



Brooks' Briefs

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Parent/Community Meeting – Wednesday October 5th – 6:30pm

We are inviting our parents and interested community members to an information session based on some of the changes we are implementing this year with the new curriculum and our timetable structure. By now, parents have surely heard from their children about our new structure and we would like to spend some time providing some detailed explanation of how it works and show off some of our new learning spaces. Our administrators will meet with parents in our library at 6:30pm, we will have a general information period, take a tour of some of our classrooms and learning spaces and then be on hand to answer any questions.

Terry Fox / Jasper Mohan 2016 School Run



On Friday Sept. 16th we hosted our annual Terry Fox / Jasper Mohan Run. Below is a list of our Top 10 Finishers and their grade level:

Female	Male
1. Camryn Cline (9)	1. Chris Fisher (10)
2. Misty MacDonald (9)	2. Mackenzie Guild (10)
3. Noemi Mazurek (11)	3. Caleb Valance (8)
4. Zoe Crookshank (11)	4. Josh Chernoff (12)
5. Emily Labree (12)	5. John Harmer (9)
6. Cloey Cook (9)	6. Will Rice (9)
7. Catherine Forsythe (9)	7. Chase Wilson (10)
8. Olivia Hopkins (9)	8. Mathias Burns (11)
9. Riley Andrews (8)	9. Konnor Koshey (12)
10. Sydney Elliot (9)	10. James Timothy (10)

Together we raised a total of \$890.29 for the Terry Fox Foundation

The Top 3 fundraising TAG Classes were:

- 1. Mr. Palm**
- 2. Mme. Chevalier**
- 3. Ms. Bakker**

Cyber Bullying & Cyber Incidents



“Young people have fully embraced the Internet as both an environment and a tool for socializing. Unfortunately, some people also use these technologies to post damaging text or images to harass, threaten or embarrass their peers or engage in other aggressive behavior. This behavior can consist of name calling, insults, mean teasing, rumour-spreading, mean gossip, excluding, scaring or making threats, or stalking. It can also include impersonating someone else online, posting embarrassing pictures or videos of a student online, or starting

“text wars.” Cyberbullying is deliberate, repeated and hostile behavior by an individual or group that is intended to harm others.” For more information that parents may find useful regarding cyber-incidents please click [here](#)

Submitted by: Mrs. Burt



**KEEP
CALM
AND
Go To
Peer Tutoring**

Our Peer Tutoring Program is designed to allow more experienced students to assist other students with their studies. It is a great program that enhances learning opportunities and student success for all involved. It is available to all students Grades 8 – 12. See Ms. Bakker for details.

**PEER TUTORING
Tuesdays and Thursdays at
Lunch
Room C123**

Brooks
Code of Conduct



Our Code of Conduct is designed to help us ensure a safe and positive climate for learning at Brooks. It provides a broad framework of behavioural expectations for our students. We encourage all school community members to be familiar with it. Here is a link to the document:

[Brooks Secondary School Code of Conduct](#)

Thunderbird Athletics

Another year of Brook's Athletics is already under way this year. Below is a re-cap of some of the early season results:

Sr. Girls Volleyball

Coming off their 2nd place provincial finish last year, our Sr. Girls Volleyball Team got off to a great start by winning the Dover Bay (Nanaimo) Tournament on Sept. 16th and 17th. The ladies did not drop a set all weekend and defeated the likes of: Carihi, Oak Bay, Wellington, Vernon, Ballenas and NDSS. This past weekend the ladies travelled down to a 32 team tournament in Vancouver at UBC. We were seeded in the top 8. We lost to Belmont (they won it all - undefeated), beat KSS (Kelowna) in 3, and lost to another top ranked team, South Delta. That placed us 4th in our pool. We came back the next day and lost to St Thomas More and then lost to Carihi in 3. The Girls placed 15th overall. Next up is Camosun on Oct 7-8. The team is made up of the following players: Maddie Yule, Melinda Boyd, Paige Lawson, Matilda Bertrand, Amelia Vincent, Kate Fisher, Emma Pinewski and Taylor Kinley. The team's coaches are Mr. Skinner and Mr. Yule. - *Submitted by Doug Skinner*

Jr. Girls Volleyball Season

Our Jr. Girls' Volleyball team got off to a solid start to their season by finishing 7th out of a competitive 16 teams at their first tournament of the year in Comox. The team this year is coached by Kelly Creek Principal Mr. Rounis and Westview Elementary Teacher Ms. Sullivan.

Jr. Boys Soccer

Our Jr. Boys Soccer Team started their campaign with two convincing victories on the Island over Alberni and Highland. The team is made up of the following players: Chris Fisher, James Timothy, Cale Stride Lawson, Russell Pielle, Cam Stevenson, Chase Wilson, Chris Marshmann, Ethan Nelles, Will Rice, Scott McKenzie, Bennett Gould, Steve Carson, Elias James, Jerod Timothy, Keaton Fougere, Chris Gray, Doug Thistlewaite and Josh Boulton. The team is coached by Mr. Rice.

