



# WIX-BROWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

*Dear Families:*

*It is my privilege to write the final Principal's Memo for this year's newsletter. I know that all of the students have worked hard this year, because I have seen the report cards for the final term. Congratulations!*

*I want to mention the special people who have made a difference in our lives, and who will be moving on to other futures for 2009/10. We say our farewells to teachers Ms. Caroline Shandalla, Mrs. Monica Dugdale, Mr. Bob Davies, and Mrs. Karen O'Brien. Additionally we want to thank the SEAs Lorraine Hines and Shelby Twigg for their support and help and wish them all the best.*

*We also say farewell to a number of families who will be leaving our school, either moving or joining Poppy Secondary School and others. To the parents whose children will be attending Poppy, we extend a warm invitation to join their PAC and to continue the support that you have always given to Wix-Brown.*

*It is my pleasure to announce that Ms. Akiko Chijiwa will be joining the teaching staff and sharing a class with Mr. Dave Peck, Principal of 2009.*

*Whatever course everyone's future takes, it is my sincere hope that we will all look back on this year as having prepared us for next year and having provided us with fond memories of this year.*

*Regards, Mrs. K. Ulmer*

## School Activities

### **Last Day on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Dismissal at 12:00 noon (no student lunch needed)**

Our year-end assembly will begin right after recess. Parents are invited to attend. Please note that we are unable to distribute report cards prior to 11am on Thursday. Buses will be here shortly after 12:00 noon to do the regular afternoon run. If students are unable to receive their report cards on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open from June 29<sup>th</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Student Placements 2009/2010**

Every year principals are asked if they will accept letters from parents regarding specific requests for their children. While it is extremely important for parents to take an active role in their children's education, and it is equally important for parents to expect the very best of their school, it is more difficult, if not impossible, for all requests for be fulfilled. We always welcome parent input but we cannot accept specific requests for teachers and/or classes. We will soon be creating tentative classes for next year and that will be based on input from teachers, support staff and the administration. When we organize classes, we take the needs of all students into account and decisions are based on a number of criteria such as learning style, class composition and level of independence. We area always prepared to discuss issues and we will continue to do our best to provide a quality education for the students at Wix-Brown.

## Students Not Returning

It is critical that we have as accurate a student enrollment count as possible for September. The closer we are to the actual number, the better chance we have of not having to reorganize the class lists during that first week. To that end, if you know you will NOT BE RETURNING to Wix-Brown next year, please let us know as soon as possible. Also, if you are aware of anyone new moving into our area, please encourage them to register for September right away. Thanks for your help with this.

## First Week in September

On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:

9:00 New students meet in the gym and will be taken to grade specific classes from there.

Grade 7 students to Mrs. Anderson's classroom

Grade 6 students to Mr. Kimoto's classroom

Grade 5 students to Mrs. Larose's classroom (used to be Mrs. Naylor's/Mrs. Ulmer's classroom)

Grade 4 students to Mr. Peck's/ Ms. **Chijiwa's** classroom (used to be Mrs. LaRose's classroom)

Grade 3 students to Mrs. Steeves' classroom

Grade 2 students to Mrs. Bryce's classroom

Grade 1 students to Ms. Taylor's classroom

Kindergarten students - parent meeting in the Kindergarten classroom

**Teachers take attendance, notices handed out and do a very short activity**

10:00 Students called down to the gym for a short assembly

10:30 Dismissal

4:00 to 6:00 Community BBQ

## **REMINDER OF Kindergarten Schedule 2009/2010:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>	<b>9:00 -3:00</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>	<b>1:00-3:00</b>

The schedule for the rest of September is included in this newsletter.

## Supply Lists

Coming home with report cards is the Intermediate Student Supply Lists, and we have listed a copy below. The primary teachers will be ordering supplies for the children and will be collecting money for the supply kits once classes are in session in September.

## Important Notice About Transportation Services

Faced with an increasing gap between the funding it receives from the Ministry of Education for busing, and the cost of providing the service, Langley School District has decided to implement ridership fees to recover some of its unfunded transportation costs. Families that use transportation services to get their children to and from school have received a letter from the District's Transportation Department about the implementation of these fees. There is more information about this decision on [www.sd35.bc.ca](http://www.sd35.bc.ca) (then click on the item under the Quick Links menu.)

