

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Bradner
Elementary School

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BRADNER ELEMENTARY

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

April has arrived, bringing with it longer days, signs of spring, and a renewed sense of energy in our school. It has been wonderful to see students enjoying time outdoors, engaging in their learning, and continuing to grow both academically and socially. We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter long weekend and had time to rest and recharge.

April is shaping up to be a very full and engaging month at our school. We are looking forward to our school-wide field trip to Beauty and the Beast, the Bradner Flower Show, and our upcoming Passion Projects.

We are excited to recognize and celebrate important days this month, including Easter, Vaisakhi, Earth Day, and Administrative Professionals Day. These moments help us reflect on community, gratitude, and caring for the world around us.

Families are warmly invited to volunteer for Passion Projects. Your involvement continues to make a meaningful difference in building a strong and supportive school community.

As always, thank you for your ongoing partnership. We encourage you to continue supporting your child's learning at home through reading, conversations about their day, and celebrating their growth.

Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead!

Warm regards,
Kam Sidhu



APRIL 2	EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 4	GOOD FRIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
APRIL 6	EASTER MONDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED) HAPPY EASTER!
APRIL 7	DPAC PARENTS AWARE SESSION
APRIL 8	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST SCHOOL WIDE FIELD TRIP
APRIL 9	FIRE DRILL
APRIL 10-12	BRADNER FLOWER SHOW
APRIL 13	HAPPY VAISAKHI
APRIL 16	REIMER VISITS GRADE 5 STUDENTS
APRIL 17	BULLDOG ASSEMBLY MAY POLE PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL
APRIL 21	PASSION PROJECTS 1:30-2:30
APRIL 22	ADMIN ASSISTANT DAY/ EARTH DAY
APRIL 23	READY SET LEARN 3:30-4:30
APRIL 24	NON INSTRUCTIONAL DAY- NO SCHOOL
APRIL 27	GYMNASTICS BEGINS
APRIL 30	DIV.4 & 5 FIELD TRIP TO ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK

STUDENT SUCCESS

Each month, we proudly gather for our Bradner Bulldog Awards, a special assembly celebrating students who live out our SMART Code of Success. At Bradner, SMART stands for Safety, Manners, Attitude, Responsibility, and Thoughtfulness. These are the values that guide how we learn, lead, and care for one another each day.

During the assembly, teachers share meaningful reflections about students who consistently make safe choices, show kindness and respect, demonstrate a positive attitude, take responsibility for their actions and learning, and think thoughtfully about how their behaviour impacts others.

The Bulldog Awards are a powerful reminder that success is not only about academics, but also about character. We are so proud of the many students who model these qualities and help make Bradner Elementary a positive and supportive place for everyone.

Congratulations to our Bulldog Award winners: **Adeline, Arlo, Gracie, Jacob, Finn, Dexter, Haya, Austin, Mason, Kane.**



Engaging Opportunities

Brick Connections

Students participated in a fabulous program called Brick Connections prior to Spring Break. Brick connections is a hands-on LEGO learning experience that builds creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Students had the opportunity to explore, design, and collaborate through a variety of fun brick-based challenges.

A big thank you to our PAC for funding this opportunity and helping bring engaging learning experiences to our school.



EASTER

Easter is the holiest day of the year for Christians. It celebrates the resurrection, or the rising from the dead, of Jesus Christ. Jesus was the founder of the religion of Christianity. Easter is always observed on a Sunday in the spring, but the date varies. On Easter, Christians attend special church services. A number of popular folk customs are also associated with Easter. These have to do with rabbits and colored eggs, which are ancient symbols of new life. In some countries children color eggs and then the eggs are hidden for them to find. According to tradition the Easter Bunny also leaves eggs and candy for children on Easter morning.



WORLD AUTISM DAY

World Autism Awareness/Acceptance Day is an annual event which aims to increase awareness about Autism and how we can support Autistic people. World Autism Awareness Day was first established in 2007 by the United Nations General Assembly, who declared that Autism Awareness Day would be celebrated on the 2nd of April every year. Autism is a life-long neurodevelopmental condition affecting about 1 in 50 children and youth in Canada aged 1 to 17 years. The symptoms of this condition can vary in both their type and their intensity. By recognizing World Autism Awareness Day in our schools, homes and workplaces, we can ensure that the values of inclusion and diversity are universally upheld. This event is a great time to educate yourself and those around you about how Autism can present, and how we can accommodate everyone based on their individual needs.

