



Brookside Intermediate Family Memo #18 Jan. 20th - Jan. 24th



A Unique Experience for our Instrumental Students

Last Friday, Ms. Jill Dawe arranged for our instrumental students to travel to the First Light Centre to take in a performance called Experience Harmony in Ulliasuk: The Story of Martha Joshua (an Inuit woman from Labrador) with the NSO.



The session aims to support learning about the unique history, languages, cultural practices, and spiritual beliefs of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Through this presentation, students will explore a piece of the rich and diverse culture, voices, experiences, and stories of the Inuit peoples in Labrador. This presentation, entitled *Harmony in Ulliasuk*, written by Kyle McDavid in consultation with Inuk soprano, Deantha Edmunds, is built on a performance of an original composition by Kyle McDavid. The composition is written for brass quintet, percussion, and voice based on the true story of Martha Joshua, an Inuit woman from Labrador who, at age 7, survived the Spanish Flu pandemic 100 years ago. The performance portrays Martha's story and musical and cultural heritage; the NSO ensemble acts as a metaphor for the power of cultural understanding and collaboration. *Harmony In Ulliasuk* is based on a theme of "Home in a New World."

This was an incredible opportunity for our students to expand their learning about the Inuit peoples of Labrador. Thank you to Ms. Dawe for organizing.

St. John's Rogues Visit Brookside

Last week, our Grade 6 Boys Basketball Team had the very cool experience of having members of the St. John's Rogues drop by to take part in one of their practices. According to our coaches, the practice was fantastic. The Brookside players had a blast and learned so much. The Rogues players were all smiles and made it a wonderful experience for our boys. Talk about a memorable experience!!



Track & Field Starts Up



Events coming up:

January (Mid-Course) Exams:

This year, exams will be written in the following courses:

Math - Grades 7,8,9

Science - Grades 8,9

ELA - Grade 9

Please note the following:

- All exams will be completed during class time;
- Regular classes will continue when exams are not being written;
- Students with accommodations will receive those accommodations during an exam;
- Exams will be 1 hour in length;
- Exams will be written during the week of Jan. 20th - Jan. 24th.
- Students are to have the necessary supplies for the exams (pencils, calculators, rulers, etc.) as well as something to do when they are finished (book to read, something to study, etc).
- Elementary students will not be impacted by the mid-year exams in junior high

Mid-Course Exam Schedule

	Mon., Jan. 20	Tues., Jan. 21	Wed., Jan. 22	Thurs., Jan. 23	Fri., Jan. 24
AM Exam	Math 9	No exams: Regular Classes	Science 8	No exams: Regular Classes	Science 9
PM Exam	Math 8	No exams: Regular Classes	ELA 9	No exams: Regular Classes	Math 7

Please note that students are expected to be on time for their exams. While we appreciate that life can sometimes get in the way, please make every effort to have your child on time for their exams.

If a child misses an exam, for an unexcused reason, a makeup opportunity will not be available until June.

This is also a great opportunity for students to catch up on any outstanding work. Please ask your child to check with their teachers to see if they owe them anything. Parents are also encouraged to reach out to their child's teachers if necessary.

Please note that PowerSchool will be unavailable during the week of exams as teachers will be entering exam scores.

Memo Items:

Bus Reminder

Just a reminder that elementary students who ride the bus are expected to sit in the front of the bus. We have heard of a few elementary students sneaking to the back of the bus to sit with the older students. Please speak to your elementary child about proper seating on the bus.

Bus Lane (behind the school)

Recently, we have noticed some vehicles driving too fast on the back of the school (between Brookside and the soccer field) particularly during dismissal at the end of the school day. This area sees a great deal of student traffic and we are asking drivers to be extra cautious when driving on school grounds, especially between 2:40 and 3:00 when students are leaving the building.

Winter Carnival Skating

The Town of PCSP is providing Brookside students with the opportunity to go skating during the week of Winter Carnival which will run from March 3rd – 7th. Skating will take place at the Jack Byrne Arena and students must have proper skates and helmets. There will be no cost to students. Here is the tentative schedule for our students.

