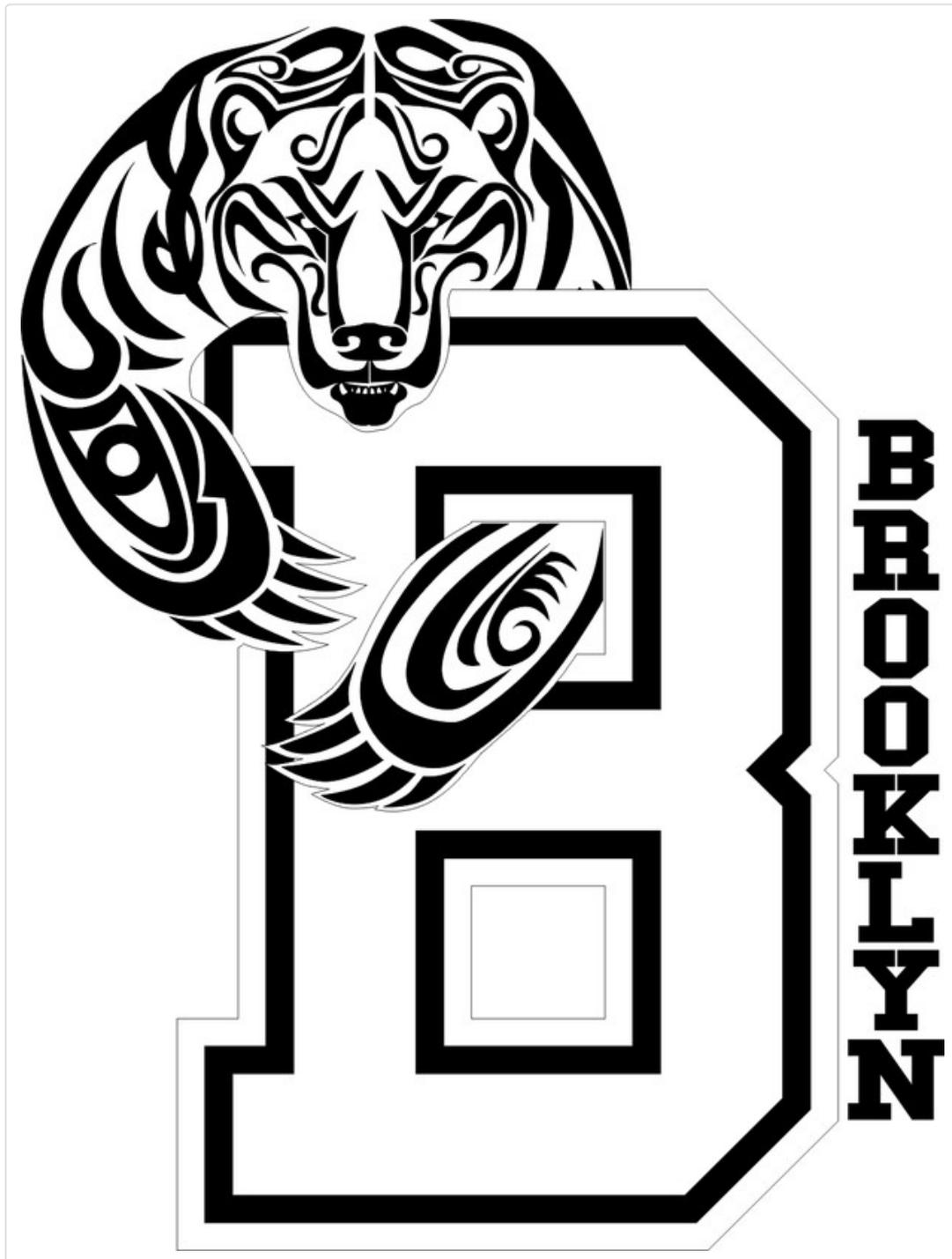


Brooklyn Broadcast

Thursday September 1, 2022





WELCOME BACK!

We are looking forward to an amazing year at Brooklyn. We have many new families joining our Brooklyn community as well as staff members.

I would like to welcome the following new staff members:

Jessica Paziuk - Primary Teacher

Stephani Custer - Primary Teacher

Colleen Reimer - Primary Teacher

Myra Wilson - Primary/Intermediate Teacher

Patrick Blois - Intermediate Teacher

Molly Dixon - Learning Support Teacher

Jocelyn Bystrom - Counsellor

Kerry Harrison - Speech and Language Pathologist

Nicole Beattie - Learning Commons Teacher

Maureen Radaweic - Library Clerk

Amanda Dunham - EA

Andrea Jupe - EA

Jillien Endert - EA

Laura Moore - Custodian

Dave Steacy - Custodian

We hope everyone has had a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you next week!

