelyn Radom

Vice President:

Elva Lottenbach

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

Singing Club

Beginning April 18
Thursdays
3:15-4:15 PM



Baking Club

May 6- Ham and cheese pockets
June 7- Stained glass cookies



May Day Volunteers

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



Newsletter



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Be Prepared!

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)



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 preschool inside Bradner!

Preschool

9:15-2:15 PM

Before & After School Care

Hours: 7:00-9:05 & 3:05-5:00

**BRADNER ELEMENTARY'S
PLAYGROUND
Fundraiser!**

SpillMoney

\$42,315 **PIRATE SHIP**

\$17,000 **PAC FUNDS**

DONATE VIA:
[HTTPS://BRADNER.ABBSCHOOLS.CA/DONATE-BRADNER-ELEMENTARY-SCHOOL](https://bradner.abbschools.ca/donate-bradner-elementary-school)
MESSAGE: BRADNER PLAYGROUND FUND

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](#)

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**

Volunteers

Volunteers are always welcome! If you would like to volunteer this year, please be sure to fill out a volunteer application package. 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.



parent workshops

Establishing Safe, Caring & Respectful Digital Communities

Online session designed to support families and caregivers in navigating the digital world.

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.

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.

Date(s): January 17, January 23, February 7, February 28, March 26, April 10, April 16

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Learn More and Register Here:

<https://pages.saferschoolstogether.com/erase-family-session>

Empowering Literacy - Strategies for Parents

Join us for an informative DPAC Parent session focusing on literacy. Donna Wright, Acting Director of Instruction, Elementary/Early Learning, will discuss the foundations of literacy and offer tips for supporting your child at home. Debbie Born, Tech Helping Teacher, will also share insights on using technological tools to enhance student reading skills. This session promises valuable insights and practical strategies for fostering literacy development in your child.

Date: April 10, 2024

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Eugene Reimer Middle School (3433 Firhill Dr, Abbotsford, BC)



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

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. 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.