

## BRADNER ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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### BRADNER SCHOOL GOALS:

**Teaching our students to set learning goals, reflect on their individual progress towards goals and their ability to self-assess their achievement of these goals.**

### Principal's Message



It's that time of the school year when assessment begins looming. Interim report cards will come home this week, and teachers' minds are turning towards student progress and second term reports. As we think about student progress, each and every teacher is challenged to reflect on best practice, and how to meet the learning needs of the students in their care. When we see students struggling, we struggle with how to support and encourage. When students are thriving, we work to build learning opportunities that extend and challenge. It is why professional development, and collaborative learning opportunities for staff are so important. At Bradner we are focused this year on improving student ability to self-assess, and set goals for their learning. It is proving to be a very worthwhile purpose. As we plan lessons and think about how to help students achieve this goal, we are finding ourselves modeling for our students, reflecting on our own learning needs, and working together to build a school environment that supports all our students. We are rethinking how we teach reading, writing and numeracy, and working to improve our instructional methods so that in addition to the general knowledge and skills needed, students also learn to be critical and creative thinkers. The goal is always to create classrooms that are more inclusive, so that students of all abilities can achieve to their full potential. Follow along on our website as we update the progress of our school plan over the next couple of weeks. <https://bradner.abbyschools.ca/school-plan>

Mrs. Jordan  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES:



Jan 24<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report  
Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Implementation Day – No School  
Jan 29<sup>th</sup> - Handball 3:45 – 4:45 (Gr. 5-4)  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup> – Div. 1 Tour of Eugene Reimer  
Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Bulldog Assembly @ 11:00 am  
Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Boys (Gr. 5) /Chinese New Year  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Basketball Girls (Gr. 5)

### Bulldog Assembly



Our next Bradner Bulldog Assembly will take place on **Friday, February 1, 2019 @ 11:00 am, in the school gym.**

### Welcome



Please welcome our new students and their families to Bradner Elementary School.

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### Reminder: No School

Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Implementation Day  
– No School



## Kindergarten Registration 2019 -2020

Kindergarten Registration for the Abbotsford School District commenced on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If you have a friend or neighbour who has a child eligible for Kindergarten this September, please advise them to come and fill out the Registration Forms.



. (Complete information can be found on the district website <http://www.abbyschools.ca/kindergarten>)

**NOTE:** To be registered for Kindergarten, children must turn 5 years of age between January 1 and December 31, 2019. (Born in 2014)

## KUNG HEI FAT CHOI- HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

This year, Chinese New Year is celebrated on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Happy Chinese New Year! This is the YEAR OF THE PIG!



## Interim Report Cards

Interim Report Cards were sent home today, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign the bottom portion and return it to your child's classroom teacher.



## Valentine's Day – February 13<sup>th</sup> (14<sup>th</sup>)



Reminder: Wear your Red, White, Pink and show your school spirit on Friday, February the 13<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day.

## Crazy Hair Day

Crazy Hair Day will take place on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Come in the wildest, wackiest and creative hair styles you can muster.



## Bradner Bulldog Handball 2019

Congratulations to our Grade 4 and 5 Handball Teams, as they played exceptionally well during the past 2 weeks (1 week left to go). We are very proud of our Handball Players.



We would like to thank our coach Ms. Bray for all her time and dedication to coaching the teams.

## Thank You to our Volunteers!

Thank you to Mr. Trent Walby, Ms. Paige Dampier (Bodnar) and Mrs. Stacey Stinson for all their help with unpacking and setting up our remodeled school Library.

To Mrs. Lynette Haladin and Mrs. Cara Reimer for organizing the most recent Popcorn Day. The students would like to say "No one is Butter" than you!

To our Noon Hour Supervisors, for braving the cold temperatures this time of the year, in order to assist in the supervision and safety of students in and around the school during the recess breaks.

**The Bradner Staff are so blessed to have such wonderful Volunteers, who take time out of their very busy schedules, and always jump in with both feet, to help with all the little things that make Bradner such a wonderful school to be a part of.**



## Basketball Camp

The Basketball Camps are set to start the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to Mr. Marsh for all his help with the school basketball camps this year.

Here are some important information items about our season:

- The **(Boy's Camp) play at Aberdeen Elementary on Tuesdays**. Parents are responsible for arranging a ride to Aberdeen and picking their children up after the camp at 4:45 p.m.
- The **(Girl's Camp) play at Bradner Elementary on Thursdays**. Parents are responsible for arranging for their children to be picked up on Thursdays after the camp at 4:45 p.m.



