

BROOKS BROADCAST *APRIL*

THE WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER:

April 26, 2021

DATES TO NOTE THIS 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



DATES TO NOTE NEXT WEEK

Monday, May 3
Tuesday, May 4 Star Wars Day (*May the 4th be with you*)
Wednesday, May 5
Thursday, May 6 Report Cards posted to MyEd Parent Portal
Friday, May 7 Printed Report cards sent home for Term 3

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Just like that, we are at the end of term three and the start of our fourth and final term! The start of a new term is always a good time to reset our goals around learning and look ahead to new challenges. The new term also brought us a new teacher and I want to share my sincere welcome to Ms. Stephanie Edwards who starts with us on today teaching block A English 10 and Socials 10 for block B. I wish everyone a great start!
Looking ahead, please note that the report cards for term 3 will be coming out to the MyEd portal on Thursday May 6 and printed for everyone to take home on Friday. Take care.

COMMON MESSAGE AROUND MASK WEARING

I want to make sure that everyone is hearing the same message around the most recent updated mask mandate. At Brooks, students are expected to sit while unmasked to eat and drink. This means that everyone remains masked while travelling through high-traffic areas. My hope is that sharing this message keeps the information consistent and more importantly for us to continue to be vigilant towards our primary goal of keeping everyone safe while learning at Brooks.

TRUSTEE BY-ELECTION

We would like to share our sincere congratulations to Brendan Behan, Jaclyn Miller, and Robert Hill who were declared winners in the Trustee by-election.

BROOKS COUNSELLING BLOG

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

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

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>



Home of the Thunderbirds

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 nd 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. Here is our upcoming schedule for this year: May 11, 2021, June 8, 2021. Please check out the website for the agenda, minutes, and zoom links for our meetings. [Brooks PAC Website](#)

POST SECONDARY INSTITUTION MESSAGE BOARD

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.

Vancouver Island University has released its 2021-2022 timetable <https://isapp.viu.ca/srs/timetable.htm> Please check it out and see the list of courses slated for their upcoming academic year. From this link you will be able to see when courses are scheduled and which courses will be delivered face-to-face and which courses will be delivered online. For more information regarding courses please see Mrs. Larkin or Mr. Brach in the counselling suite. If you would like to sign up for dual credit please see Mrs. Larkin for an application.



EVENTS FOR GRADUATES & 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 2nd. 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.

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 is Wednesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm. Join Zoom Meeting <https://sd47powellriver.zoom.us/j/67286308931?pwd=WGNGbmMxa0FGV3drOTJjcHN3SGlvdz09>

Meeting ID: 672 8630 8931 Passcode: 138217



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 Committee 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 brooksggradbabyphotos2021@gmail.com by **May 15, 2021 (extended)** 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
- Also Graduates are to submit their commencement note by April 30th. All information is located in the link below. The QR code is attached.
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=okgnEzMHA0aOIXhKWxakQivD1y7saRFIsBifoWKfdrNUMkIzSjJYUFFVNfQyM1ZPREM5WVhFVU9QTi4u>

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE:

May 13, 2021
June 28, 2021

7:00 pm PAC meeting
Graduation Ceremony Day

BROOKS SCHEDULE

<p><u>Grades 8 & 9 School Schedule</u> P1: 9:00 am - 10:20 am Break 10:20 am - 10:25 am P2: 10:25 am - 11:45 am Lunch 11:45 am - 12:25 pm P3: 12:25 pm - 1:45 pm Break 1:45 pm - 1:50 pm P4: 1:50 pm – 3:10 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>Grades 10 – 12 School Schedule</u> Period 1: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch 12:30 pm – 1:10 pm Period 2: 1:10 pm – 3:20 pm</p>	<p align="center"><u>The School Terms Lengths</u> Term 1: Sept 10 – Nov 16 Term 2 : Nov 17 - Feb 1 Term 3: Feb 2 – Apr 23 Term 4: Apr 26 – June 29</p>
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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>

