



# Brooks Briefs

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Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## Term #1 School-Wide Recognition Assembly



On Wednesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> all of our students, Grades 8 through 12, descended upon our gym for our Term #1 school-wide recognition assembly. Over the past 10 years or so the school has undergone a variety of grade composition changes and these assemblies were replaced with different events. Based on last week's positive reaction from students and staff, I think it is safe to say that our Term Recognition Assemblies are back to stay!



Our Student Council, under the guidance of Ms. Kennedy and Mrs. Ellis, and our quick-witted emcee Mr. Rice did a wonderful job entertaining the masses while also recognizing some of the amazing accomplishments that happen at Brooks.



## Brooks' Secondary's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Jingle Jog"

On Sunday Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> our Fitness Class will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jingle Jog at Willingdon Beach. It is a 5km walk or run. Walkers start at 9:30am and runners are off at 10:00am. The cost is \$10 per person or \$20 for a family. All proceeds go to our local Food Bank.

**Sr. Girls' 'AAA' Volleyball Team - 2015 B.C. Silver Medalists**



### Dry Grad Info Needed

Dry Grad registrations and medical forms are past due and we have 71 grade 12 students who have still not told us if they are planning on attending. Vicky Bleaney is the contact person and questions can be directed to her at: [Vicky.Bleaney@sd47.bc.ca](mailto:Vicky.Bleaney@sd47.bc.ca)