Parents wishing to register their children for transportation services should submit forms immediately so that appropriate planning can take place. Forms can be downloaded from [www.sd35.bc.ca/district/maintenance](http://www.sd35.bc.ca/district/maintenance) and are available at the school office. Parents who have already registered should await detailed information that will be sent from the Transportation Department.

Payment of ridership fees can be made in two installments, with the first due October 15<sup>th</sup> and the second January 15<sup>th</sup>. Annual fees for drop off and pick up are \$200 for one child; \$350 for two children; \$450 for three or more children. Fees for one way trips (drop off or pick up) are \$125 for one child; \$200 for two children; \$250 for three or more children.

## PAC News

### Thank You Executive!

Thank you to the 2008/2009 PAC Executive and all of the parents who helped throughout the year. Your 2009/2010 PAC Executive is:

**President -**

**Janice Nikkel**

**Vice President -**

**vacant**

**Treasurer -**

**Barb Flower**

**Secretary -**

**Diana Annett**

**School Planning Council -**

**Annelise Polman, Tamra Brouwer, Ginette Keglowitsch**

**Hot Lunch Co-ordinator -**

**Christina Metz**

**DPAC Representative -**

**Annelise Polman**

**Volunteer Co-ordinator -**

**vacant**

**Fundraising Co-ordinator -**

**vacant**

**Other positions:**

**Emergency Preparedness -**

**Pat Gottwald**

**Healthy Snack Program -**

**Sarah Semple**

You don't have to hold a position to help out. All parents and guardians are always welcome at PAC meetings. Getting involved is an excellent way to support your children's success at school.

## SUPPLY LIST FOR SEPTEMBER, 2009/2010

**Please Note:** This is a generic list, and your child's teacher may add some specific items in the fall. If students run out of supplies throughout the year, these items will need to be repurchased.

### **INTERMEDIATE: (Grades 4-7)**

Intermediate students are required to have an Agenda. They are available from the classroom teacher for \$6 each.

### **GRADES FOUR:**

24	Pencils (keep 12 at home for now)	4	White Erasers (to start)
6	Pens - blue, 2 red (erasable)	1	Pencil case or box
1	Ruler - cm markings	1	Package Pencils Crayons
2	Gluesticks (to start)	8	Keytabs
2	Packages Felt Pens	1	Highlighter
12	DuoTangs (assorted colors)	1	Pencil Sharpener (enclosed case)
2	Pkg. Lined Loose Leaf Paper	1	Box Crayons
1	Package Unlined Paper	1	Basic Calculator
1	Scissors	1	Protractor
3	1" Binders	1	Paint Set - 12 colours
8	Dividers	1	Box Kleenex
		2	Fine Tip Black Felt Pens

NO LIQUID OR TAPE WHITE OUT

\*Please label all items.

**Gym strip and gym bag - all items labeled with name (NO BLACK SOLED SHOES THAT MARK, PLEASE)**

### **GRADES FIVE:**

10	Pencils (to start)	2	Erasers
4	Pens (including 2 erasable)	1	Ruler - cm markings
2	Gluesticks (to start)	1	Package Pencils Crayons
1	Package Felt Pens (to start)	2 <sub>pkgs</sub>	Keytabs (to start)
12	DuoTangs (**assorted colors**)	1	Highlighter
3	Pkg. Lined Loose Leaf Paper	1	Pencil sharpener (enclosed case)
1	Package Unlined Paper	1	Box Kleenex (labeled with name)
1	Scissors	2	Red Pens
2	1" Binders	1	Pencil case or box
12	Dividers	2	Fine Tip Black Felt Pens
1	Basic calculator	1	Paperback Dictionary
1	Protractor	1	Thesaurus
1	Spiral bound Hilroy Notebook		

(200 pg. 1 subject for reading response.)