SCHOOL START UP INFORMATION

FIRST WEEK

School will be in session on Tuesday September 7th from 8:40 am to 11:45 am.

Students will be spending the first day back with their last year's class.

Please meet your last year's class out on the field (look for your last year's division number on a cone) Due to staffing changes, you may have a different teacher, but the students will be the same:).

New students/families are asked to come into the school and make their way to the gym at 8:15. We will do some introductions to staff and let students know which class they will be spending the day with. Students/Families will then head out to the field to meet up with the class.

Please have your child bring a snack and water bottle.

Wednesday September 8th - Full Day - 8:40 - 2:30

Students will meet in the same classes as Tuesday. Once attendance is taken, students will be moved into grade groups for some fun activities. Groups will rotate between teachers.

Thursday/Friday September 9th/10th.

It is our hope that students will be moving to their new classrooms on Thursday morning, but depending on enrollment it may not be possible. If classes are not set, we will follow the same process as Wednesday. When classes are set parents will get an email in the evening stating which class your child(ren) will be in. Students will meet their new classes out on the field by division number the next morning, and will also be released at the same meeting spot at the end of the day.

Individual teachers will inform parents where students will meet and dismiss from once classes are confirmed.

Friday September 10th

Our grade 7's will be hosting a fun day for the rest of the school in the afternoon. Please make sure your child is dressed in appropriate clothing.

School Parking

We encourage students and families to choose active transportation modes to travel to and from school - biking, walking, etc.



If you will be using a vehicle to drop off/pick up your child(ren) please note the following procedures:

- STOP, DROP/PICK UP & GO LANE - is in front of the school - loading zone.
- Parent parking is available in the stalls in front of the school, and there is lots of parking by the City Works Yard, or in the subdivision by the crosswalk.
- **There is no parking allowed on Guthrie or in Staff Parking Lot**

All students and families, please use the designated crosswalks to cross Guthrie and the parking lot.

We appreciate you following the rules so that we can keep all of our students safe!



School Hours

8:00 - 3:30 - Office Hours

8:35 - First Bell

8:40 - School Starts

11:15 - 11:45 - Lunch Recess

1:00 - 1:30 - Afternoon Recess

2:30 - Dismissal

Students arriving late or leaving early must check in/out with the office.

Class Placements



Our staff began the class placement process last spring and there are many different factors that we take into account when placing students. Teachers spend a lot of time on this process. If your child is having difficulty transitioning to a new class/teacher, please speak to the teacher about it. Please note that it is not uncommon for students to need a few weeks to settle into new classroom and routines. Class changes are not possible due to our enrollment and we need to follow class size and composition regulations.

Absences/Emergency Notifications

Please click on the link to view how to report absences and learn about emergency notifications.

<https://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/brooklyn-elementary/report-absence/>

Does your family have Indigenous Ancestry?

The Comox Valley Schools Indigenous Education Program offers support to students with Indigenous ancestry. Ancestry is determined through **self-identification** and includes **status, non-status, Metis, or Inuit** ancestry and **may extend several generations back** in your family history. The program is voluntary, if you selected the Indigenous ancestry box on the registration form you will be contacted by the Indigenous Support Worker, if you did not realize your family was eligible, please contact the Indigenous Support Worker.

For additional information and questions please contact:

Cheryl Graham - Indigenous Support Worker cheryl.graham@sd71.bc.ca



Brooklyn Spirit Day - Every Friday!

We are proud of our school! Please join us in wearing Blue or Brooklyn Spirit Wear on Fridays. Spirit Wear will go on sale later in the year.

HANDLE WITH CARE

Kids go through difficult times. When teachers are made aware of things that are happening for your child, the better we can support. If your child is experiencing difficulties at home we understand that you are not always able to share details, and that's okay. If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please let the teacher know. This will let the teacher know that your child may need extra time, patience or help through the day.



Brooklyn Broadcast - Every Week

Each week you will get a Brooklyn Broadcast to keep you up to date with what is happening around the school. I will try to keep them short and sweet, but please understand that at certain times of the year, this is more information to send to parents - like September! As with the website, if you are finding that you are wanting to know about something, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Tuesday September 7th - First Day 8:40 am - 11:45 am
- Wednesday September 8th - First Full Day of Class - 8:40 - 2:30
- Friday September 16th - Open House 8-9 am
- Thursday September 30th - Indigenous Reconciliation Day - School not in session
- Monday October 11th - Thanksgiving - School not in session



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