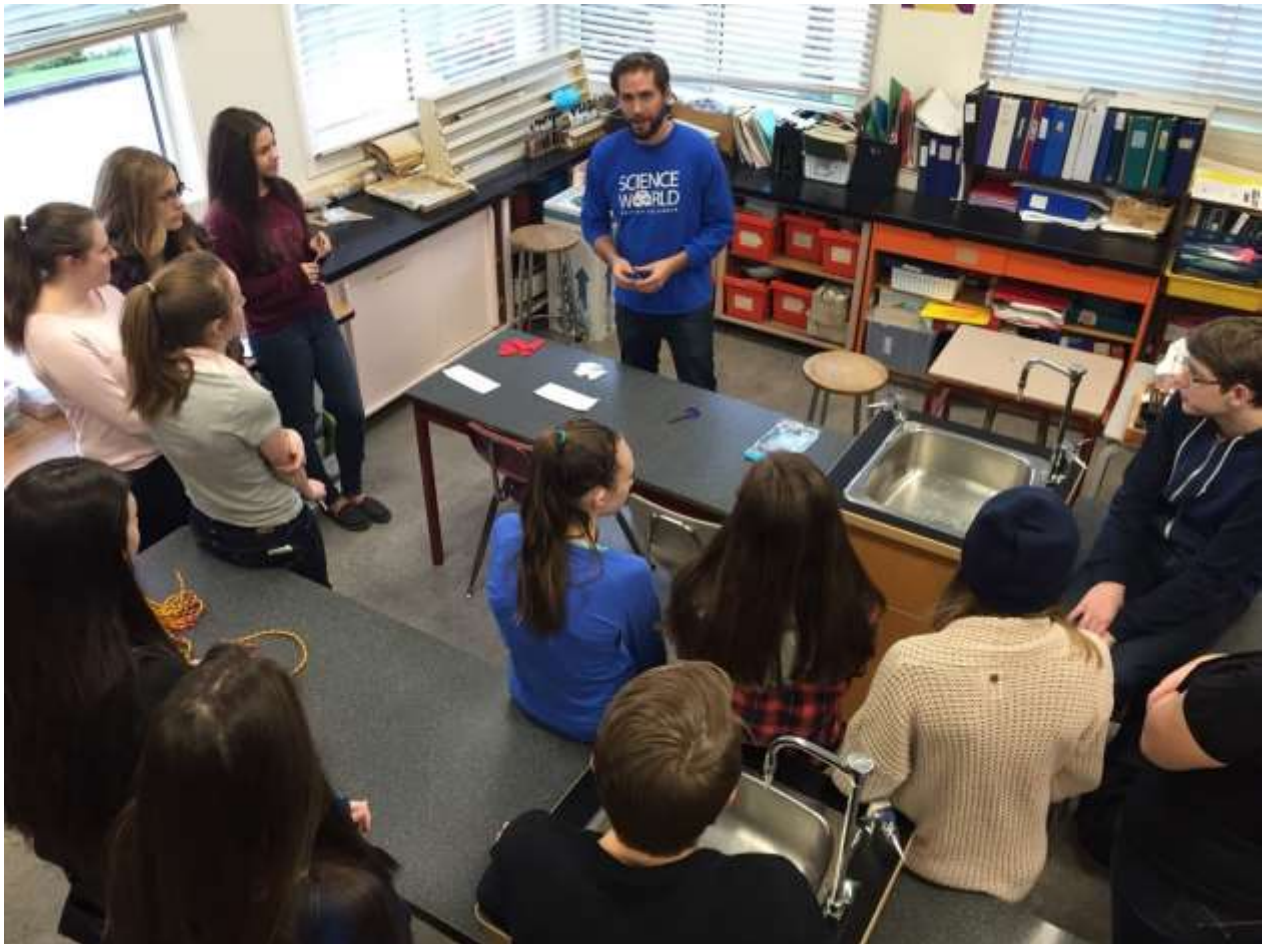


## Grad Baby Photos Were Due? Are You Serious?

Yes, yes we are. Grad baby photos are actually now late. That being said, they can still be turned in to the office by Friday Dec. 18th at the latest or emailed to [tmorcan1@gmail.com](mailto:tmorcan1@gmail.com).

### Science World Hosts a Leadership Workshop for Brooks Students

On Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> we had over 20 students and 2 staff members take part in a Science-Leadership workshop put on by Science World. Students in Grades 9 through 12 had the opportunity to learn, play and facilitate a variety of hands-on experiments. With the skills and knowledge gained it is our hope these students will be travelling to our elementary schools to help put on science-related presentations for the younger students in our district.



# Henderson Elementary 'After-School' Program

Parents and Guardians if you have elementary-aged children attending a school in School District #47, check out this wonderful opportunity that our Board of Education is offering. Please see the letter below from Henderson's principal, Kristen Brach and the calendar that follows.

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## **Henderson Elementary School**

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*Principal: Mrs. K Brach*

December 10, 2015

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that the School Board will be expanding the Henderson after school program to include all other elementary schools in the District if there is sufficient interest. The district will transport students right after school from their home school to Henderson to participate in the after school program at no cost. The program runs five days a week whenever school is in session starting right after school until 5:00pm. Parents/guardians will be responsible for picking their children up. The program each day will encompass fitness and experiential learning. We will offer activities such as cooking, science experiments, outdoor learning, and art as well as a number of activities that promote being physically active. There will be some wonderful opportunities for our students!

Below is a schedule for December as an example of what Henderson offers. Please let us know if you plan to have your child participate so we can ensure we have enough staff. We are hoping to get a fairly good idea of who will be attending so we can plan for snacks and supplies.

If you would like your child to attend the after school program at Henderson please contact your home school office by Friday, December 18 providing your child's name, grade and a contact phone number, email or drop off the form below. We hope to see you at Henderson.

