

BROOKLANDS SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

QUICK FACTS

- ❖ First day of school is Friday, September 6th
- ❖ Morning entry is at 8:55
- ❖ Dismissal is at 3:35
- ❖ Lunch is 11:55 – 12:55
Students are welcome to stay and eat at school, go to daycare, or go home for lunch
- ❖ Breakfast program begins on Friday, September 6th at 8:15am.
- ❖ School photos are on Thursday, September 12th
- ❖ Follow us on Instagram @brooklandselementary

NEW SCHOOL YEAR = NEW ADVENTURES!

It's time for a new school year to begin!

We hope that our school families have had a great summer, filled with exploring, excitement, family time, and memories.

At the school our teachers have already been in and setting up classrooms to receive students and families. We are excited to welcome back returning students and meet our new students.

A big thank you goes out to our custodial staff and divisional maintenance staff for working hard all summer to prepare the building to welcome students, staff, and families back! We've got new flooring in some places, a new fence on the east side of the playground, and our office is undergoing a renovation (this will be ongoing for the next few months, thank you for understanding and please excuse our mess!)

We cannot wait to see all of our students and hear about summer adventures! See you during the opening conferences soon!

OPENING WEEK TRIAD CONFERENCES

Wednesday, September 4: 1:00 – 7:00

Thursday, September 5: 9:00 – 11:30

Students and parents/guardians will have an opportunity to meet with their teachers, tour the school, and complete the back-to-school paperwork at these appointments.

The Conference Manager booking system will open at 8:00am on August 26th. Use the link: <https://brooklands.schoolsoft.com/> to book your conference. Please feel free to call the school office at 204-633-9630 if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY BBQ AND PARENT COUNCIL AGM

Thursday, September 19th from 4:00 – 5:30 (BBQ)
Parent Council Annual General Meeting to follow BBQ at 5:30

Join us for a community BBQ to meet other parents/families, connect with the Brooklands staff, and enjoy some delicious BBQ!



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Following the community BBQ, parents will be invited into the school for the Parent Council Annual General Meeting (babysitting will be provided). This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas for Brooklands School! Having a parent council also gives us the ability to fundraise throughout the year to provide more experiences for all Brooklands students. We hope to see you there!

TEACHING STAFF CHANGES

We welcome Ms. Williams in grade 3/4, Ms. Howes in Kindergarten, and Mrs. Marsh Hamm our new Reading Recovery teacher! Ms. Williams is covering Mrs. Wiebe's maternity leave and is excited to be a part of the Brooklands team! Ms. Howes is a well-known face around Brooklands, having student taught here in 2022-2023, had a short term here immediately following her student teaching, and was a regular sub during 2023-2024. We are so happy that she is able to join our team in Kindergarten! Mrs. Marsh Hamm is an experienced teacher who is new to St. James-Assiniboia. She has visited Brooklands and could not be happier to join our team in the Reading Recovery role!

As shared in June of 2024, Mr. Sullivan is on leave for the 2024-2025 school year and Mrs. Wiebe is spending the year at home with her new baby girl. We wish them joy and happiness!

SCHOOL FEES COVERED!

Please be aware that there is a \$50 fee per student for the school year. **However, once again the school fees for each student will be covered with a grant and school supplies will be provided for all students!**

Please ensure your child has the following items for school:

1. Indoor runners
2. A refillable water bottle (labeled with your child's name)
3. Appropriate outdoor clothes for the weather. We are outside for recess rain or shine!
4. Optional - Grade 4/5 students can bring a change of clothes for gym class.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our breakfast program, run by our incredible Community Connector, Elsa Garcia, will begin on Friday, September 6th at 8:15am. All students are welcome in the breakfast program. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 – 8:40 every morning.

Supervision is only available for those students eating breakfast, beginning at 8:15am. Please do not send your children to school before 8:15 as there is no one here to supervise at that time. Additionally, please do not send your children to school before 8:40 if they do not wish to eat breakfast. We do not have a before school daycare program. Our supervision is limited to those eating breakfast.

ENTRY / DISMISSAL / ATTENDANCE

The school day begins at 8:55am. Dismissal is 3:35.
Lunch is 11:55 – 12:55.

If you know your child is going to be away from school, please report this in the School Messenger app, on the School Messenger website: <http://go.schoolmessenger.ca>, or call 1-844-434-8116. If your child's absence is not reported, the automated notification system will attempt to contact you. You are also able to contact the school at 204-633-9630 to notify us that your child will be absent or late.

If your child arrives late to school, please have them enter the front doors of the school and check in at the office.

At dismissal time, families are asked to meet their child at their designated entry and dismissal areas (please check with your child's teacher for their doors and routines). Please refrain from picking up and dropping off your child in the staff parking lot due to safety concerns. Also, please reduce vehicle traffic in front of the school. If you drive to pick up your child, park your vehicle and walk to the doors to meet your child at dismissal time. Thank you.

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