Monday, March 3: Grade 5 students from 9:30 - 10:30

Tuesday, March 4: Grade 6 students from 9:30 - 10:30

Wednesday, March 5: Grade 7 students from 9:30 - 10:30

Thursday, March 6: Grade 8 students from 9:30 - 10:30

Friday, March 7: Grade 9 students from 9:30 - 10:30

A big thanks to the Town of PCSP for providing this opportunity for our students. More information will be shared as we get closer to the date.

School Supply Restock

Please ensure that your child has adequate school supplies as we head into the new year. Items like pencils, exercise books and colouring pencils are always in use and in need of a restock every now and then.

Proper Outside Clothing

We are trying to get our elementary students out for lunchtime play on days when the weather cooperates. Please ensure that your children are properly dressed each day for outdoor play (hats, gloves, warm jacket, snow pants, etc.)

Chromebooks

Please ensure that your junior high child brings their Chromebook to school each day and that it is fully charged.

Absent Notifications

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office to let us know. You can either call the main office or send us an email at brookside@nlschools.ca

Math Help

If your child requires some extra help in math, please check the Brookside Math Help Website. Just click the link: <https://sites.google.com/a/nlesd.ca/mr-johnson-pcsp/>

Important Dates to Note:

- Mon., Jan. 20 - Fri., Jan. 24: Mid-Course Exams

Upcoming Lions Club Initiative

PCSP friends, we need your help!

Valerie is a 11 years old Brookside student and has a rare congenital neuromuscular disease which leaves her muscles very weak and not able to function properly.

Given Valerie's condition, she is unable to get into the family car by herself and has to be lifted from her wheelchair into the car. As she grows, lifting her will no longer be a suitable and safe option.

All funds raised through this fundraiser will be used towards the purchase of a Braunability Turny Evo Swivel car seat. The purchase of this Swivel car seat is \$16,879.

Thank you.



The poster features a photo of Valerie, an 11-year-old girl in a wheelchair, sitting in a field of white daisies. The text on the right side of the poster provides details for the 'Goods Bingo for Valerie' event. The event is on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025, at Brookside Intermediate, from 7pm to 9pm, with doors opening at 6:30pm. Cards are 3 for \$5. All proceeds support a lift for Valerie. Additional details include additional ticket draws at the door and during the event, a canteen with snacks for purchase, and that all ages are welcome. The poster is decorated with pink stars and a Lions Club logo in the bottom right corner.

Goods Bingo for Valerie

Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2025

Brookside Intermediate

7pm - Doors Open 6:30

Cards 3 for \$5

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- Additional ticket draws at the door & during event
- Canteen with snacks for purchase
- All ages welcome!

LIONS CLUB

Please email us at pcsplions@hotmail.com if you would like to help out.

We Are a Team

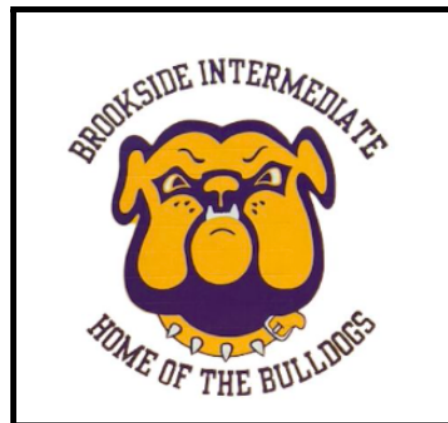
We are a team
We win as a team, we lose as a team.
We cry as a team, we smile as a team.
We work as a team, we talk as a team.
We come as a team, we leave as a team.
We are one, we are a whole.
We are a team.

Go Bulldogs!!



Thank you and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Kristie St. Croix & Bruce Mandeville
Admin Team at Brookside Intermediate



Please be advised that Brookside utilises video surveillance and is compliant under ATIPPA legislation.