

# Brooklyn Broadcast

Brooklyn Bears 2025-2026  
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## Principal's Message

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

Most fun week yet!!

Big thank you to the Brooklyn PAC and all the families that came out to celebrate and support the Brooklyn Halloween Dance. It was a big success, lots of great snacks, fun games, pumpin DJ, and spooky haunted house. Next Friday, Oct 31, we encourage students to wear their Halloween costumes to school, we will have a parade in the gymnasium first thing - please NO weapons. Face masks can be worn for the parade but we would like masks to be off during learning time and recess.

As some of you may already know, Mrs. Dittrick, our Vice Principal, will be off until winter break, at which point she will be retiring. We will dearly miss Mrs. Dittrick, she has been a great attribute in the classroom, she has been an invaluable coach, and she always ensures our students safety is at the heart of all she does - she will be missed! Starting on Nov 17th we will have Mrs. Alex Sabell joining us at Brooklyn, as a part time Vice Principal (VP). Mrs. Sabell will act as VP at both Brooklyn and Aspen until June 2026. Please say "Hello" to Mrs Sabell when you see her.

We had our forest closed this week at recesses, this is simply to ensure student safety, the forest is open during class time to all teachers and students embarking on outdoor learning adventures.

## Guiding Stars - this weeks numeracy and literacy prompts

**Literacy:** Listen to Storytelling podcasts like Mars Patel or Story Pirates.

**Numeracy:** Explore geometry and fractions through origami or paper airplanes. Also, please check out the [SD71 HUB](#) for additional learning resources.



## PARKING!!!

Student Safety at Brooklyn!!!!

As you drive up to Brooklyn, the parking directly in front of the school (yellow sideways lines), is for QUICK drop or pickup - NOT PARKING! If you want to park and get out of your car please find a parking spot to the left or off campus. If folks are parked in the drop and go area then parents end up doing quick pick up in the through lane - very dangerous and frustrating for others. Please do your part and park in the appropriate areas - again, student safety is paramount to everyone.



## Board Games

Board game donations welcome - we are looking to support numeracy & literacy in class and during recesses, with fun and interactive board games. If you happen to have any of the following games we would graciously accept:

- Catan
- Banana Grams
- 7 wonders
- Scrabble/Scrabble Slam
- Cards and Cribbage Board



## Sports

Our Gr 5 basketball continues to thrive, so many athletes coming out and their skills have improved vastly since the start. Big thanks to coach Dawe and Mrs Roberts for supporting this opportunity and growth.

Gr 6/7 volleyball is underway, practices are going well and games start for the Gr 7 Grizzlies at Airport and Cubs at Royston next week on Wednesday (practice Monday).

Gr 3-7 cross country had a lovely race at Airport Elementary this week. The race wove between school grounds and forest trails, it was a hard flat 2.7km race for our Gr 4-7 students and a fast 1.5km for our Gr 3's. Well done everyone! Last race will be on Monday Oct 27th, 3:30pm at Puntledge, to make up for the cancelled first race.



## Parent Speaker Series

Comox Valley Early Years Collaborative is host a parent series:

### Schedule:

Upcoming Sessions:

- **Oct 28, 2025** – Strategies to Support Neurodiverse Kids – Lindsay & Brandon, CVCDA <https://www.cvcda.ca/>
  - **Nov 4, 2025** – Nature-Based Family Activities for Self-Regulation – Jenn Johnson, ECE & Strong Start Facilitator
  - **Nov 18, 2025** – Adjusting to Parenthood – Support for New and Expecting Parents – Rosalie (RN), Public Health
  - **Nov 25, 2025** – Become the Parent You Always Wanted to Be Using the Positive Intelligence® Framework – Linda, Be Thriving Moms <https://bethrivingmomstoday.com/>
  - **Dec 2, 2025** – Growing Up Safely: Practical Tips to Prevent Injuries in Children – Olivia Aguiar (PhD), Public Health
- **Dinner:** 5:00 pm
  - **Speaker:** 5:30–6:30 pm
  - **Location:** Comox Community Centre – Multipurpose Hall
  - **No session:** Nov 11
  - **Optional registration for updates and resources:** [Parent Speaker Series](#)



## PAC

Brooklyn Winter Market is Back! 🛍️ Get ready to shop, mingle, and celebrate the season at our Brooklyn Winter Market on Saturday, December 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.! Vendor tables are \$35 for one (6 ft)— and spots are filling up fast! We do our best to keep the market variety fun and unique, so it's first come, first served for vendor types. ☺️ No baked goods this year, please — our amazing Grade 7 class will be running a bake sale to raise funds for their year-end trip! We also have half-table spots for Brooklyn students for just \$15. If we get lots of interest, we'll look at adding more! Come join the fun, support local makers, and kick off the holiday season Brooklyn-style!



## E-bike and Scooter Safety and Awareness Continued

As we are all lifelong learners, I wanted to share some information (attached) pertaining to bike safety.

SD71 works collaboratively with the Comox Valley Cycling

Coalition to support bike safety and awareness,  
and support students with bike skills.



## 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.



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## *Additional Important Information for Families*

### Student Threat Assessment: fair notice and process SD71



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Comox Valley is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents, and other feel safe. Schools can not ignore [threats of violence](#).

### 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:

Oct 27: Chess Club Gr 2-4 (11:15) and Kindness Club Gr 3-7 (1pm)

Oct 27: Fire drill 1:35 (just after second recess)

Oct 27: Gr 6 V-ball practice recess (1pm) and Gr 7 V-ball practice  
after school

Oct 27: Last cross country race at Puntledge 3:30 start

Oct 28: Gr 7 guest presenter at Brooklyn

Oct 28th: Div 6 @ Berwick

Oct 28: Student Led Club at 11:15

Oct 28: Gr 5 basketball after school



Oct 29: Makey/coding Gr 5-7 (11:15) & Gr 6 V-ball practice (1pm)  
Oct 29: Gr 7 Vball games: Grizzlies at Airport & Cubs at Royston  
Oct 30: Gr 5 basketball practice (11:15) & Gr 7 V-ball practice (1pm)  
Oct 30: Hot Lunch - yum....  
Oct 30: Gr 5 basketball game after school!  
Oct 31: open gym Gr 4-6 from 8:05am-8:30am  
Oct 31: costume parade in gym at 9am  
Oct 31: Garden Club first recess & Gr 7 open gym  
Oct 31: PAC Popsicles at 2:30pm

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## Schedule a Call with Ms. Tanya Larkin

### Ms. Tanya Larkin

Please don't hesitate to connect!

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