Brooks Cross Country Team

Cross Country continues to witness a major resurgence at Brooks this year. After a strong year in 2015-2016, we have the most complete team assembled in a long time. Much of this is due to the work of our coach Mr. Cocksedge and the opportunities he is providing. The team is off to Vanier next Wednesday for another Meet.

Orange Shirt Day - Friday September 30th

Friday September 30th is Orange Shirt Day. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the many wrongs and the damage the residential school system in Canada played to so many. It has proven to be a springboard into meaningful discussions about anti-racism and the importance of reconciliation. Here is a link to a great website that has some very good links to resources: <http://www.orangeshirtday.org/> Our teachers will be engaging our students in this topic throughout the week.

Community Information

Powell River Youth Resource Centre

The Powell River Kings will be at the YRC every Wednesday from 4-6 for Sports & Rec. This FREE program is open to youth 12-18. Come out to play at Oceanview! 7105 Nootka St. (around back) Free bus passes are available at Brooks office. Every Thursday, YRC drop-in has something fun and fantastic going on; games, prizes, activities with snacks & dinner provided! This free program is open to youth 13-18 from 3:30-8 at Oceanview (around back). Bus passes available at the Brooks Office and pick up happens at 3:30 in the parking lot. For more information please check out this link: [Powell River Youth Resource Centre](#)

Submitted by: Renelle Wikene, PRCYFSS-YRC Coordinator

Powell River Public Library

Our Powell River Public Library has a lot of amazing events and activities related to 'teens'. Please check out their website at <http://prpl.ca/> for more information.



Friday, October 7•14•21•28
from 4-5pm

BOARD GAMES BY NIGHT 5:00 TO 8:00 PM
WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

420 characters tiny story lab

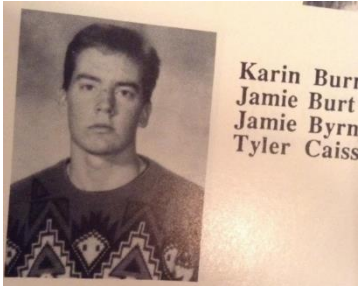
Join us at the Library Fridays in October for an inspirational hour of microfiction writing with tiny story examples, visual prompts, and writing tips. All ages welcome. Drop in and try!

BRING YOUR OWN GAMES OR TRY ONE OF OURS.
FREE AND OPEN TO ALL AGES.
NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

CASTLE PANIC • SETTLERS OF CATAN • BLOKUS • POWER GRID • PANDEMIC
SCRABBLE • HIVE • LABYRINTH • CHESS • CLUE • ARTIST TRUMP CARDS
RIVERS, ROADS AND RAILS • GO • Pictionary • PICKING PAIRS • MORE!

prpl.ca For more information, contact Sonia: szagwyn@prpl.ca • 604-485-4796

PRP POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



School Photo Day - Thursday Sept. 29th

Students ... please take it seriously or you could end up like this former Grade 11 student for eternity!

S.W.A.G. – Student Week at a Glance

In an effort to keep our students informed of many of the events that happen at school we will be producing a weekly ‘SWAG. The SWAG will be posted on our website and will also be available in other parts of the school. We hope it is a tool that will help students be more aware of what is happening at Brooks and allow them to plan ahead. It may also be useful for parents! To take a look at this week’s SWAG please click [HERE](#)

Communicating with School Staff

If you have any questions or comments please do not to hesitate to contact us at the school at any time. Email is a wonderful way to get a hold of our staff members. A detailed link to all of our staff members email address can be found on our website under ‘Contacts’ or you can click [HERE](#)

COMING EVENTS

Thursday	Sept. 29		Individual School Photos
Friday	Sept. 30		Orange Shirt Day www.orangeshirtday.org/
Wednesday	Oct. 5	6:30pm	Parent Meeting re: New Timetable
Monday	Oct. 10		Thanksgiving Holiday
Wednesday	Oct. 12	TBA	Grade 8 Movie Night
Monday	Oct. 17	3:00pm	Interim Reports mailed home
Tuesday	Oct. 18	7:00 pm	Brooks Music Open House
		7:00pm	PAC Meeting
Thursday	Oct. 20	TBA	Great Can Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)
Friday	Oct. 21		Provincial Pro D Day
Wednesday	Oct. 26		Schedule Change – No X-Blocks
		2:13 pm	Early Dismissal
		6:30 pm	Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews
Thursday	Oct. 27	7:00pm	Halloween Dance



HOME of the THUNDERBIRDS