

September 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,

**The Brock staff is excited to start
the 2025/2026 school year with you!**

Welcome to all our returning students and families and to our new students and families! For the first week, students will attend last year's classes, and all new students, please head to the office and you will be placed in classes with your peers. If the district gives us the go ahead, we hope to be able to move into our new classes by Friday, September 5th. This year, we welcome Denise How (Librarian), Laura Brewster (Resource), Ariel Ataiza (Classroom Teacher), Holly Ip (SELC Teacher), Carla Mountali - IF6, TBA for IF7 and 2 new SSA's – Joel Malabrigo and Valerie Tran!

During our first week, we will focus 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.

Below you will find the list of the meeting spots for the first week with new items highlighted.

Div.1 (Dignum) Meet on East side of B Building
Div. 2 (Mitchell) Same as last year
Div. 3 (Thorn) Same as last year
Div. 4 (Dionne/Ataiza) Same as last year
Div. 5 (Surilla) Same as last year
Div. 6 (Ubial) Same as last year
Div. 7 (King/Matelich) Same as last year
Div. 8 (Ansley) Same as last year
Div.9 (Jung -covered by Ms. Vincent & Ms. How) Meet in front of Building A
Div.10 IF (Mountali) **New Gr 6 Intensive French Students** meet at East side of C Building (Between B and C buildings)
Div. 11 IF (TBA) **Gr 7 IF students meet at Basketball Court near A & B Buildings**
Div.12 (Cruz - ELSP) Meet at his fire escape door West side of Building B
***New mainstream Grades 1-7 students report to office.**



1st PAC Meeting
6:30 PM
Wednesday,
September 24th
in the library



Important Reminders

- 1) The first day is only 1 hour – from 9 am to 10 am for Gr 1-7.
- 2) Kindergarteners attend 9:15 to 9:45 am on Tuesday and then follow their gradual entry schedule.
- 3) Starting on Wednesday, send a water bottle, recess snack and lunch with your child.
- 4) **Starting on Wednesday, the regular school day for 2025/2026 starts at 9 am and ends at 2:58 pm!**
- 5) The **September package of notices** will soon be sent home with your child. Thank you for taking the time to sign, update all the documents and return the paper forms to your child's teacher. Note that once again the VSB is using the MyForms application to capture all online consents. Lastly, please note that all payments are only accepted through SchoolCashOnline.

Attendance

If your child will be away or late, please report your child's absence, please call our **Safe Arrival line 604-713-5159 # 14** or email us at brkattendance@vsb.bc.ca before 9 AM.

Signing Students In and Out – If your child has an appointment and or arrives late from an appointment etc., please follow the protocols below:

- 1) Email the office at brkattendance@vsb.bc.ca and the teacher. Include your child's first and last name & division and details of absences with pick-up and/or drop-off times.
- 2) Once you arrive at school, check in with the office by dropping into the office or calling 604-713-5245. Any pick-ups or drop-offs will take place in the undercover area.
- 3) If you need to drop off something your child forgot at home, you are welcome to go straight to your child's classroom, knock and drop it off.

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 be lined up and ready for their teachers to lead them into the building. After the **2:58 PM** dismissal bell, there will be one last bell at 3:15 PM to signify the end of afternoon staff supervision. Unless in a specific program, all students should be heading home by 3:15 PM.

We are happy to announce that our librarian is once again going to **open our Library on Tuesdays to Friday from 8:45 to 8:58 AM** for student book exchange.



FOOD

Thank you for consistently packing a **recess snack, water bottle and healthy lunch** each day. Please don't forget to pack any necessary cutlery. Soon the PAC will be offering a hot lunch opportunity, so watch for that. **Allergy Aware: NO NUTS please and we ask that you avoid fish if possible.**



Soon we should be offering **Chess Club**, and an opportunity to join our **Brock Cross-Country Running Team** as well as our **Soccer Teams**. If your child is interested, they should listen for an announcement to attend a meeting to pick up their consent form.

PAC (Parent Advisory Council) - I am looking forward to working with Meagan Kowaleski as the PAC Chair this year. All parents are considered "on the PAC" and I encourage you to attend meetings to hear what is happening in the school, get involved and ask questions. This year the PAC will be conducting all their PAC meetings in-person in the library at 6:30 pm. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 PM in the library. Watch for more information coming from your PAC executive on dates of meetings.



We look forward to a fantastic year ahead! We have already booked a number of special school-wide workshops and are gearing up for another school musical!

Warmest Regards,

Hope Sterling, Principal on behalf of the Brock Staff

September Dates to Remember

Tues, September 2	First day back for students - 9 am to 10 am! Kindergartens follow their gradual entry schedule
Wed, September 3	First full day – 9 am to 2:58 pm
Wed, September 17	Meet the Teacher from 5 to 6 pm
Fri, September 19	Professional Development Day – No school for students
Wed, September 24	PAC Meeting in the library at 6:30 pm
Fri, September 26	Terry Fox Run
Mon, September 29	Orange Shirt Day
Tues, September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed