

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Principal: Hope Sterling

OAA: Tassy Beretanos

Director of Instruction: Shannon Burton

Trustee: Carmen Cho

PAC Chair: Sarah Dumont

Dear Brock Community:

Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year at General Brock Elementary!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for a rewarding school year. We moved into our new classrooms on Friday, and now staff are working hard to get the classroom routines in place and their programs running.

The 2022/2023 Brock Staff

Classroom Teachers:

- Div. 1 – Ms. Jekubik – Grade 6/7
- Div. 2 – Mr. Mitchell – Grade 4/5
- Div. 3 – Ms. Willoughby – Grade 3/4
- Div. 4 – Ms. Dionne – Grade 3
- Div. 5 – Mr. Butcher – Grade 2/3
- Div. 6 – Ms. Jang – Grade 2
- Div. 7 – Ms. King – Grade 1
- Div. 8 – Ms. Ansley – Grade 1
- Div. 9 – Ms. Jung - Kindergarten
- Div. 10 – Mme Pankratz – Grade 6 Intensive French
- Div. 11 – M. Orange – Grade 7 Intensive French
- Div. 12 – Mr. Cruz – Life Skills Program
- Div. 13 – Ms. Jackson - SELC

Resource Teachers: Ms. Vincent and Ms. C. Miller

Librarian: Ms. Doran; Music Teacher: Ms. Sarah Miller

Support Workers: Miss Mara, Ms. Maria, Mr. Emmet, Miss Kasia, Miss Machi, Ms. Eve and Ms. Linda

Supervision Aides: Ms. Clara and Ms. Kay

OAA: Ms. Tassy Beretanos

Head Engineer: Mike Lemaire

During our first week we focused on teaching/reminding students of our Code of Conduct – **Be Safe, Be Fair, Be Kind**. We appreciate any opportunities you create at home to reinforce our code of conduct.



Tuesday, Sept 20th
From 5 to 6 PM
(Meet in the Gym)



**TERRY
FOX
RUN**
FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Brock Terry Fox Run
Thursday, Sept 22nd



First PAC Meeting
Thurs, Sept 29th
@ 6:30 PM
on Zoom!

There is a clear link between consistent **attendance** and overall success in life, so we thank you for doing your best to send your children to school on time each day. However, cold and flu season will be upon us soon. If your child exhibits any symptoms of illness we ask you to please keep them at home until they are well. If they will be away, please report your child's absence – call us before 9 AM on our **Safe Arrival line 604-713-5159 # 14** or email us at brkattendance@vsb.bc.ca.

Signing students in and out – If your child has an appointment and or arrives late from an appointment, please follow the protocols below:

- 1) Email the office at brock@vsb.bc.ca and include child's first and last name & division and details of absences with pick-up or drop-off times
- 2) Inform your child's teacher by their preferred method and include all the details
- 3) Call Tassy in the office 604-713-5245 once you arrive at school and she will then call your child's teacher to inform them. Any pick-ups or drop-offs will take place in the undercover area.

Regarding before and after school **supervision**, students are welcome to arrive between 8:45 and 8:58 AM. The 8:45 AM bell signifies the start of morning staff supervision. When they hear the 8:58 bell, students are expected to line up and wait for their teachers to lead them into the building. At the end of the day, the 3:15 bell will sound to signify the end of staff supervision. All students should be heading home by 3:15 PM.

Due to the relaxing of health restriction, we are happy to announce that our librarian is generously going to **open our library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 to 8:58 AM** for book exchange on days Ms. Doran is in attendance.

As the **COVID-19** restrictions have eased off, we at Brock are keeping many of the good healthy habits we learned from the pandemic. We are a mask friendly school and continue to ensure students wash or sanitize their hands often. If students are ill, we ask them to stay home. For the complete VSB guidelines, visit the [VSB Communicable Disease Plan](#) on our school website.

Thank you for consistently packing a **recess snack, water bottle and healthy lunch** each day. Please don't forget to pack any necessary cutlery. We have already been handing out forks and spoons to a number of students. Soon the PAC will be offering a hot lunch opportunity, so watch for that.

The **September package of notices** will be sent home with your child soon. Thank you for taking the time to sign, update all the documents and return it to your child's teacher. All payments are accepted through School Cash Online. If you need support registering with School Cash online, please contact our school office.

We are now starting our Tuesday lunch **Chess Club**. Also, we are offering students an opportunity to join our **Brock Cross-Country Running Team** as well as our **Senior Girls and Senior Boys Soccer Teams** (Grade 6/7). Consent forms will be sent home soon.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) - I am looking forward to working with Sarah Dumont, as your PAC Chair. All parents are considered "on the PAC" and I encourage you to come out to meetings to hear what is happening in the school, get involved and ask questions. This year the PAC will be use a hybrid approach, with some meetings online and others in-person. The first meeting will be online on September 29th at 6:30 PM. Watch for more information coming from your PAC executive on dates of meetings.

Upcoming Events

- **Meet the Staff - Tuesday, Sept 20th from 5-6 PM.**
We will start at 5 PM in the gym and then you will have a chance to visit your child's classroom.
- **Terry Fox Run – Thursday, Sept 22nd** - We will be accepting donation through School Cash Online for cancer research. Parents are invited to join us for the run portion, but due to space, can not join the assembly. Please find notice attached!
- **Professional Development Day - Friday, Sept 23rd – No school for students**
- **Orange Shirt Day – Thursday, Sept 29th** – Students are encouraged to wear orange on this day to honour residential school survivors.
- **PAC Meeting – Thursday, Sept 29th 6:30 on Zoom** – a link will be sent out
- **National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - Friday, Sept 30th – School Closed**

Working together to enhance and broaden the learning experiences of our students is a challenge that we at Brock, take great pride in. Thank you in advance for your support and contributions in making this school year a consistent, fun and powerful learning journey for your child.

With Gratitude,
Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

September Dates to Remember

Tues, Sept 20 th	Meet the Teacher Night from 5 to 6 PM
Thurs, Sept 22 nd	Terry Fox Run (in the afternoon)
Fri, Sept 23 rd	Pro D Day – No School for Students
Thurs, Sept 29 th	Orange Shirt Day & PAC Meeting at 6:30 on Zoom
Fri, Sept 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Thurs, Oct 13 th	Individual Photo Day