



Brooks' Briefs

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We are now one full term into the new schedule changes that we implemented at the start of the school year. Students and staff members are adjusting well and already we've seen a lot of advantages our new timetable creates for students. We also recognize, that much like our former timetable, there are challenges that we need to continue to address in order to ensure our students have every opportunity to be successful at school. We have been seeking out feedback from students, parents and staff members and will continue to do this throughout the school year. That feedback has already led to some adjustments to how the timetable operates, particularly our open centres. We will be going over some of the data collected from our centres over the next week or two and are anticipating some more 'tweaks' to ensure that they are working well for students and staff. Again, we appreciate and welcome your feedback.

– *Mr. J. Burt*



“Beyond Brooks” is a conference for parents & students in Grades 11 & 12, to help plan for life after high school. For more information see your counsellor.

Brooks Welcome Figure Pole

This year Brooks students are taking part in a legacy project that will stand prominently in front of the school by the end of this school year. During our X-Block class a small group of students are participating in the carving of a 12' welcome figure that will eventually be erected in the front lawn of Brooks. With the teachings and guidance of carvers Ivan Rosypskye, Randy (Hoss) Timothy and Philip Russell, our students are learning about the cultural significance of the Coast Salish Welcome Figure and symbols, as well as the traditional tools and techniques that are needed to gain an appreciation for the culture and traditions of the Tla'amin Nation. The 16' Red Cedar pole was originally donated to Tla'amin Nation for their pole carvings for the new Governance House by Klahoose last year and have been graciously passed on to the school district/Brooks by Tla'amin Nation; we are appreciative of this gift, emote. During Term One, our students have made significant progress with the carving and will continue on with four returning students and four new students to teach. We are excited about this project and look forward to seeing it standing in front of the school for years to come once completed.

Submitted by – Mr. J. Rae



Thunderbird Athletics Update



Sr. Girls' Volleyball – are currently ranked the #1 AAA team in BC! Here is a link: <http://theprovince.com/sports/high-school/10-26-16-edition-the-provinces-b-c-high-school-ranking-sheet-for-football-volleyball>

Over the past couple of weekends the team competed in tournaments. With only 6 players available on Halloween weekend, they played stellar and won the Timberline Halloween classic played in Campbell River. The 6 players included: - Maddie Yule, Taylor Kinley, Matilda Bertrand, Paige Lawson, Kate Fisher and Lauren Mander. The following weekend they played in the Red Serge Tournament in Coquitlam. It was a great experience having the opportunity to play against top AA & AAAA schools in BC. Brooks was the only AAA school there.



This past weekend the team captured the North Island Championship in Campbell River!

The team now advances to the Island Championships November 18-19 in Victoria. From there the Top 3 teams will advance to AAA BC Championships in Kelowna December 1st – 3rd.

The team seems to be peaking just at the right time this season.

Submitted by: Mr. D. Skinner



Jr Boys Soccer - Finished up an incredibly successful season with a well-earned 2nd place finish at the Island Championships in Mill Bay on Oct 31 - Nov 1. This competition involves all schools on the Island and represents Powell River's best ever finish in Boys Soccer.

They won their group that included Oak Bay / Brentwood College / St Michaels Univ and lost narrowly 3-2 to Reynolds in the Final

Players who represented Brooks at ISLANDS : Josh Boulton / Russell Pielle / Mark Silvey / Scott McKenzie / Steve Carson / Will Rice / Ben Gould / Chris Fisher / James Timothy / Mateo Martinez / Cam Stevenson / Caleb Vallance / Keaton Fougere / Elias James / Leo Head / Jerod Timothy / Chris Gray / Chris Marshman

Players who also appeared during the season : Cam Boyd / Ethan Nelles / Cale Stride Larson / Chase Wilson / Doug Thistlethwaite

Submitted by: Mr. T. Rice



Sr. Boys Soccer - Unfortunately this year was not meant to be with regards to advancing further than North Islands; however, with a core group of grade 11s planning to play next season as well as a strong group of grade 10s moving up to the senior level, next season looks more promising. Despite a slow start to the season and a disappointing finish at North Islands, our boys still wore the Brooks colours with pride and represented the school and Powell River with class and played with a lot of heart. One thing to note is this year we had a great showing of international students who stepped up to help fill our roster and helped make our push into North Islands. Next year we will be back and ready to compete.

