

THE STUDENT NEWS



THUNDERBIRDS

BROOKS BROADCAST

The weekly student update:

June 25th, 2018 Edition

DATES TO NOTE THIS WEEK

Monday, June 25	Assessments and completion time
Tuesday, June 26	Assessments and completion time
Wednesday, June 27	Awards Ceremonies. 9-3pm
Thursday, June 28	Report Cards available at 3:00pm
Friday, June 29	



A FEW DATES TO NOTE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday, Sept 4, 2018	School Opens
Fri Sept 21 & Mon Sept 24	Pro D Days
Monday Oct. 8, 2018	Thanksgiving
Friday Oct 19, 2018	Provincial Pro D
November 12, 2018	Remembrance Day Holiday
Friday Dec 21, 2018	Last day before Winter Break
January 7, 2019	First day back from Winter Break
Monday Jan 28, 2019	Start of Semester 2
Fri Feb 15, & Mon Feb 18	Pro D / BC Day
Friday Mar 15, 2019	Last day before Spring Break
Monday Apr 1, 2019	First day back from Spring Break
Fri Apr 19 & Mon Apr 22	Good Friday / Easter Monday
Monday May 20, 2019	Victoria Day
Mon June 3, 2019	Pro D Day
Saturday June 8, 2019	Graduation - Grand March

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

This school year has proven to be a very busy and fulfilling one for all of us at Brooks Secondary School. Thank you to all our students, staff and parents for a rewarding and successful school year. Through the multitude of learning experiences and variety of activities including field trips, extra-curricular events, fine arts presentations, sports related endeavours our students have demonstrated personal growth and development. In addition, many of our students became proactive at the school level through student leadership initiatives and contributed significantly to the programs and activities, advancing a positive Thunderbird culture at Brooks.

I express my appreciation to all parents who have assisted in so many ways during the course of the year. Your help in staying connected to the school, and the involvement of our PAC has enabled us to provide additional opportunities for our students. To everyone who has volunteered this past year, my sincerest thank you!

In conclusion, we bid farewell to our grade twelve students who are moving onto their next steps in their education and life. You have accomplished many things and have been a pleasure to work with all year long. Best wishes for much happiness and continued success in future years.

I would like to extend very best wishes to the families that will be leaving our school community. To our "Thunderbirds" who will be returning for the 2018-2019 school year, see you on September 4th.

STAFF RETIREMENTS

After a long and rewarding career here in Powell River, Ms. Brenda Laycock will be retiring from Brooks Secondary as our Drama and English teacher. We wish her all the best as she takes her next steps in her career. You will be missed by our staff and students.

BROOKS SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

- Thursday, June 28 – Report Cards will be available for pick up any time after 12:00 noon
- Friday, June 29 – July 5 Brooks Office open from 7:00am – 3:00pm
(note: June 29 and July 4 (closed from 11:45 – 1:30pm for staff meetings)
- Friday, July 6 – BROOKS OFFICE IS **CLOSED**
- Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13 – Office Hours open from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Monday, July 16 to Friday, August 10 – **BROOKS OFFICE CLOSED FOR SUMMER**
- Monday, August 13 to Friday, August 24 – Office Hours 7:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Monday, August 27 to Friday, August 31 – Office Hours 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 4 – School back in session. Regular **Office** hours 7:00 am to 4:00 pm

FIVE EASY TIPS FOR SUMMER LEARNING *By: Brenda McLaughlin, Jane Voorhees Sharp*

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1. Read Every Day

- *The Research:* At the middle school level, reading four to five books over the summer has a positive impact on fall reading achievement comparable to attending summer school (Kim, 2004).
- *Suggestions:* Take your kids to the library often and let them choose which books to check out. Listen to books on tape. Subscribe them to a magazine. Take turns reading to each other. Allow your kids to stay up a half hour later at night as long as they're reading.

2. Use Math Every Day

- *The Research:* The largest summer learning losses for all children occur in mathematical computation, an average of 2.6 months (Cooper, 1996).
- *Suggestions:* Practice the multiplication tables by making each point in a basketball game worth 7 points (or 8 or 9). Ask your kids to make change at the drive-thru. Show your child how to go to Cool Math to play math games. Make up math word problems in the car and at the dinner table.

3. Get Outside and Play

- *The Research:* Intense physical activity programs have positive effects on academic achievement, including increased concentration; improved mathematics, reading, and writing test scores; and reduced disruptive behavior (Journal of School Health 1997).
- *Suggestions:* Find ways to ensure your child is active for 60 minutes each day. Have him or her walk the neighbor's dog, go swimming, play badminton or soccer, take walks, or go for family bike rides. Look for safe, fun ways to play outside together year-round. Go to Family Corner Magazine and PBS Parents for more ideas.

4. Write Every Week

- *The Research:* More freshmen entering degree-granting postsecondary institutions take remedial writing courses than take remedial reading courses (NCES 2003).
- *Suggestions:* Ask your child to write a weekly letter to his or her grandparents, relatives, or friends. Encourage him to keep a summer journal. Have her write the family's grocery list. Organize a secret pal writing project for adults and kids at your church or in your community.

5. Do a Good Deed

- *The Research:* Students learn better and "act out" less when they engage in activities to aid in their social-emotional development, such as community service (The Collaborative for Academic Social and Emotional Learning, 2004).
- *Suggestions:* Encourage your child to help out neighbors or friends. He or she can volunteer with a local group or complete a service learning project. Suggest that your child set aside part of his allowance for charity. Look at Nickelodeon's Big Help web site together for more ideas.

Adapted from a presentation by Brenda McLaughlin, Director of Research and Policy, Center for Summer Learning, Johns Hopkins University and Jane Voorhees Sharp, Office of Early Care and Education, New Jersey Department of Human Services.

PROPOSED ATHLETIC FEE INCREASE FOR NEXT YEAR

Just a quick note that we are about to review our fee structure for athletics / field trips next year. Currently there is a regular cost of \$70 for an overnight trip, and \$25 for an extra night. Regular day ferry trip is \$10. Given the increases in hotel and gas costs there is a proposal that each of these be raised by \$5. This would result in a \$75, \$30, \$15. Once we review this issue with each of our stakeholder groups I will let everyone know the decision for September. Feel free to provide your feedback directly to our Principal bill.rounis@sd47.bc.ca

GENERAL MESSAGES

BROOKS 2.0 YEAR 3

Thank you to students, parents and staff that provided thoughtful feedback about how our current model is working. Recently we sent an email regarding our initial plans for our year 3 Brooks 2.0. If you didn't receive it please see this link: <http://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/Publications/Letter%20Mar%2016%202018.pdf>
Should you have any further questions or comments please feel free to contact the Principal Mr. Rounis directly.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP DAY

On the final Wednesday of the year we will be hosting our awards and scholarship recognitions. We recently sent out this information and it can also be found at this link:
<https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/brooks/Documents/Awards%20and%20Scholarships%20Newsletter.pdf>