

# BROOKS BROADCAST *APRIL*

THE WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

*April 19, 2021*

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## **DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK**

Monday, April 19	2:00 pm planned Fire Drill
Tuesday, April 20	7:00 pm Work BC Zoom (see below)
Wednesday, April 21	
Thursday, April 22	
Friday, April 23	Last day of Term 3

## **DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK**

Monday, April 26	First day of Term 4
Tuesday, April 27	
Wednesday, April 28	
Thursday, April 29	
Friday, April 30	Stu-Crew supported wear Jeans / Plaid Day

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Last week we combined the Provincial Assessments, Graduation Photos, and a Student Led All Candidates meeting on top of our regular school schedule and it certainly made the week go by very quickly. Congratulations go out to our student leaders: Brooklyn, Amy, and Jordana who represented our school and students extremely well at the All Candidates Forum. They showed excellent leadership and spoke very well during the webinar. Well done! I'm hoping our students have a great end to the term. Almost all Grade 10, 11, and 12 courses will be ending in Term 3 and starting new courses in Term 4. Please keep in touch with your teachers and make sure all assignments are completed.

I would like to take this chance to announce a new program that will be running which is called our Traditional Skill Builder. It is a collaboration between our Nation, VIU, and our school to offer language, culture, and traditional teachings in our land surrounding Powell River. We have a number of elders and other knowledge keepers to support a small group of students through the final term of the year. We look forward to building on this year's success for years to come.

## **BROOKS COUNSELLING BLOG**

Here's the link to our counsellor's blog – new entries every two weeks! <https://brookscounsellingblog.weebly.com/blog>

## **CAREER EXPLORATION CONVERSATIONS – WORK BC**

Work BC will be hosting two upcoming parent webinars on the island April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8pm.

The goal of the one-hour interactive webinar is to help parents and caregivers support youth as they explore career options. This virtual event is designed for parents of grade 9-12 students wanting to enhance their career coaching skills and gain exposure to WorkBC.ca tools to help with their youth's career path. The April 20<sup>th</sup> zoom link is: <https://zoom.us/j/91291676450#success>

## **ERASE MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS – APRIL & MAY**

We are pleased to let you know that the Ministry of Education has announced new **Mental Health and Wellness Sessions for Educators, Parents and Students** which include the following topics:

### **Educator Sessions:**

Educator Wellness

### **Parent Sessions:**

### **Student Sessions:**

Anxiety in Youth

Depression in Youth

Mental Wellness

Stress & Anxiety

Self-Harm & Suicide in Youth

Substance Use in Youth

Substance Use



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There are also four Social Media Awareness Sessions for Students in grades 8-12. For more information and to register, links to all trainings can be found on the erase website at: <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/erase/documents/erase-training-schedule.pdf>

### POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

- **YOUNG WRITERS GROUP**, is back and on ZOOM every Friday from 3:30-4:30 pm  
For writers aged 11-18. Registration required.  
For more information go to <https://prpl.ca/explore/young-writers-writing-group/>
- **Vancouver Writer's Fest Youth Writing Contest (deadline May 31, 2021)**  
Open to all writers in grades 8-12 who are attending a school or being taught in a home-school environment in British Columbia. For more information go to <https://writersfest.bc.ca/programs/education/youth-programs/spreading-the-word-youth-contest/>

### SPORTS / INDIVIDUAL SKILLS

If you are interested in any of these activities we are offering for our students please connect with the staff member listed. Please note that safety measures have been put in place. The focus is on keeping students active through skill training. No formal games.

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|-------------------|------------------------|------------|---------|---------------------|
| • Cross Country   | Mr. Rice/Mr. Cocksedge | Tues/Thurs | 3:30 pm | Outside gym doors   |
| • Track and Field | Mr. Glaspey/Mr. Miller | Mon /Thurs | 3:45 pm | at the Track        |
| • Soccer          | Mr. Miller             | Mon /Wed   | 3:45 pm | On the Turf         |
| • Tennis          | Mrs. Leach             | Monday     | 3:30 pm | Brooks Gym to start |
| • Golf            | Mr. Austin             | TBA        |         | After Spring Break  |
| • Rugby Skills    | Mr. Hilleren           | Mon/Wed    | 3:30 pm | in the Gym          |

### CLUB INFORMATION

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|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| • Students 4 Change    | Mrs. Kennedy            | Mondays-Gr 10-12              | 12:30-1:10 pm  | in D131           |
| • Environmental Club   | Mr. Dyck                | Mondays – Gr 8,9              | 11:45 pm       | in C123           |
| • Interact Club:       | Ms. Bangham             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues of Month | @ Lunch        | in D140           |
| • Stu Crew *           | Mrs. Ellis              | Wed-Gr 8/9                    | 11:45 – 12:15  | in E02            |
| • Stu Crew *           | Mrs. McSween            | Wed-Gr 10-12                  | 12:30 – 1:00   | in D09            |
| • GSA                  | Ms. Dunlop              | Thursday                      | 12:35-1:05 pm  | (TBA)             |
| • Graduation Committee | Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Larkin | Thursday                      | 3:30 – 4:00 pm | in the Great Hall |

### HINTS WEBSITE RESOURCE

HINTS (Help Invest Now Toward a Safer School): Students can leave anonymous tips about concerns with school safety through the website at any time: <https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/Pages/Tips.aspx#/>

### STU-CREW SPONSORED THEME DAYS AT BROOKS

Here's the list of the upcoming theme days planned for the rest of the year. Be sure to put these on your calendar.

