

Newsletter



Bradner Elementary School

October

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

Principal's Message:

To our Bradner students and families,
As the leaves begin to change and we embrace the crisp autumn air, I reflect on the many events that have taken place over the past month.

It has been heartwarming to see families connecting and enjoying quality time during drop off and pick up.

Meet the Teacher Night was a great success as parents met their children's teachers and enjoyed a PAC sponsored hot dog dinner. The evening was filled with great conversations and a strong sense of community.

Students, staff, and parents came together to promote physical fitness and support cancer research, making our annual Terry Fox Run a huge success. We raised over \$760 in the span of a couple of weeks! Thank you to our PAC for providing granola bars and juice boxes for this event.

On September 26th, we observed Orange Shirt Day to recognize the impact of residential schools and honor the survivors. This day served as a powerful reminder of our commitment to reconciliation and the importance of every child feeling valued and safe. On September 29, staff commemorated Truth and Reconciliation with an interactive blanket exercise aimed at learning, reinforcing and reflecting on Canada's past.

One of my favorite highlights this month has been witnessing the joy and creativity of our students as they play with the construction vehicles and mud kitchen supplies. It has been delightful to watch students collaborate, problem-solve, and use their imaginations to create everything from gourmet fast food meals, to creating roadways and paths for new construction builds,, fostering important skills such as teamwork and innovation.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sidhu



October

Oct.1-Nov.10 Grade 4s will be writing FSA in this time frame

Oct.3 Bulldog Assembly @2:15

Oct.5 World teacher's day

Oct.7 Picture Day

Oct.8 Popcorn day & Cross Country
3:45-4:30

Oct.9 Fire Drill 2 of 6

Oct.10 Turkey Trot

Oct.13 Happy Thanksgiving (No school)

Oct.15 Soccer 3:45-4:30

Oct.16 Earthquake shakeout drill

Oct.17 Subway

Oct.20 Diwali Celebration & Afterschool
Craft Club begins

Oct.21 Lockdown 1 of 2

Oct.22 Parent/Teacher Evening Interviews
(Early Dismissal)

Oct.23 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Early Dismissal)

Oct.24 Non-Instructional Day
PAC Hallowe'en Party

Oct.29 Soccer 3:45-4:30

Oct.30 Bulldog Awards @2:30

Oct.31 Hallowe'en dress up day & Treat Day

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 22nd & Thursday, October 23th.

Evening conferences will take place between 4:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday October 22nd.

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/>

When can I book?

More details will be coming soon via email on how and when to book.

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 contact the office for more info.

We are looking to hire part-time and on call Noon Hour Supervisors. Hours are from 12:10-1:10.

If you are interested, please contact the office. CRC required.



Halloween Costumes

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



We're on Instagram!

Would you like to stay posted on upcoming events? Follow us on Instagram for reminders on events and activities!
[@bradnerelementary](https://www.instagram.com/bradnerelementary)



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HOW TO REGISTER: 1) Go to: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/bradner> 2) Click the "Register Here" button (as shown below). The system will guide you through. 3) After adding your children, click the green "Order Lunch!" button to order. 4) Next time, just click the "Login Here" button to access your account.

Turkey Trot

All non perishable donations are welcome Oct.6-9, for this year's Annual Turkey trot on Oct.10. Our goal is to have every student receive something special that they can take home to contribute towards a family dinner. From Oct.6-9, we will begin accepting all food donations .



PAC Treat Days & Hot Lunch Days

Oct. 8
Popcorn

Oct. 17
Subway

Oct. 31
Treat day



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 2025-26

President:

Jocelyn Radom

Vice President:

TBD

Treasurer:

Ravina Gill

Secretary:

Erica Wall

Volunteer Co-ordinator:

Megan Howarth

Hot Lunch Co-ordinator:

Carly Howes & Christine Toews

DPAC Representative:

Melissa Crump

May Day:

TBD

Next Meeting

November 3, 2025

Follow PAC on Facebook:

Bradner Elementary Parents'
Facebook group

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

Tuesday, October 7, 2025



Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- On photo day, no order form or payment is due.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

School photos are a Canadian tradition to capture the school year and preserve your continued growth.



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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 5 - 11, 2025

JOIN YOUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS FOR A FAMILY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE!

On **Wednesday, October 8, 2025** from **6:00 - 8:00pm** stop by the following Fire Halls for an evening of fun, learning, and activities. Learn about battery safety for all ages, enjoy snacks, refreshments and more!

FIRE HALL 3

28455 Fraser Highway
(Aberdeen)

FIRE HALL 4

5775 Wallace Street
(Matsqui Village)

FIRE HALL 5

30373 Merryfield Avenue
(Mt. Lehman)

FIRE HALL 6

2427 West Railway Avenue
(Abbotsford)

FIRE HALL 7

34989 Old Clayburn Road
(Sandy Hill)

FIRE HALL 8

30811 Blueridge Drive
(Blueridge)



BRING IN YOUR OLD BATTERIES AND RECYCLE THEM AT THE OPEN HOUSE!

PRACTICE BATTERY SAFETY: BUY, CHARGE, AND RECYCLE!

Lithium-ion batteries store a lot of energy in a small place. These batteries can overheat, start a fire, or explode if overcharged or damaged. Protect your home by knowing how to safely **buy, charge, and recycle** lithium-ion batteries.

Learn more battery safety tips by visiting abbotsford.ca/firesafetyevents



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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 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.



Student Verification Forms

Please return paperwork to verify any personal information that may need updating. This includes information such as a new home address, phone number, emergency contact information, email addresses etc. Please ensure that you double check all of the information shared, and fill in any blanks. Any changes can be made directly on the forms. These forms are vital in case of an emergency. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

The following programs are available to families who need additional supports:

Feeding Futures Program

Feeding Futures program provides food security for students who come from homes where families require support to feed students during school hours. If you feel that your child(ren) qualify to be placed in the feeding futures program, please contact the school office. 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.

Medical Forms

Paperwork for all students that have medical needs has been sent out. 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.

Other Forms

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



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Stay Connected



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

Stay Up To Date

<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.



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, hot lunch and spirit wear. It will save you time too!

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.