VAISAKHI

Vaisakhi is a celebration which originated in India as a spring festival. This celebration happens on the 13 or 14 of April every year. This year Vaisakhi falls on the 14th of April. Vaisakhi is a celebration to give thanks for a plentiful harvest. Vaisakhi is a festival which is celebrated by many faiths. Buddhists, Hindus as well as Sikhs celebrate for different reasons. While these faiths celebrate Vaisakhi as a spring harvest festival, Vaisakhi is also known as a new year for Hindus, and a religious holiday for Sikhs. For Sikhs, it celebrates the creation of the Khalsa order. To celebrate Vaisakhi, Sikhs will visit places of worship called Gurdwaras. Many people enjoy parades and special processions throughout the streets called Nagar Kirtans. 'Nagar' means town and 'kirtan' means the singing of hymns from the Guru Granth Sahib, which is the Sikh holy book.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Calling all 5 year olds! If your child is turning 5 in 2026, 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/>

BUDGET CONSULTATION

Each year, the Abbotsford School District must approve a balanced budget by June 30th. Our detailed budget plans reflect our commitment to providing quality education while ensuring financial responsibility. During this budget planning season, it is important that we hear from our valued employees, families, students, and community.

The school district budget is based on the following guiding principles:

- Maximize the allocation of resources to support the goals & priorities in the Strategic Plan.
- Commit to building a strong understanding of budget information through ongoing communications.
- Maintain a three-year budget plan to ensure funding sources can support program initiatives.
- Maintain surplus and/or reserve balances to respond to emergent needs.
- And maintain strong fiscal management policies.

Your input is very important. We encourage you to participate in the budget consultation process. Your feedback will help make informed decisions that best meet the needs of our students, staff and community. The brief survey is available until April 30, 2026. Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your voice truly makes a difference!

KIDZONE

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

Pre-school

Hours: 9:15-2:15 PM

Before and After School Care

Hours: 7:00-9:05 & 3:05-5:00
 For more info call: 778-239-2075

Out of Catchment Requests

If you have an out-of-catchment child attending Bradner Elementary, it's time to re-enroll! For more information, please check the website.



WE ARE Hiring

JOIN OUR TEAM!
 WE ARE LOOKING FOR
 LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISORS
 12:10-1:10
 CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO

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MELISSA CRUMP

MAY DAY & PAC MTG.

APRIL 20 @12:00 MAY DAY
1:15 PAC

SAVE THE DATE!

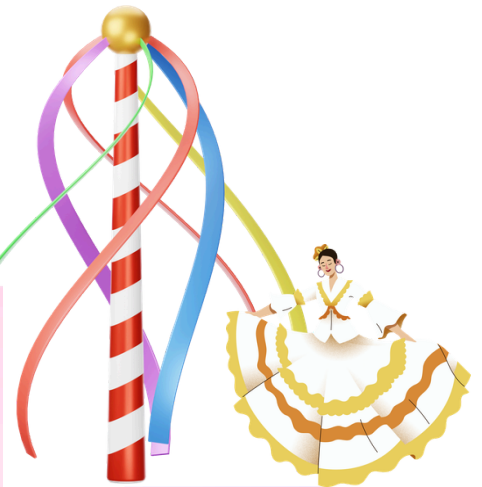
ON MAY 1ST PAC WILL BE HOSTING HT PHOTOGRAPHY TO TAKE YOUR FAMILY PICS. MORE INFO COMING SOON!

COMMUNITY EVENT: BRADNER FLOWER SHOW

BRADNER WILL BE BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT FOR THE 96TH ANNUAL BRADNER FLOWER SHOW WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM APRIL 10 TO 12, 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AT BRADNER COMMUNITY HALL. SOME OF THE VENDORS WILL SET UP ON OUR SCHOOL FIELD AND UNDERCOVER AREA.

ADMISSION FOR THE EVENT IS \$2.50 THIS YEAR'S THEME IS A FAIRY GARDEN. STUDENT ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE TEA ROOM.

THE OPENING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE FRIDAY AT 2 P.M., WITH STUDENTS FROM BRADNER SINGING O'CANADA.



MAYPOLE DANCE PRACTICES

MON & FRI
3:15-4:15

GRADES 2-5

BEGINS APRIL 17

SIGN UP ON MUNCH A LUNCH

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.