

Brock Elementary School

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June 4, 2018

Dear Brock Community,

It is hard to believe that we have just under four weeks left of school! The end of the year gives us a chance to celebrate the year's accomplishments. May and June are typically busy months at school. As we come to the end of the 2017-2018 school year, rich learning continues both indoors and outdoors.

In May, we hosted our Welcome to Kindergarten event. This event provided us with the opportunity to meet next year's incoming students and share with families why Brock is such a wonderful place to come to learn and grow.

There is much to look forward to, including our annual Sports Day on Friday, June 8th and the Grade 7 Farewell on June 21st. The teacher planning committee has been busy putting together a memorable event for the students. In addition, many of our classes have year-end field trips and activities planned. Please check with your child to ensure you have received important information regarding upcoming activities.

This newsletter is filled with information about events and programs, as well as criteria for class placement for next school year. The 2018-2019 school calendar was sent home in May and is posted on the Brock school website.

Regards,

Nancy Paget

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, June 6 th	Recorder Festival, Div. 3 & 4, Tecumseh Elementary, 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 7 th	Track and Field, Eric Hamber Secondary, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, June 8 th	Sports Day, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Students in session 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monday, June 11 th	Francophone Cultural Fair, Division 10, Library, 1:15 – 2:45 pm
Tuesday, June 12 th	Francophone Cultural Fair, Division 10, Library, 1:15 – 2:45 pm
Wednesday, June 13 th	Spirit Day, PJ and Stuffie
Thursday, June 14 th	PAC Family Picnic, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Friday, June 15 th	Demise of the Dahlia Play, Division 10, Gym, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Tuesday, June 19 th	Staff Appreciation Lunch, 12:10 – 1:00 pm
Wednesday, June 20 th	Brock Music Night, Gym, 5:15 – 6:00 pm
	PAC Meeting, Library, 6:30 – 7:45 pm
Friday, June 22 nd	Grade 7 Farewell, Gym, 9:30 am
Tuesday, June 26 th	Talent Show, Gym, 1:00 – 2:30
Wednesday, June 27 th	Talent Show, Gym, 1:00 – 2:30
Thursday, June 28 th	Last Full Day of School for Students. Report Cards sent home.
Friday, June 29 th	Administration Day. No school for students.

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Sports Day



Our annual Sports Day is on Friday, June 8th. Please note, activities will be from 9:10 am – 12:00 pm. Students will return to their classrooms for the afternoon and will be dismissed at 3:00 pm.

The PAC will be organizing treats for snack time. Please ensure your child has a substantial lunch on Sports Day as students will have an earlier recess break and be engaged in a variety of activities throughout the morning. Students should also remember to bring their water bottle, wear a hat and have sunscreen on. Please label your child's items. Thank you to the Brock PAC for their contribution of a snack on this special day!

Parents and guardians are welcome to come to Sports Day to enjoy the fun-filled morning. We plan to begin warm-up activities at 9:10 am, in the gym, with stations beginning shortly thereafter.

2018 – 2019 Parent Requests for Class Placement

Should parents wish to provide input into the class casting process, please make your request to npaget@vsb.bc.ca, stating the educational reasons for your preference, by **Friday, June 8th**. Request should indicate educational reasons for a particular class placement, **not a particular teacher**. All requests will be considered. There are no guarantees.

2018 Notice of Late Return Form

A **Notice of Late Return Form** is to be completed for any student expecting to return to school **LATER THAN** noon on **Tuesday, September 4th, 2018** but prior to **Friday, September 28th, 2018**.

Please note: If the school is unable to verify your child's attendance at school **by noon on Wednesday, September 5th, 2018**, your child's space will be given to another student on the school's waitlist. A copy of the form is posted on the Brock school website.

Track and Field

Track and Field has been going well for our team. Students have been committed to attending practice and know where the best place to be is on Tuesdays after school and Thursdays mornings! It's impressive to see the students' enthusiasm and energy.

The District Track Meet is on Thursday, June 7th with Mr. Doucet and Ms. Almeda attending along with some parent volunteers. We wish our students well at the meet and encourage them to have lots of fun!

Thank you to our parent volunteers for assisting with practices and driving to the meet. A special thank you to Mr. Doucet and Ms. Almeda for coaching our students.

VSB Dog Policy

Please take some time to review the VSB's Dog Code, posted on the bright green signs along the fences. Dogs are only allowed on School Board property under the conditions noted on the signs.

Our school grounds and buildings are very active places with many children playing and moving about. Some children are afraid of dogs and/or allergic to them. School age children may put themselves at risk without thinking and get hurt by a dog. Unfortunately, dog feces have been left on our playgrounds, which is a concern for our students safety and hygiene when they engage in healthy outdoor play and as you can imagine it creates unpleasant odours. Allergic reactions, unhygienic situations arising from pet feces, and the possibility of unpredictable aggression contribute to the School District's decision to prohibit dogs in/on school properties during the school day.



Thank you for your cooperation and for making our school grounds and playfields safe for all our students.

PAC Family Picnic

The Brock PAC presents their first annual **Year End Picnic** on **Thursday, June 14th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm!** Bring your family and set up a blanket on the grass field for a Picnic Dinner, Grade 7 Bake Sale, Dance Party and join in to play an instrument with Organic Music <http://www.organicmusic.ca>

Please **RSVP** at <http://evite.me/5SfrHuw47H>

There are two dinner options:

1. Buy your dinner from The Reef Food Truck. See menu. In addition, there will be a special children's menu - \$5.00 for hot dogs and \$4.00 for French fries.
2. Bring your own picnic

After dinner, enjoy buying some baking from our Bake Sale. Proceeds from the sale go to support the Grade 7 Farewell.

The PAC is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help with cleanup and two parents to support the Grade 7 students should they have questions while running the bake sale. Please email Joanna at joannavcook@gmail.com if you can help.

Please note: All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult.



Student Engagement and Learning

Poetry: Ms. Payson's, Division 3 class worked on Poetry Presentations. The students created a range of poems that were on display for two weeks in the C building. Small group tours for other classrooms (Ms. Bishop, Ms. Almeda, and Ms. Marshall) were held. As a class, Division 3, completed Found-Word poetry by going on a walk to Riley Park and generating a class vocabulary list. Poems were created in groups, pairs and/or on individually. Poems included 'Without You' poems, alliteration and simile poems, strict rule poems like Haikus and Limericks, biography poems with internal repetition, and visual alphabet poems.



