

Brock Elementary School

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Important information, please translate

September 6th, 2017

Dear General Brock Community,

WELCOME BACK!

As I am sure you are all aware, Ms. Hughes has moved to Trudeau Elementary and I have been appointed as Principal at General Brock Elementary. I had the opportunity to meet some parents at the June PAC meeting and I expect that I will get to meet many of you at our Meet the Staff Night in September. I look forward to working with students, parents and staff this coming school year.

We hope you and your children had a fun-filled summer and are eager and ready to start the new school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new students and their families – we are happy to have you join our Brock community.

We welcome back Ms. Payson from her recent leave of absence. We are also pleased to welcome Ms. Almeda and Ms. Marshall, Teachers, and Ms. Antalova, Student Support Worker. Ms. Dhimi, Ms. Wells, Ms. Milden are teachers joining our district programs along with Ms. Go, Student Support Worker.

Temporary classes were organized in June and in the coming week we will have a better sense of enrolment at the school. Throughout the district, other schools are also determining enrolment and the district may determine if it is necessary for us to reorganize before Friday. Students will be moved to their new classes when we have confirmed numbers and consulted at the district level.

Beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, September 6th we will be operating on our regular schedule from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The warning bell rings at 8:55 am daily and classes begin at 9:00 am. Recess is from 10:30 – 10:50 am and lunchtime is from 12:10 – 12:57 pm. Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack and lunch.

September is a time when schools require a substantial amount of paperwork from families. Please watch for a package of forms that will be sent home with each student. It is most important that you review these forms very carefully and ensure that information is correct and up to date. In particular, please ensure that you have supplied the required contact numbers so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency.

Newsletters will be emailed to parents and posted on our school website each month. Please ensure that you have supplied the school with your **email address**. If you are not receiving newsletter and information please contact the school and we will check to see that your information is up to date. You may also wish to check your spam folder in case messages have inadvertently been sent there. Emails will usually arrive from Nancy Paget npaget@vsb.bc.ca and the message will include Brock in the subject line. As well, please refer to our school website at <http://brock.vsb.bc.ca>.

A new school year brings excitement, anticipation, and often a little anxiety for children - and parents! You can help by being encouraging and helping your child to approach new opportunities positively. With support from parents and school staff, children typically adjust very quickly.

On behalf of the Brock staff, welcome to the 2017- 2018 school year! We look forward to seeing many of you at our **Welcome Back/Meet the Staff Event on Thursday, September 14th from 5:00 – 7:30 pm**. In addition, please feel free to stop by the office and introduce yourself. Once again, I would like to say how I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the coming weeks and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached through the school office 604-713-5245 or via e-mail at npaget@vsb.bc.ca.

Regards,

Nancy Paget
Principal

Brock's Code of Conduct

At Brock, we respect the rights and safety of: Self, Others and the Environment

Brock's **Code of Conduct** aims for all individuals to show respect for and consideration of others while creating and maintaining a safe, kind and inclusive school community. A copy of our Code of Conduct is being sent home with your child this week. Please review it with your child. All teachers will be reviewing the same Code in classes this week and throughout the year. The Code of Conduct is posted on the Brock website and in the school.

Safe Arrival and Attendance Procedures

Reporting Student Absences

Student safety is of paramount importance at the Vancouver School District. Ensuring student safety is a shared responsibility. In order to assist schools, we ask parents to notify schools of student absences. If your child will be absent from school, please phone the school to report this absence as early as possible. Parents should leave a message on a dedicated answering service by calling 604-713-5159. Messages will be received before the office is open. School offices are busy places: consistently notifying the school in advance of your child's absence will significantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Safe Arrival Morning Routine.

To Report Your Child's Absence – Please call **604-713-5159**, prior to **9 am**, on the first day of the absence.

Student Sign Out Procedure

When you pick up your child during the school day, please ensure that you sign them out at the school office. If you do not sign out your child, they will be unaccounted for, and the school will identify your child as a 'missing' student and will commence a search of school grounds. If the school staff do not locate the child, and are unable to reach a parent promptly, the school will call the Vancouver Police Department. Therefore, clear communication is essential for ensuring the safety of your child and to prevent unnecessary searches.

Thank you for helping us keep your children safe!

Traffic Safety Reminders



Be sure to review traffic safety guidelines with your child this week. We recommend parking a couple of blocks away from the school and walking for fresh air and to avoid traffic congestion near our school. If you are driving, please drop students off quickly and safely, at the drop off and pick up zones, and have your child exit the car on the curb side of the street. Please remember that the staff parking lot is for VSB staff and is not to be used to drop off and pick up students.

Please help keep our students safe. Thank you!

Important Dates to Remember

September

Wednesday, September 6th

Wednesday, September 13th

Thursday, September 14th

Friday, September 22nd

Thursday, September 28th

Friday, September 30th

First full day of school, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Kindergarten students start full day attendance

Welcome Back/Meet the Staff Event, 5:00 -7:00 pm

Pro- D Day. No school for students.

PAC Meeting, 6:45 pm, library

September newsletter – emailed and posted to website

October

Friday, October 6th

Monday, October 9th

Tuesday, October 17th

Friday, October 20th

Student Photos

Thanksgiving. School Closed.

Immunization, Grade 6

Pro-D Day. No school for students.