

June 2025

# General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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*With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.*

Dear Brock Community,

It was great to see so many of our families who were able to attend our Sports Day on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The weather appeared challenging, but it didn't seem to dampen spirits much. The cheers from the Pink Pop Tarts, the Blue Bananas Bandits and the Deadly Grimace Shakes were exceptional! Thank you to the PAC for supporting our **Sports Day** with pizza, snacks and coffee. I want to thank Mr. Orange for his outstanding planning and leadership. And a final thank you to the Grade 7 parents who organized and ran the concession stand to support our Grade 7 year end festivities.

## 2025/2026 School Calendar

We have already emailed our School Calendar for 2025/2026, but we have once again attached it for your convenience. You can also find our 2025/2026 Bell Schedule and School fees on our school website under the Families tab.

## Staffing and Draft Class Organization

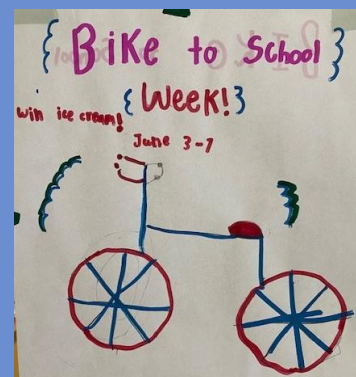
The staff have now created a draft organization for our 2025/2026 school year. We never know our final organization until September, so to avoid any tears we keep this organization confidential until we actually move into next years classes. We did our best to create balanced classes, while considering Ministry compliance, academic levels, ELL learners, social emotional needs, friendships, and conflicts. Thank you to all who completed the input forms by the deadline a few weeks ago.

## Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony

This will be held in the gym on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. More detailed information will be sent out via email to Grade 7 families.



PAC Picnic  
Thurs, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
@ 4:30 pm  
On the front field



Thank you to all participating  
in our June 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>  
Bike to School Week!



## Notice of Late Return

On May 29<sup>th</sup> we emailed our Notice of Late Return form to all families. You can disregard this form unless you intend to return to Brock for September 2025 but will **NOT** be returning in the first week of school (September 2 – 5<sup>th</sup>). This form will allow you to hold your spot at Brock; however, you must return sometime before the end of September.

## Year End Happenings

The end of any school year is a busy time. Students are trying their best to meet final deadlines and study for tests and teachers are doing their year-end assessments, writing reports and planning final fieldtrips. We will also be creating a final slideshow for our year end assembly. If you happen to have any great photos you would like to share, please forward them to [brock@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:brock@vsb.bc.ca).

The end of June is a great time to reflect on the year and set goals to improve for next year. Thank you for helping your children remember to return library books, clear out their cubbies and take home all their projects and belongings at the end of the year. We will have tables in the undercover area with Lost and Found in the last week of school. Every year we donate lots of great clothing and lunch containers, so please take a moment to check it out. You will find all the important dates below.

Warm regards for a fantastic and safe summer!  
Hope Sterling, Principal

### **June Dates to Remember**

Thursday, June 5 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Year End Play Palace Party
Thursday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Final due date for all books
Thursday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	PAC Picnic starts at 4:30 pm
Tuesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony at 1:00 pm
Thursday, June 26	Last Day for Students 2:58 pm dismissal
Tuesday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School reopens for the 2025/2026 year! (New Kindergarteners follow their schedule.)

**Now, let's take a walk down the halls of Brock...**

## Division 1

# Rosemary Brown

Have you ever heard what  
Rosemary Brown does for us?  
Well, if you don't know you  
should read this story!

(Date of birth & family  
information) Rosemary Brown was  
born on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1930, at  
Kingstown Jamaica. Rosemary  
Brown's parent's name is Ralph  
Wedburn her dad, and Edith  
James her mother. She was  
second child of this family. And in  
1951 she moved to Canada.

(Lifetime accomplishment)  
Rosemary Brown graduated Mc  
gill university. And she also  
worked as a counsellor at Simon  
Fraser university. Rosemary  
Brown was also  
involved with two social groups.  
And Rosemary Brown became first  
black woman  
To be in legislative Assembly of  
British Columbia.

