

# Brooklyn Broadcast

Brooklyn Bears 2026-2027 Gila'kasla



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## Welcome Back! Gila'kasla

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! I would like to welcome all of our new and returning families to our amazing Brooklyn Community. Throughout the year you will get weekly updates, the goal of these are to keep parents / guardians informed about what is happening at Brooklyn Elementary.

We look forward to meeting all our learners and their families on Sept 8th at 8:35am.



# Principal's Message

## Greetings!

I am very excited to return to the role of Principal at Brooklyn Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year. I am very fortunate to live, work and play in this community and I count myself lucky when I have the opportunity to run (literally run) into students and families when I am out on the trails.

I know that we started a number of initiatives last year and I can't wait to continue that work with staff, students, the Brooklyn PAC, and our parents. One big undertaking was the new play space, inclusive of the outdoor basketball court. The finishing work is underway and students should have full access starting the week of Sept 14th. Please know we will be having an open house later in Sept and I encourage all families to join us for a scavenger hunt (tour) and a meet and greet in the gym - more details to come. Until then, I look forward to seeing you all Sept 8th!



## School Start Up Information

### First Week

School will be in session on **Tuesday Sept 8th from 8:35am - 11:45am**. Please note that we will start 5 mins earlier this year based on school minute requirements. This means the bell will go at 8:30am with learning starting at 8:35am. Sept 8th is a shorter day where our goal is to get students back and settled in their last

years classes with familiar faces. If you are new to Brooklyn then we will see you in the gymnasium for a quick "Hello" and to show your student to a classroom. 2025-2026 kindergarten students, please meet Mrs. Bowley and Mrs. Tobacca out front of the school (not side park).

**Parents will get an email Tuesday afternoon outlining their child's new class for the 2026-2027 school year.** Students in division 1-10 will meet their new teacher in the gymnasium, and students in divisions 11-17 will go directly to their new classroom. Reminder that **Wednesday Sept 9th is a full day 8:35am-2:30pm (bell at 8:30am)**. At 2pm on Wednesday Sept 9th, 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.



**\*\*NEW 2026 Kindergarten Students and families:** please refer to your emails from our amazing K teachers Mrs. Bowley and Mrs. Tobacca with all your start up details.

### School Schedule

8:30 am - Welcome bell and doors open

8:35am - Start of school day

11:00 - 11:30 am - Morning Recess

1:00-1:30pm - Afternoon 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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## 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.

Shortly after the start of the school year we will email families a total amount owing for supplies, which can be paid directly to Brooklyn Elementary - more information to come. If there are any hurdles for families, please just let us know, no student will go without.



## School Parking

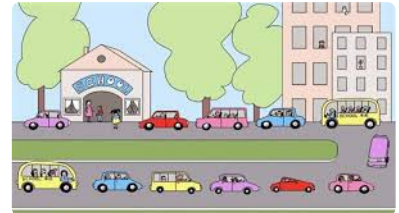
We encourage students and families to choose active transportation modes to travel to and from school - biking, walking, etc.

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 directly in front of the school - loading zone - DROP OFF IN AM ONLY.

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 and the parking lot on the right as you enter is designated staff parking.

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 new class lists will be finalized for Tuesday September 8th. There are many different factors that we take into account when placing students and ALL staff spent 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 the school. This gives you and your child time to settle into the class and iron out any challenges you may initially feel. If you have any initial questions talking with the classroom teacher is the first step.



## 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 \(PDF\)](#).



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- [SMS Text Messaging Opt-In Instructions \(PDF\)](#).

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

## 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 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, we are always happy to handle with care as needed.



## Brooklyn PAC

If you are looking to get involved with the Brooklyn PAC, please don't hesitate. Our PAC is welcoming and always excited to welcome parents. Please have a peak at the [PAC page](#) for more information.



# Additional Important Information for Families

## Inclusive Education

A parents handbook for Inclusive Education [HERE](#)



## 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 9th at 2:00pm Welcome Assembly
- Sept 18th 10:30am Terry Fox Run

- Sept 21 pro-d, no school in session
- Sept 23rd Brooklyn Open House
- Sept 29th Orange Shirt Day
- Sept 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Hot lunch details - soon to come

## Schedule an appointment

**Please don't hesitate to connect!**

**Email us at [Brooklyn](#)**

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