

Brock Elementary School

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January 31, 2018

Dear Brock Community,

Welcome Back! January has come and gone so quickly! The students returned to school from Winter Break well-rested and ready for Term 2. During the month of January, students have been engaged in a variety of programs and activities, such as secondary school visits for our grade 7s, cooking classes, VPD rugby sessions, swimming lessons and visitors from Chile.

We are pleased to welcome returning and new members to Brock this term. Ms. Johal and Ms. Froebe have returned and Ms. Paxton-Judge is a new teacher to Brock. Ms. Paxton-Judge is Ms. Froebe's job-share partner, teaching Mondays and Tuesdays. Ms. Froebe will be working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

January is basketball season and we are pleased to be sponsoring two teams, Senior Girls and Junior Co-Ed. The teams, sponsored by Ms. Mountali, Ms. Liu and Ms. Boudreau, are being coached by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Dunkerley and Ms. Dunkerley. Both teams are having great fun and enjoying both practices and games while demonstrating growth in skill development and teamwork. Thank you to our staff sponsors and coaches!

Regards,

Nancy Paget

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, January 31 st	Parent Information Night, Tupper Auditorium, 7:00 pm
Friday, February 2 nd	JO Band Performance, 11:00 am, Gym
	PAC Gala Night, Heritage Hall, 8:00 pm
Monday, February 3 rd	BC Lions Performance, Gym, 11:00 am
Wednesday, February 7 th	PAC Parent Presentation, Jesse Miller, Library, 6:30 pm
Thursday, February 8 th	<i>Are You Moving?</i> forms due
Monday, February 12 th	Family Day, no school for students
Thursday, February 15 th	PAC Meeting, Library, 6:30 pm
Monday, February 19 th	Pro-D Day, no school for students
Wednesday, February 28 th	Pink Day. Remember to wear pink to school!

Are You Moving?

Planning for the 2018-2019 school year is underway and we would like to hear from you regarding your plans for your child next year. A critical part of the planning process is knowing the number of students who will be attending General Brock Elementary School in September 2018. As always, the student population determines the staffing entitlement and organization of our school, so it is important that we have clear information regarding which students will be returning to Brock Elementary this September.



On Tuesday, January 30th, your child should have brought home the ***Are You Moving?*** form. In order to help the school planning process, please complete the bottom portion of the form and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible and before **Thursday, February 8th, 2018.**

Safe Arrival

To Report Your Child's Absence: Please call **604-713-5159** and use the Brock School Code **14**, prior to 9:00 am on the first day of the absence. If your child will be absent for an extended length of time, please let your child's teacher know and notify the school office.

Student Sign-out/Sign-In Procedures: Please ensure that you sign out your child at the school office if you pick him or her up during the regular school hours of 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. If your child is returning to school from an appointment, please ensure you sign them in prior to them returning to class. Thank you!

Help Your Child Be On Time Late Arrival Procedures



With a new term underway, please help your child develop time management skills so they can be on time for class. Chronic lateness is problematic in some classes with a number of students arriving late each day throughout the week. Due to lateness, students disrupt the learning environment, miss important information and have missed field trips. The beginning of the day sets the tone and learning environment in the classroom and is a time when schedule changes are discussed with students.

Please support your child in helping them arrive on time for school. The following strategies may be helpful in ensuring your child is on time for school: pack lunch the night before, pack the backpack and leave it by the door, determine when your child needs to get up and out of the house in order to be on time for school.

Students who arrive late for class are to report to the office to sign in and pick up a late slip. The student brings the late slip to their teacher who then knows the child has signed in at the office.

Warning Bell rings at 8:55 am ~ students should be at school and ready to enter the building
Instruction Time begins at 9:00 am ~ students should be in their classroom ready to learn

Registration for 2018 - 2019



Applications for Kindergarten will continue to be accepted at neighbourhood schools. In-catchment students who applied by January 31st, 2018, will be accommodated before late applicants. Please click on the link for further information <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

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Cross-Boundary Application Process

Applications for cross-boundary students are accepted from February 1st – 28th, 2018. No late applications will be accepted. Eligibility to enroll is dependent upon the availability of space and facilities at the requested school.

District students wishing to submit a cross-boundary application must first be registered at their catchment school. Please see the following link for information regarding the registration policy and the VSB policy document on student admission and school choice regulations.

<http://www.vsb.bc.ca/school-registration>

Social Emotional Learning

Social Emotional Learning is about self-awareness, self-management, social skills, relationship skills and responsible decision-making. Ms. Dhimi, teacher in the district Social Emotional Learning Class (SELC), provides valuable information on ways parents can support their child at home with social emotional learning.

Please visit the Brock Elementary School website for information on social emotional learning. Thank you Ms. Dhimi!

<http://go.vsb.bc.ca/schools/brock/Pages/default.aspx>



Lost and Found

It is only the beginning of the term and we have already started to collect many items in our Lost and Found. Please label your child's belongings with their first name and/or initials and check our Lost and Found if your child is missing items. The Lost and Found is located in the main hallway of the C building.



Safety and Supervision of Students

Morning supervision is from 8:45- 9:00 am. Afternoon supervision is from 3:00 -3:15 pm.

Please do not drop your child off earlier than 8:45 am, unless they are participating in a

school-sponsored activity. There is no one available to supervise until 8:45 am. Children must not arrive to school unsupervised prior to 8:45 am.

Please pick your child up promptly at 3:00 pm and ensure you are supervising your child when they are in your care. While under parent/guardian supervision, some of our students are climbing the trees, climbing up onto the fence by the primary playground, and playing in the garden areas and on the hillside by the staff parking lot. Students are not to be climbing trees or fences or to be playing in the shrubs/garden areas or on the hillside by the parking lot.

As a reminder, please do not drive into the school parking lot. If you are driving to school, please park a block or two away and walk with your child to school. In order to keep everyone safe, please use the sidewalks to enter the school grounds and do not walk through the parking lot.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe and for your consideration.

Parent Advisory Council ~ East Van Soiree

Our Brock PAC in collaboration with the Livingstone PAC have worked incredibly hard on the upcoming East Van Soiree being held at Heritage Hall on Friday, February 2nd. Part of the proceeds raised from this event will go to support Brock Elementary School.

We hope many of our parents are able to attend the Soiree this Friday night. There will be a fabulous silent auction and parents will have the opportunity to bid on ceramic platters done by students in each of our divisions.



Thank you to our amazing parent community for your dedication, hard work and gift of time!

Donations and Tax Receipts

If you made a donation to Brock Elementary School and/or Brock PAC's Playground Fundraiser, your official income tax receipt for your Fall 2017 donation is available and ready for pick up at the school office between 8:30 am to 3:15 pm.

Thank you for your donation. Your kindness, generosity and support for the students at General Brock Elementary is appreciated.