(Major events in life) Rosemary  
Brown got a lot of awards. I will  
tell you what kind of awards she  
got. Rosemary Brown got national  
Black Courage Award in 1972.  
Right Fellow shipout on 1973.  
She was also in the leadership of  
the federal new democratic party  
in 1975 but sadly she was not able  
to win. Let's keep talking about  
the awards she also got YWCA  
woman of distinction award in  
1988 Order of British Columbia  
in 1991 Order of Canada in 1996.  
Governor of Jamaica  
commander of the order of  
Ritortion in 2001.



Mirjam Nilsson

(Lasting Impact on Society)

Rosemary Brown was also a politician. And Rosemary Brown became first black woman to be in leadership of a federal political party. And on 2003 April 20<sup>th</sup> sadly she passed away in British Columbia. She made a lot of history for Canadians.

Source 1 Credit <https://en.wikipedia.org>

2. Twitter - @edacomm  
Canadian Encyclopedia  
3. Canada.ca

4. The  
wikipedia

Monday March 3rd,  
2025

# Sha'Carri Richardson

Black History Month  
2025

## Date and place of birth

Sha'Carri Richardson was born on March 25<sup>th</sup> in Dallas, Texas. Sha'Carri found her love for running at the age of 9 and became a successful sprinter.

## Family information and history

When Sha'Carri was growing up, she didn't have the best relationship with her biological parents. Instead, she was raised by her grandmother, Betty Hays and her aunt, Shayaria Richardson. Then, in 2021, a week before her qualifying race for the 2024 Summer Olympics, her mother died. She didn't know until she was asked about it by a reporter.



Photo-caption: Sha'Carri Richardson was shown in women's 100m | FOX & DallasFortWorth.

## Lifetime accomplishments and participation in races

Sha'Carri ran the 100m race and won gold when she was at the World Athletic Championships in Budapest, Hungary and got the fastest time (10.65 seconds) which crowned her "the fastest woman in the world." In the World Athletic Championships, she also won the 4x100m race (Relay race) with her USA team, Tiaha Davis, Twanisha Terry and Gabrielle Thomas. They won gold, finishing the race in the time of 41.00 seconds. Then, in the Summer Olympics in Paris, her and her USA team won the 4x100m race again and finished in the time of 41.78 seconds. Surprisingly, Sha'Carri didn't compete in the 200m race at the 2024 Paris Olympics because she didn't qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials in June 2024. She finished 4th in the 200m final, missing the top three spots required for Olympic selection. Sha'Carri usually participates in the 100m race, 200m race and the 4x100m race (Relay race).



Photo-caption: 2023 World Athletics Championships Day 3

## Major events in life

Sha'Carri has been to the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, 2023 World Championships and 2024 Paris Olympics. But, another major event she has been to is the T.V. show on Netflix, called Sprint. Some other famous sprinters on Sprint are Noah Lyles on team USA, Fred Kerley also on team USA, Shericka Jackson on team Jamaica, Shelly-Ann Fraser-Priest also on team Jamaica, Haine Thompson also on Jamaica, Zharnel Hughes on team England and Lamont Marcel Jacobs on team Italy. The T.V show Sprint, is about elite sprinters that navigate training, media scrutiny and Olympic competition in this sports series, following their race to become the world's fastest humans. Picture Caption: To make your document look professionally produced, Word provides header, footer, cover page, and text box designs that complement each other.

## Lasting impact on society

Sha'Carri is popular for more than being an athlete. She is also known for her cool fashion choices because every race, Sha'Carri always has a cool hairstyle or long nails with cool designs on them, she is also very confident to be herself and doesn't care what other people think, and for her mental health, she works with a therapist to talk about her feeling and emotions. Especially before and after races. She also practices positive thinking! All these things inspire fans to be their true selves.

## Sources:

- Britannica.com
- Wikipedia
- Google.com



Tuesday  
March 11  
2023

# Kamala Harris

Aldrea Baccant

Did you know that Kamala Harris almost won the 2024 election against Donald J. Trump

## Family and Birth

Kamala Devi Harris was born on October 20, 1964 in Oakland, California, to Shyamala Gopalan and Donald J. Harris. Her younger sister, Maya, was born in 1967, making Kamala 3 years older. Her mother, Shyamala Gopalan, was born in 1938 and died in 2009. And her dad, Donald J. Harris, was born in 1938.

