



Brooks' Briefs

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School Connects System

In an effort to improve communication between home and school, Brooks will once again be using the automatic callout system called 'SchoolConnects' for students' absences and for certain other communications bound for home.

There are a couple of key features to this system:

- In this system, parents can be called on both home and cell phones, and an e-mail will be sent. For people who share parenting responsibilities in more than one home, all custodial parents can now receive notifications.
- Last year, we've noticed some e-mail addresses and phone numbers we have on record bounce. Please ensure that your e-mail address(es) and phone numbers are up-to-date with the school. To update this information please either call the school at 604-483-3171 or preferably email Mrs. Gable at: Heidi.Gable@sd47.bc.ca
- Parents are able to sign-up to receive text message notifications. Here's how you can sign-up for this:
 - a. Create a message to the number 56360 rather than a phone number
 - b. In the body of the message, simply type in the word "Join"
 - c. If your cell phone number is on-record at the school, you will receive a confirmation message saying you've opted in. However, if you receive a message requesting you contact the school, please do so and you'll be able to enroll 24 hours later.

Good attendance at school helps students both academically and socially. Obviously, one of the most significant benefits is that students can receive the instruction and practice they need to help master the skills they are working on. Most students respond well to well established and predictable routines. Missing school frequently or even showing up late consistently can really throw them off and hinder their progress. It is our hope, through improved communications between school and home, this system will have a positive impact on student learning.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about your son's or daughter's attendance or any other matter.



Update
Contact Information

PLEASE make sure your child's contact information is up to date with our school office. You can do this by emailing Mrs. Gable at: Heidi.Gable@sd47.bc.ca or calling the school at: (604)483-3171.

Important Information for all Grade 12 Students and their Parents

Attention all Grade 12 students and parents/guardians of Grade 12 students: You are almost there, but not quite! Our Grade 12 students have worked very hard to be in a position to be close to graduation but there is a lot of information that they need to be aware of in order to graduate and be ready for the challenges “Beyond Brooks”. The school counsellors and administrators recently met with the Grade 12s to share pertinent information about their Grade 12 year. Parents/Guardians please check out the information that was shared and continue to have discussions with your Grade 12 student throughout the year. Here is a link to that info:

[www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/ProgramsServices/counselling/personal/PublishingImages/Grade%2012%20Information%20Presentation%20\(2015\).pdf](http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/ProgramsServices/counselling/personal/PublishingImages/Grade%2012%20Information%20Presentation%20(2015).pdf)

myBlueprint www.myblueprint.ca

myBlueprint is a wonderful resource and tool that helps students plan out their high school education and, equally as important, make the most informed decisions about their future! We are very excited about the possibilities this program has for our students and some have already started to take advantage of it. See Mrs. Burt or Mrs. Williams for more information.



Important Dates for Grade 12 Students to Note:

Wed. Oct. 14th: **Scholarships 101 Workshop** at FlexTime in the theatre (pre-register in office)

Tues. Nov. 3rd: **Post-Secondary Institutions - BC Visit (PSI-BC)** - students pre-select workshops (9:00am - 11:30am)

Wed. Nov. 4th: **Applying to PSIs Workshop** at FlexTime in Brooks Hall

Wed. Nov. 18th: **Beyond Brooks** - a series of workshops preparing students/parents for life after high school. (7:00pm - 8:30pm)

Sat. June 4th: **Grad 2016 Celebrations & Dry Grad** at the Recreation Complex

Wed. June 24th: **Cap and Gown Ceremony & Gr. 12 Awards** at the Evergreen Theatre



Resources and Websites
every Grade 12 should know...

<http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/ProgramsServices/counselling/personal/PublishingImages/the%20list.pdf>

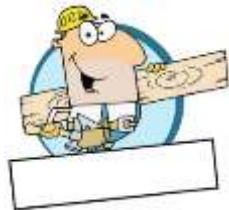


Our students in Powell River are extremely fortunate to have access to some wonderful facilities. One of the District's newest facilities that is helping to enhance student learning is our Outdoor Learning Centre located by Haywire Bay. Brooks is taking advantage of this resource! Already this year staff have used it for a professional development venue, our PE 10 students spent a day up there, our Student Council used it for a leadership workshop, our Grade 8 Band is there right now for an overnight retreat and our Senior Band will be up there this weekend! Please check out the link above and look at the incredible facility our students and staff have access to.



A student in our Experiential & Integrated Learning Program takes an opportunity to help with a pole carving as part of the class's study of Reconciliation.

Submitted by: Mr. Barfoot



Wanted for the Wood Shop

Do you have any unwanted cotton bed linen, tee shirts, or towels that you no longer want? The wood shop would gladly accept your donations as we use such cloths in finishing wood projects. Please contact Mr. Payne



Taking the water temperature at Myrtle Creek, a crucial piece of data to help assess spawning habitat. This data, along dissolved oxygen, live and dead fish numbers was submitted to Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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Interim Reports – October 19th

Interim Reports will be mailed home on Monday October 19th. Your child will receive an Interim report and some additional information if they are currently below 60% in any of their classes. By providing this information to parents/guardians it is our hope that students will take the necessary steps to improve their performance prior to the next formal report card.

Student/Parent – Teacher Interviews – Wednesday Oct. 28th

Our Student/Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held from 6:30pm - 8:30pm on the evening of Wednesday October 28th. For those parents who have not attended previously, this is an opportunity for you and your child to meet directly with the teacher of your choice. Teachers are set up in our gymnasium and the Brooks Hall and parents and students line up to speak with teachers. No scheduled appointments are required. Also, please note we will have an early dismissal of 2:15pm on Oct. 28th. School buses will run at their regular times.

Upcoming Events

Thursday	Oct. 15		Earthquake Drill
Friday	Oct. 16		Germany Exchange Students arrive
Monday	Oct. 19		Interim Reports mailed home
Tuesday	Oct. 20	6:30pm	DPAC Meeting at SBO
		7:00pm	PAC Meeting
Wednesday	Oct. 21		School Terry Fox / Jasper Mohan Run
Friday	Oct. 23		Provincial Pro D Day
Wednesday	Oct. 28	2:15 pm	Early Dismissal
		6:30 pm	Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews

If you have any questions, comments or feedback on any of these items please let me know at: Jamie.Burt@sd47.bc.ca



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