**April 30** Plaid/Jeans Day      **May 4** Star Wars Day      **May 14** Hoodie Day  
**May 28** Crazy Hat/Sock Day      **June 11** Crazy Hair Day      **June 25** Sunglasses Day

### BROOKS PAC INFORMATION

2020/2021 Executive: President - Kate Boyd; Secretary - Jody Dendewicz; Treasurer - Michelle Kirk; DPAC Rep - Jaclyn Miller (DPAC President); Member at Large - Brendan Behan. Our next PAC meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/62220660089?pwd=T2xGZUxUcTdrNWtYcEtVS0lpZW1CZz09>

Here is our upcoming schedule for this year: May 11, 2021, June 8, 2021.

### EVENTS FOR GRADUATION 2021

1. **SD47 Graduation Ceremony** – June 28, 2021 (Monday) – Held at the Max Cameron Theatre in Brooks Secondary School. The fee includes cost for keepsake Cap & Gown and swag bag \$60.00 Payable by cash or cheque (Brooks Secondary) at the Brooks main office.
2. **The Dry Grad Event** June 26, 2021 (Saturday) – Will occur outside of school hours – co-ordinated by parents/students and is not a school run event - \$125.00 payable to Brooks Thunderbird Dry Grad Society – includes a hoodie and other fun extras. Please contact Jen Frost 604-414-5363 or Sharon Brown for more information 604-485-9675 for more information.
3. **Grad 2021 Gear** – A student based initiative that was emailed to parents on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is for any grads wishing to buy additional Grad 2021 wear and is not associated with either event or group above.
4. **Grad Magazine** – check out the Brooks Grad 2021 Facebook page for the all the latest in the grad magazine.



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### POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION

Reminder to graduating students, you must make your Post Secondary Institution (PSI) selections in the Student Transcripts Service (STS). Students wishing to send May interim marks to one of [six B.C. PSIs, University of Alberta or University of Calgary](#) must place orders by April 23. Also, [22 B.C. PSIs and the Ontario Universities' Application Centre \(OUAC\)](#) can now receive interim marks and transcript updates electronically throughout the year (when authorized by the student). See [STS Help resources](#) if you have additional questions.

### DRY GRAD SOCIETY INFORMATION

2020/2021 Executive: Volunteers as follows: Chair - Jennifer Frost; Co-chair - Sharon Brown; Treasurer - Aaron Reid & Cindy Butler (shared); Secretary - Laurie Andrews. Next Dry Grad meeting TBA at 7:30 pm.

<https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/67049907983?pwd=SElrd0FTdjEzL09XUFlhRc08yVjE1Zz09> Meeting ID: 670 4990 7983 Passcode: 182186

### GRADUATION PLANNING 2021 – GRAD COMMITTEE 2021



Here's the copy of the latest Grad Magazine: [The Brooks Grad magazine](#). Grade 12's interested in joining the 2021 Grad (  ) can attend our bi-weekly meetings at Brooks Secondary School, on Thursdays at 3:30pm.

- If you have more questions please reach out to Mrs. Ellis or Mrs. Larkin. Graduation is scheduled for Monday June 28, 2021 at the Max Cameron Theatre. Students will be crossing the stage wearing a cap and gown with their families in the audience. Students will choose their times in groups of 4 between 10 am – 6 pm.
- Graduates please email your baby photos to [brooksgradbabyphotos2021@gmail.com](mailto:brooksgradbabyphotos2021@gmail.com) by **April 15, 2021** for the baby photo slide show.
- The grad committee would like to include photos of the graduating students from pre-school to grade 12. They are primarily looking for group photos (photos with your fellow grads), however single photos also accepted. Email photos to [brooksmemories2021@gmail.com](mailto:brooksmemories2021@gmail.com)
- Also Graduates are to submit their commencement note by April 16<sup>th</sup>. All information is located in the link below. The QR code is attached.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=okgnEzMHA0aOIXhKWxakQivD1y7saRFlsBjfoWKfdrNUMklzSjJYUFFVNFQyM1ZPREM5WVhFVU9QTi4u>

### UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

June 28, 2021

Graduation Ceremony Day

### BROOKS SCHEDULE

<u><b>Grades 8 &amp; 9 School Schedule</b></u> <b>P1:</b> 9:00 am - 10:20 am Break 10:20 am - 10:25 am <b>P2:</b> 10:25 am - 11:45 am Lunch 11:45 am - 12:25 pm <b>P3:</b> 12:25 pm - 1:45 pm Break 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm <b>P4:</b> 1:50 pm – 3:10 pm	<u><b>Grades 10 – 12 School Schedule</b></u> <b>Period 1:</b> 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm <b>Period 2:</b> 1:10 pm – 3:20 pm	<u><b>The School Terms Lengths</b></u> <b>Term 1:</b> Sept 10 – Nov 16 <b>Term 2 :</b> Nov 17 - Feb 1 <b>Term 3:</b> Feb 2 – Apr 23 <b>Term 4:</b> Apr 26 – June 29
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The BC Centre for Disease Control has a helpful new online resource for BC's education community: <http://www.bccdc.ca/schools>



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