### Schedule:

Boy's Camp will be held at Aberdeen Elementary:

**Grade 4/5 Boys:** Tuesdays, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Girl's Camp will be held at Bradner Elementary:

**Grade 4/5 Girls:** Thursdays, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

**If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Marsh at 604-856-3304**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### Bradner Elementary School 2018-2019

- January 24<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - 2nd Interim Report
- January 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Curriculum Implementation #1 – **NO SCHOOL**
- February 14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – Non-Instructional Day#3 – **NO SCHOOL** – Pro. D. Day  
(Valentine's Day)
- February 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Non-Instructional Day#4 – **NO SCHOOL** – Pro. D. Day  
(National Flag Day)
- February 18<sup>th</sup> (Monday) - BC Family Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- February 27<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) – Pink Shirt Day
- March 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday) - (Spirit Day)
- March 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - 2nd Term Report Cards handed out/Last day before  
Spring Vacation/B.C. Cancer Day
- March 18<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday) - Spring Vacation – **NO SCHOOL**
- April 1<sup>st</sup> (Monday) – School Reopens
- April 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Public Speaking @ 1:00 pm
- April 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) – Early Dismissal
- April 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – Early Dismissal
- April 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Good Friday – **NO SCHOOL**
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) - Easter Monday – **NO SCHOOL**
- April 26<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - (Spirit Day)
- May 10<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – (Spirit Day)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Non-Instructional Day #5 – **NO SCHOOL** - Pro. D. Day
- May 20<sup>th</sup> (Monday) - Victoria Day/Bradner May Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- May 31<sup>st</sup> (Friday) – (Spirit Day)
- June 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Track and Field Meet at Rotary Stadium
- June 21<sup>st</sup> (Friday) – Sports Day
- June 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) - Last Day for Students/Year End/Final Report Cards
- June 28<sup>th</sup> (Friday) - Year-end Closing - (Last Day for Teachers) (Admin. Day)

## Ready, Set, Learn for 3 & 4 year olds will be held @ Bradner on WEDNESDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Parents and their children born in 2014 or 2015 are invited to come to a Ready, Set, Learn (RSL) event at their neighbourhood school. Every child will be given a bag of learning supplies. Parents will be given resources and ideas about how to support their child in using these materials.



Ready, Set, Learn is to help parents receive valuable information for helping preschoolers experience success and provide 3 & 4 year-old children with a good head start for kindergarten. We will have

activities with stories; letters; words and printing. Families will receive an information kit.

Please call Mrs. Juulsen to Register (604) 856-3304

## Safety & Security



Students are to enter and exit the building through their **assigned doors ONLY**.

All visitors are to **enter and exit the building through the main entrance located directly across the hall from the office**. Students have been instructed to **NOT** open any exterior door for anyone. Please do not feel that our students are ignoring you or being rude, but they are actually following instructions.

Please help to enforce these rules by not banging on any exterior doors and by only entering and exiting **through the main entrance**.

If you are in the building helping with an activity, please do **NOT** open the exterior doors at any time, to allow entrance to someone that is banging on the door.

All visitors are required to report to the office upon arrival to receive authorization for their presence in the school. Visitors on official business are welcome at our school. (Students should not invite friends to visit them at school.)

**Please note:** Parents dropping off lunches, homework, etc., are asked to make sure their child's name is on the item, and leave it in the office, to minimize class disruptions during valuable teaching time.

We have noticed that there is an increase in traffic floating around the school near the end of the school day. We are asking that you please wait outside the designated assigned doors to pick up your child at the end of the school day.

***Safety of our students is always the primary concern of administration and staff.***



Wear Your Favorite team day!



Bradner Library/Learning Commons  
renovations are now complete!



Students busy working on their (STEM)  
Learning Centers  
[Science, Technology, Engineering, and  
Math]

## PAC CORNER



All Parents welcome, old faces and new faces

NEXT PAC Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15 p.m., in the  
Multipurpose Room.

Childminding and coffee provided.

Please join us!

Come and have some input on how we can enhance our children's education at this wonderful school. Also, it is a great way to get to know some more parents, and have some insight on events that are happening at our school.

Please join us on Facebook - Bradner Elementary PAC

Check out our new web page: [www.bradnerpac.com](http://www.bradnerpac.com)

New e-mail [info@bradnerpac.com](mailto:info@bradnerpac.com) Or you can reach the PAC

President, Amanda McAllister by phone 604-856-6692

### PAC Executive - 2018/2019

President - Amanda McAllister

Vice President - Kori Wall

Secretary - Tamara Arden

Treasurer - Stacey Stinson

DPAC Rep – Vacant