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## Monthly Communication from General Brock Elementary School

We would like to acknowledge that we live, work, and play on the traditional lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh Coast Salish people.

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, April 7—Fire Drill—weather permitting
- Wednesday, April 12—Spring Concert @ 6:30 p.m.—more information to Monday, April 3
- Friday, April 14—Good Friday—No School
- Monday, April 17—Easter Monday—No School
- Tuesday, April 18—Wednesday, April 26—Badminton Clinics K-Gr. 7
- Please note Jump Rope For Heart (JRFH) Assembly and Activity postponed due to JRFH not being available for the kick off assembly.



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### BLT Spirit Days

The Brock Leadership Team (BLT) have planned a number of spirit days for the spring.

#### Tuesday, April 4—Time Travel Day

Your child can come to school dressed in clothing from an era of his or her choice.



#### Tuesday, May 2—PJ and Stuffy Day

#### Tuesday, June 6—Twin Day

If you have any questions about these days, feel free to ask your child's teacher for more information.

### PAC News



First, a huge thank you goes out to everyone involved in the PAC Fundraising Gala! The event was a great success and the total raised was \$12,949.

Well done! The next PAC meeting is on Thursday, April 6 at 6:45 p.m. in the Brock library. All parents are welcome and childcare is provided.

## Ready, Set, Learn



As a reminder, Brock school is once again working in partnership with Little Mountain Neighbourhood House to present the Ready, Set, Learn program to families of 3-5 year old children. This year the sessions

will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18, and 25. If you know of families with children ages 3-5 years old, please share this information with them and invite them to our events. Thank you.

## On-line Safety Tips

Websites are great places for gaining current information and learning about the world. Be sure your child is not visiting websites that contain sexual content, violence, or that promote hatred. Create family rules about Internet use and make sure you know what kind of information your kids are looking at.

These days, kids are able to exercise their creativity by making beautiful web pages about themselves and their interests. To keep your child safe from online predators, ensure that they are not posting personal information that can lead strangers to contacting them. Talk to your kids about what they are posting.

Email is an amazing tool for communicating with friends and family and for exchanging information for school projects.

To keep your child safe from strangers and Internet viruses, make sure they do not respond to or open emails from people they do not know.

Just like the phone, Instant Messaging (or MSN) is very popular for communicating with friends and discussing homework and school projects. Just as you would make sure you knew who your child was going out with; make sure you know who your child is talking to on the Internet by reviewing their buddy list with them.

The Internet is a wealth of information and allows kids to express their creativity, learn, and communicate with friends and family. It is also a place where kids can say or post hurtful messages to other kids at school. Monitor and talk to your children about proper Internet use.

Painful rumours, humiliating photos, stinging gossip and other putdowns are causing a lot of emotional stress for teens – especially because so many of them are visiting and posting things on sites such as MySpace.com.

### What can kids and their parents do?

- Children should always tell their parents if they are being bullied or have been upset
- Save all examples of bullying by saving or printing email or MSN histories
- If an email or message is particularly disturbing or breaks the law, call the police.

General Brock's Code of Conduct applies to behaviour at school, during school-organized or sponsored events and behaviour beyond these times (including on-line behaviour) that negatively impacts the safe, caring, or orderly environment of the school and/or student learning. If you or your child need support in addressing cyber-bullying that has occurred outside of school time, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher, the school counsellor, and/or the principal, Ms. Hughes.



## Cell Phones and Other Electronics



As a reminder....

Please be advised that we do not recommend electronics be brought to school. Staff ask

that students do not use these items during school hours and, if they are left in backpacks, they may go missing. If you require that your son or daughter bring a cell phone to school, please remind him/her to keep it in his/her pocket and not to use it during class time. Also, please remind your child that taking photos and/or video of

students and/or staff, during school time is not permitted. Some families do request that photos/videos of their children are not taken and we need to respect everyone's privacy. Please check with your child's teacher on his or her individual classroom rules regarding "Bring Your Own Device" to school for educational purposes. Thank you.