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## **GRADE SIX**

- 6 Pens - Blue or Black (including 2 erasable)
- 2 Red Pens
- 20 HB Pencils
- 1 Pencil Sharpener (enclosed case)
- 2 Erasers
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 **Metric** Intermediate Ruler
- 1 Pkg. 24 Pencil Crayons
- 3 Gluesticks
- 1 Felt Pens ( Pkg. 12)
- 2 Ultra Fine Tip Black Felts
- 2 Package Wide Lined Loose Leaf Paper
- 1 Pencil Case or Box
- 10 DuoTangs (Do not label in advance)
- 5 Keytabs
- 10 Dividers
- 1 Large Scissors (Labeled)
- 1 Paperback Dictionary (Collins, Webster)
- 1 Calculator
- 1 Protractor
- 3 2" Binders
- 1 Thesaurus

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## **GRADE SEVEN**

- 6 Pens - Blue or Black (including 2 erasable)
- 2 Red Pens
- 20 HB Pencils
- 1 Pencil Sharpener (enclosed case)
- 2 Erasers
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 **Metric** Intermediate Ruler
- 1 Pkg. 24 Pencil Crayons
- 3 Gluesticks
- 1 Felt Pens ( Pkg. 12)
- 2 Ultra Fine Tip Black Felts
- 2 Package Wide Lined Loose Leaf Paper
- 1 Pencil Case or Box
- 12 DuoTangs (Do not label in advance)
- 5 Keytabs
- 1 Large Scissors (Labeled)
- 1 Paperback Dictionary (Collins, Webster)
- 1 Calculator
- 1 Protractor
- 1 1-1/2" Binder
- 1 Thesaurus

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## **Community Announcements**

**Langley Ukulele Association is offering the perfect music opportunity for your child with a fun, one-week ukulele camp for Grades 3-6 students. For only \$20, your child will receive 15 hours of instruction from Sr A Ensemble members and Mr. Jamie Thomas. Snacks will be provided and on the final night they will put on a concert for the parents to showcase what they have learned throughout the week. Never played the ukulele before? No problem. Beginners and intermediate**

players are all welcome. Don't have your own ukulele? One can be provided for the week. The camp is August 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 12pm at Douglas Park Elementary School. For more information call 778 840 UKES or email [ukesinfo@telus.net](mailto:ukesinfo@telus.net)

Girls Field Lacrosse is a non-contact sport that teaches girls to work as a team and have fun! The free instructional clinic provides lunch and offers a selection of lacrosse prizes you could win! July 11th, 9:30 AM - 12 PM McLeod Turf Field, 216th Street & 56th Avenue, Langley  
Please RSVP to [langley\\_lightning@shaw.ca](mailto:langley_lightning@shaw.ca) or [girlslacrosse@shaw.ca](mailto:girlslacrosse@shaw.ca)

Tourism Langley and local businesses are inviting Langley residents to explore all there is to see and do in their own backyard. The "Look at Langley" program will run from July to October 2009. Langley residents will receive discounted rates from attractions to accommodation and be able to access the most up to date information on everything happening in Langley. To learn more visit [www.lookatlangley.com](http://www.lookatlangley.com).

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WIX-BROWN ELEMENTARY CALENDAR</b> <b>September 2009</b></p>
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<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>7</u> <b>LABOUR DAY</b> (no school for students)	<u>8</u> <b>FIRST DAY</b> □9:00-10:00 students in their classrooms 10:00-10:25 Assembly 10:30 Dismissal	<u>9</u> 9:00-10:30 10:30-10:45 Recess 10:45-12:00 Classes 12:00-12:40 Playtime 12:45-1:00 Reversed Lunch 1:00-3:00 Classes	<u>10</u> 9:15-Assembly- Steve Harmar Anit-Bullying 10:30-10:45 Recess 10:45-12:00 Classes 12:00-12:40 Playtime 12:45-1:00 Reversed Lunch 1:00-3:00 Classes	<u>11</u> □Primary Olympics in gym pm
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> □ <b>Meet The Parents / Teacher Evening</b> 7:00-8:00 p.m.	<u>25</u> □Terry Fox Run 11:30 (intermediates on 24 <sup>th</sup> to 236 <sup>th</sup> / Primaries on school grounds)
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>		

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