## Lifetime Accomplishments

Kamala Harris's best accomplishment was winning the 2020 vice president election with Joe Biden.

Another accomplishment is winning against San Francisco's district attorney, Terence Hallin, also her former boss.

She also defeated Republican Steve Cooley, the Los Angeles district

## Life Events

attorney of California. Her win has made her the



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first woman and first non-white person to win office

Kamala has wrote four books between 2009 and 2017.

When Kamala Harris was in college, Black Law School Association (BLSA), she became president in her second year in law school.

Sources: Wikipedia, WorldBookOnline and Google.

March  
5th,  
2025

# Louis Armstrong

## BIOGRAPHY

### Date and place of birth

The latest updates

Louis Armstrong was born on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1901 in New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S. It is unclear why his mother, who was just fifteen when she gave birth to Louis, told the young Satchmo that he was born on the fourth of July.

### Family Information

Louis Armstrong's family includes father, William Armstrong, step-mother Gertrude, their children Willie, Henry, and Gertrude, his grandmother Josephine Armstrong, and a number of cousins. William Armstrong left his family when Louis Armstrong was an infant. For some reason, Louis Armstrong's family didn't get along.



### Lifetime accomplishments

Louis Armstrong recorded hit songs for five decades, wrote two autobiographies, more than ten magazine articles, hundreds of pages of the rhythmic language of swing and made the foundation of jazz and popular music.

### Major events in life

- 4/8/1901: Early Life and Musical Influences...
- 11/5/1918: Beginning of Career...
- 8/7/1922: Move to Chicago and First Recordings...
- 12/9/1924: Joining Fletcher Henderson's Orchestra...
- 12/8/1928: Solo Career and Famous Hits...
- 8/7/1930: Film and Television Appearances and some other major events...

### Lasting Impact On Society

The energetic, swinging rhythmic momentum of playing was a major influence soloist in every genre of American popular music.

### Date and place of death

Louis Armstrong's death was on July 6th, 1971 in New York City at the age of 70

By Tommy

Division 5





## Division 6





## Division 7



## Division 8



## Division 9





## Division 10



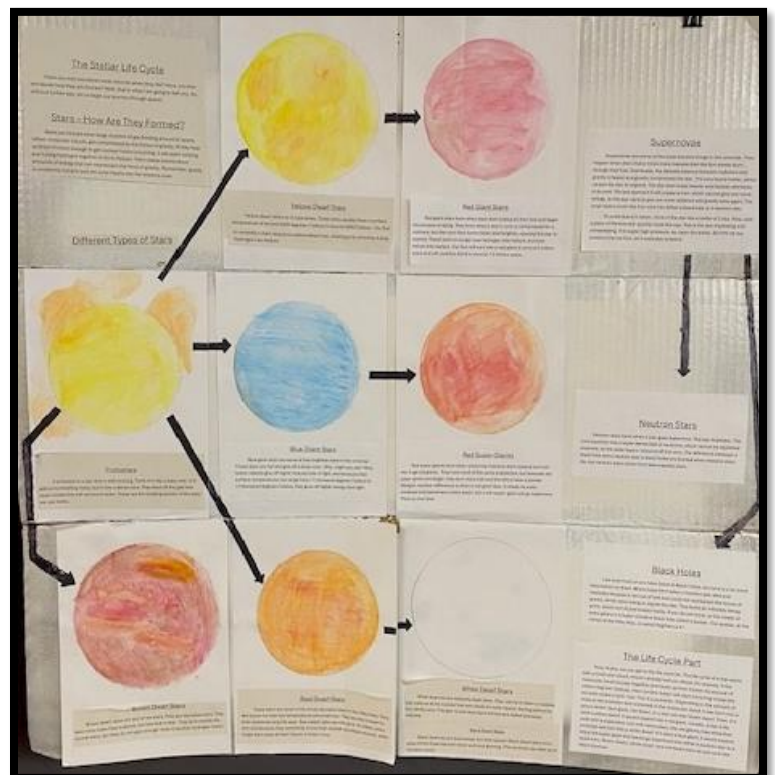


## Division 10





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## Sports Day





# Bike Week