Thank you,




















*Kristen Brach*

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December Calendar

# Henderson 'After School Program'

| ~ December 2015 |   |  |   |   |  |           |
|-----------------|---|--|---|---|--|-----------|
| Sun             | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat       |
| 29              | <b>30</b><br>Cooking-primary<br>Board Games-<br>Inter.<br><br>General Rec  | <b>1</b><br>Reading<br>boot camp/<br>personal<br>fitness<br><br> | <b>2</b><br>Science/Hike<br>   | <b>3</b><br>Cooking-<br>Grades 4-7<br>Board<br>Games.<br>Primary<br>General<br>Rec.<br>   | <b>4</b><br>Math/Bike<br>   | <b>5</b>  |
| 6               | <b>7</b><br>Math<br><br>/Bike<br> | <b>8</b><br>Cooking-<br>primary Board<br>Games-Inter.<br><br>General Rec  | <b>9</b><br>Reading<br>boot camp/<br>personal<br>fitness<br><br> | <b>10</b><br>Science/Hike<br>   | <b>11</b><br>Cooking-<br>Grades 4-7<br>Board Games.<br>Primary<br>General Rec.<br> | <b>12</b> |
| 13              | <b>14</b><br>Cooking-Grades<br>4-7<br>Board Games.<br>Primary<br>General Rec.<br>                                | <b>15</b><br>Math/Bike<br>  | <b>16</b><br>Cooking-primary<br>Board Games-<br>Inter.<br><br>General Rec  | <b>17</b><br>Reading<br>boot camp/<br>personal<br>fitness<br><br> | <b>18</b><br>Science/Hike<br>   | <b>19</b> |
| 20              | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b> |

## Education is the “New Buffalo”

Several years ago I was fortunate to hear Sampson Cree Nation member, Darcy Lindberg speak to a group of parents from Sliammon First Nation at Brooks Secondary School.

Darcy spoke about the importance of education and how education has become the “new buffalo” to First Nation people across Canada. Since that time I have often thought about those wise words, and how true and important they continue to be today.

In looking at traditional Cree culture, the buffalo provided about 95% of all the things the people needed to live. With the buffalo long gone in its importance to the Cree, education has become its replacement. By education I mean access to elementary, secondary and post-secondary opportunities. Not only does access to education lead to increased job opportunities and improved quality of life, but education helps individuals lead healthier and more productive lives.



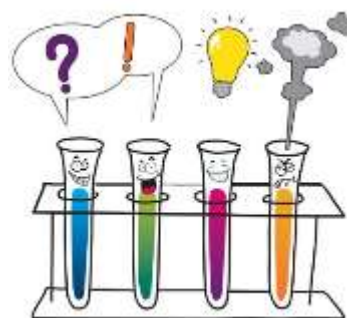
When we educate our First Nation children and youth today, we are providing them with a means to connect to a larger community and a means to walk in two worlds. As educators we are always searching for meaningful ways to make connections between home and school. Please contact me at [Gerry.Brach@sd47.bc.ca](mailto:Gerry.Brach@sd47.bc.ca) or 604 414-4675 (Cell) if I can be of any assistance in ensuring your child’s success while attending Brooks School.

Let’s work together to harness the new buffalo!

Submitted by: **Gerry Brach, MEd.** Brooks Counsellor/First Nation Leadership Coordinator

## Grade 12 Chemists

Mrs. Balzer’s Grade 12 Chem students simply performing a titration lab involving a chloride ion concentration in water samples. Easy stuff!



## F.A.R.T – Fine Arts Reach for the Top

On Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> students and staff will once again be ‘blown away’ by F.A.R.T.! F.A.R.T. is an acronym that stands for Fine Arts Reach for the Top. It is essentially a platform for our students and staff to show off their talents. The event is being organized this year by Mr. Carson. We will have a morning performance for our junior students and an afternoon performance for our senior students. It has been an extremely successful event in the past and a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents to their peers.

## CHRISTMAS COOKIES with some LITTLE BUDDIES

Ms. Dunlop and her Foods Class invited over some little helpers from Henderson Elementary to do some Christmas baking this week.



## TERM #1 HONOUR ROLLS

We apologize but we are still waiting on a fix for our new student information system so we can generate our Term #1 Honour Roll and Principal’s Honour Roll.

As soon as it has been corrected we will notify students and post the lists.

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday Dec. 13th: **Jingle Jog at Willingdon beach**
- Wednesday Dec. 16th: **F.A.R.T. Performances**
- Thursday Dec. 17th: **International Students to WW Skate**
- Friday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: **Last Day of Classes before Winter Break**
- Monday Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>: **School Re-Opens**