

Brooklyn Broadcast

Brooklyn Bears 2025-2026 Gila'kasla

Welcome Back! Gila'kasla

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! Throughout the year you will get weekly updates about what is happening at Brooklyn Elementary.

First, I would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to our amazing Brooklyn Community. We look forward to meeting all our learners and their families in the coming weeks.





Principal's Message

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A little bit about myself....

I am very excited to be taking on the role of Principal at Brooklyn Elementary. I am going into my sixth year as an administrator. I have spent 5 years working in the qathet School District in Powell River as a secondary school administrator. Before that, I worked in the Sooke School District as a Career Coordinator and teacher. I was born and raised in Campbell River, and am very excited to be in the valley, this feels like home. I have a daughter Hunter who is going into Gr 7, she is the light of my life. We enjoy being outside in nature and engaged in athletic endeavours. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.



School Start Up Information

First Week

School will be in session on **Wednesday Sept 3rd from 8:40am - 11:45am**. This is a shorter day where our goal is to get students back in their last years classes with a familiar face. If you are new to Brooklyn then we will see you in gym for a quick "Hello" and to show you to a classroom. Parents will get an email Wednesday evening outlining their child's new class. Students will meet their new teacher on the grass field at 8:40am Thursday Sept 4th.



Thursday Sept 4th - full day - 8:40am-2:30pm, students will work their way into this years class with a new teacher and cohort. Again, please meet your new teacher and cohort on the Brooklyn grass field no later than 8:40am. At 2pm we will host our first assembly of the year, parents are welcome to attend. The assembly will be a quick "Hello", with new staff introductions, and then some reminders about expectations.

Friday Sept 5th - full day. Our grade 7's will support a fun filled morning, the afternoon will be regular classes.

School Schedule

8:40 am - Start of Day

11:15 - 11:45 am - Morning Recess

1:00-1:30pm pm - Lunch Recess

2:30 pm - End of Day

Students arriving late or leaving early must check in/out at the office prior to going to class/leaving school.



School Supplies

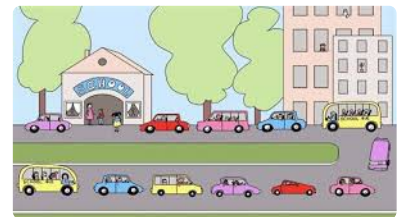
This year will be similar to years past. Students will arrive and all supplies will be ready for them in their classroom, no need for parents to fuss or try and fight the crowds to buy supplies 😊 We got you covered.



At the end of the first week or beginning of the second week will email families a total amount owing, which can be paid directly to Brooklyn Elementary - more information to come.

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 & GO LANE - is in front of the school - loading zone - DROP OFF IN AM ONLY this area will be coned off in afternoon.

Parent parking is available in the stalls in front of the school, and there is lots of parking by the City Works Yard.

There is no parking allowed on Guthrie or in Staff Parking Lot (right side lot as you enter).

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!

Class Placements

Our staff began this process last spring and **hope** to have it finalized for Thursday September 4th. There are many different factors that we take into account when placing students and teachers spend a lot of time on this process. If you have concerns about your child's placement, please hold on to them for at least 3 weeks before contacting Ms. Larkin. This gives you and your child time to settle into the class and iron out any challenges you may initially feel.

Talking with the classroom teacher is the first step. If you are still concerned after that, please contact Ms. Larkin directly and we will work with your family to see what needs to be done to support your child's learning.



Student Absence - School Messenger

[SchoolMessenger](#) is a communication suite used by Brooklyn Elementary for attendance reporting and to notify parents of unexcused absences.

Emergency notifications (e.g. snow closure) are also broadcast to parents/guardians using [SchoolMessenger](#). Instructions for opting-in to receive SMS text messages from SD71 can be found below.

An app is also available to parents/guardians that can be voluntarily installed to mobile devices allowing messages to be received on a mobile device. Instructions for how to sign-up, download and configure the app on your mobile device, as well as accessing the platform on the web, can be found below:

- [SchoolMessenger Parent App Mobile Device \(PDF\)](#)
- [SchoolMessenger Parent App Website \(PDF\)](#)
- [SMS Text Messaging Opt-In Instructions \(PDF\)](#)

You can also report an absence by [calling](#) / [emailing](#) the school.



SCHOOL MESSENGER

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.



Additional Important Information for Families

Inclusive Educational Resources for Parents

[Inclusive Education Resources](#) - available to support all your wonders and questions. We have an amazing team at Brooklyn, please don't hesitate to reach out.



ERASE - expect respect and safe education

[ERASE](#) is a very useful website to support adults, students and staff with any questions they may have regarding safe education.



Volunteering at Brooklyn

All volunteers at Brooklyn must have a [criminal record check](#). Please see our Brooklyn website for all details and information.



Important Dates

The [district calendar](#) is available on the SD71 home website. Brooklyn Important dates to come:

- Sept 4th at 2:00pm Welcome Assembly
- Sept 29th Orange Shirt Day
- Brooklyn open house - TBD
- Hot lunch details - soon to come

Schedule a Call with Ms. Tanya Larkin

Ms. Tanya Larkin

Please don't hesitate to connect!

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