Submitted by: Mr. J. Rae



Brooks Cross Country Team competed at the Island Championships in October in the hopes of qualifying for the provincial junior and senior championships. Chris Fisher won the Grade 9 Island race and Keegan Chard-Hill won a silver medal in the Grade 10 race. Cloey Cook ran beautifully to place 7th on the Island in the Grade 8.



The team then made the long trip to Kelowna for the Provincial Championships. Our Jr. Boys Cross Country team finished third overall out of 23 teams and won a provincial bronze. (Chris Fisher / Caleb Vallance / Mackenzie Guild / Will Rice / Chase Wilson/ Haedyn Drosdovech

) The Jr girls also qualified for BCs and narrowly missed the Top 12 teams. What an amazing accomplishment and resurgence of Cross Country at Brooks!

Submitted by: Mr. G. Cocksedge



Our Jr. Girl's Volleyball Team won the Area IIIs and competed in the North Islands this past weekend. They have qualified for the Island Championships this coming week!

Our Jr. Boys' Volleyball Team also competed at the North Island championship this past weekend finishing 4th, just missing out on qualifying for the Islands. They had a great time and played better and better as the weekend

progressed. Ross had some great stuff blocks and his serves consistently dropped over the net inside the 3 m line sending the teams scrambling. Blake and Quinn had some fantastic kills and Blake and Quinn both had serving streaks of 10+. Ying was a passing machine and Jaxyn had some hits, blocks, passes and serves that were all consistent and in play. Team members: Ian Petula, Ross Bolton, Quinn Elzer, Jackson Frost, Onyx Lutz, Blake Nelson, Jaxyn Oele and Ying Zhong

Submitted by: Ms. D. Gesell

Brooks Crew & Stu Crew Updates



We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful group of student leaders who work hard to put on events and activities to make school fun and boost school spirit! October was a busy month for Brooks Crew and Stu Crew. The school was decorated with fall and Halloween inspired themes, including PAC Man. We had a Black Friday where everyone was encouraged to wear black. Many unsuspecting people participated in this event. There was also a lot of Halloween fun at Brooks this year. The Halloween dance was

attended by approximately 200 students who danced for a solid 3 hours. Thanks to special guest DJ's Malcom Crocker and Katya Senilova. On Halloween the costume contest was a great hit and super fun to watch. Thanks to everyone for participating. Our next event is Pajama Day ... Nov 18th.

Submitted by: Ms. P. Ellis



Brooks 7th Annual Jingle Jog – Dec. 11th

The Brooks PE 11/12 students will be hosting their 7th annual Jingle Jog to raise \$\$\$ for the Powell River Food Bank on Sunday Dec 11th. This 5km fun run / walk starts and finishes at Willingdon Beach at 10 am and has raised over \$13,500 for Powell River families in the past 6 years. \$10 for individuals ...\$20 for families of 2 or more. ALL proceeds to the Food Bank.

Wear your festive gear and spread some holiday cheer !

Upcoming Events

Tuesday	Nov. 15	7:00pm	PAC Meeting
Friday	Nov. 18		Pajama Day
Tuesday	Nov. 22		Photo Re-Take Day
		7:00pm	“Beyond Brooks” workshops
Thursday	Nov. 24	3:15pm	Term #1 Report Cards Issued
Monday	Nov. 28	7:00pm	Brooks Jr. Winter Night of Music
Tuesday	Nov. 29	7:00pm	Brooks Sr. Winter Night of Music
Wednesday	Nov. 30	10:20am	Student Recognition Assembly
Monday	Dec. 5		Curriculum Implementation Day – school not in Session for students



GRADUATION
CLASS OF 2017
INFORMATION

brooksgrad.weebly.com

Celebration of the Class of 2017
Saturday, June 3, 2016
6:00 PM
Hap Parker Arena
Powell River Recreation Complex

Grad Fees: \$50
Due: January 30, 2017

Check the website out for updates on Grad, Dry Grad and more: brooksgrad.weebly.com

DRY GRAD UPDATE:

- \$150 DRY GRAD DEPOSIT DUE – Friday, November 25th, 2016
FUNDRAISING HOURS AVAILABLE NOW!
- Dry Grad GIFT WRAPPING fundraiser starting on Friday, November 25th,
during Black Friday, at the Town Centre Mall. . .

Parents and students needed!

This will get you fundraising hours.

Students sign up in the office. . .

Parents text Tedra at 604-414-4856 or email trachkowski@yahoo.ca

- SAFE DRIVING: Parents earn 2 volunteer hours for every hour
Many dates coming in December