

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Bradner Elementary School

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BRADNER ELEMENTARY

## Principal's Message

THE BUZZ OF MAY IS IN THE AIR, AND THERE IS A WONDERFUL SENSE OF ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF WARMER DAYS COMES THE FAMILIAR EXCITEMENT OF MAY DAY, AND OUR HALLWAYS AND FIELD HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH THE SOUNDS OF STUDENTS PRACTICING THE MAYPOLE DANCE. IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO SEE STUDENTS WORKING TOGETHER, LEARNING THE TRADITIONS OF THE SEASON, AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE AS THEY PREPARE FOR THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION.

WE HAVE MANY MEANINGFUL LEARNING EXPERIENCES, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND OPPORTUNITIES PLANNED FOR STUDENTS THIS MONTH. AS WE MOVE FURTHER INTO THE SPRING SEASON, OUR STUDENTS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE PERSEVERANCE, CURIOSITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. IT IS A PLEASURE TO WATCH THEIR CONFIDENCE GROW AS THEY TAKE ON NEW CHALLENGES.

THANK YOU TO OUR FAMILIES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP. YOUR INVOLVEMENT HELPS MAKE OUR SCHOOL SUCH A CARING AND CONNECTED PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND THRIVE.

WISHING ALL OF OUR FAMILIES A WONDERFUL MONTH OF MAY, AND TO OUR BRADNER MOMS, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

WITH GRATITUDE,

MRS. SIDHU



- MAY 1 HOT LUNCH (COBS)
- MAY 1 MAY DAY PRACTICE
- MAY 4 MARVELOUS MATH MONDAY
- MAY 4 MAY DAY MTG. 9:15AM
- MAY 4 MAYPOLE DANCE PRACTICE
- MAY 6 POPCORN DAY
- MAY 8 BULLDOG ASSEMBLY
- MAY 8 MAYPOLE DANCE PRACTICE
- MAY 11 MARVELOUS MATH MONDAY
- MAY 11 MAYPOLE DANCE PRACTICE
- MAY 13 DIV. 3 WATER PRESENTATION
- MAY 14 TREAT DAY (ICE CREAM SANDWICHES)
- MAY 15 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
- MAY 18 VICTORIA DAY - NO SCHOOL
- MAY 19 GR. 4/5 TO VISIT ERMS
- MAY 21 SCIENCE WORLD TO VISIT BRADNER
- MAY 22 MAYPOLE DANCE PRACTICE
- MAY 23 BRADNER MAY DAY
- MAY 25 MARVELOUS MATH MONDAY
- MAY 26 PASSION PROJECTS & PICKLEBALL
- MAY 27/28 GRADE 3-5 SAFE CYCLING PROGRAM  
SCIENCE ALIVE PRESENTATION
- MAY 28 PAC MTG @ 9:15AM
- MAY 29 HOT LUNCH - POPEYES



## 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: Abby, Tirath, Eddy, Quinn, Indy, Blake, Henry, Rosie, Juliette, Nathan, Audrey, Logan,



## ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES

MAY BRINGS SEVERAL EXCITING WAYS FOR STUDENTS TO EXTEND THEIR LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM. FAMILIES ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR MARVELOUS MATH MONDAYS, WHERE STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN COME TOGETHER TO PLAY MATH GAMES, SOLVE PROBLEMS, AND EXPERIENCE HOW FUN AND MEANINGFUL MATH CAN BE.

STUDENTS WILL ALSO ENJOY A NUMBER OF HANDS-ON SCIENCE EXPERIENCES THIS MONTH. WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME SCIENCE WORLD TO OUR SCHOOL FOR AN ENGAGING IN-SCHOOL PRESENTATION THAT WILL SPARK CURIOSITY AND DEEPEN SCIENTIFIC THINKING. OUR STUDENTS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE SFU SCIENCE ALIVE PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO MAKE SCIENCE COME ALIVE THROUGH EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY. IN ADDITION, OUR GRADE 2 STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A SPECIAL WATER PRESENTATION, HELPING THEM BUILD CONNECTIONS TO THEIR LEARNING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER AND THE NATURAL WORLD.

## BIG NEWS! CELEBRATING OUR STAFF!



We are very excited to share some wonderful news from our staff team!

Over Spring Break, two of our staff members celebrated beautiful destination weddings.

Candice Mitchell, our amazing EA, was married in Ireland! Congratulations to Mrs. Schaap-Mitchell on your beautiful wedding!

We are also very excited to announce that Mrs. Smith, our fabulous kindergarten teacher, was married in Africa! Congratulations Mrs. Andrew!

We are also delighted to announce the arrival of a new member of our school family. Laura Plett, our Education Assistant and Josiah Plett, our Noon Hour Supervisor, welcomed their baby girl Charlotte Elanor Plett on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Laura, Josiah, and Charlotte are all doing well.

Please join us in celebrating these joyful milestones within our school community!



## ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES

Students will have many opportunities this month to build confidence, develop new skills, and stay active through a variety of physical learning experiences. Our gymnastics program gives students the chance to strengthen balance, coordination, and perseverance as they try new movements and challenges. Students will also have an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of pickleball, building teamwork, sportsmanship, and active participation along the way. Later this month, our Grade 3–5 students will take part in a bike safety program, where they will develop cycling skills, road awareness, and safe riding habits that support both confidence and independence.



## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN!

On April 23, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Rai (practicum teacher) welcomed our upcoming kindergartens to our school for a fun after school event. Families had an opportunity to meet with one another, meet the teachers, meet our Pre-School and Before and After School care staff, meet members of our PAC and members from the public library. Students participated in hands on activities and received a goody bag for the summer.



## 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/>

## 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.



## JOIN OUR TEAM!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR  
LUNCH HOUR SUPERVISORS  
FOR WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
12:10-1:10  
CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO

# PAC UPDATES



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## 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

## PAC ELECTIONS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE PART OF  
BRADNER'S PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(PAC)

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY  
TO CONNECT WITH OTHER FAMILIES,  
SHARE IDEAS, AND HELP PLAN AND  
CREATE ENGAGING EXPERIENCES AT  
BRADNER.

### REASONS TO JOIN PAC:

- HAVE A VOICE IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND PRIORITIES
  - SUPPORT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT BENEFIT YOUR CHILDREN
  - BUILD A STRONGER SCHOOL COMMUNITY TOGETHER
- WHETHER YOU CAN VOLUNTEER REGULARLY OR SIMPLY ATTEND MEETINGS, WHEN POSSIBLE, YOUR INVOLVEMENT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. EVERY PARENT AND GUARDIAN IS WELCOME — NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

## MAYPOLE DANCE PRACTICES

MON & FRI  
3:15-4:15  
GRADES 2-5



SAVE THE DATE  
MAY DAY  
MAY 23, 2026

**MAY DAY VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

**MAY DAY MTG.  
MAY 4 @ 9:15AM  
PAC AGM MTG.  
MAY 28 @ 9:15AM**

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.