

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community,

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury, unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below;

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com

Thank you to the Brock PAC!

At the last PAC meeting, September 25th, the PAC approved the budget. As a staff we want to thank you for your incredible support. Among many other things, the bump up in classroom funds to \$500 is amazing! We are excited to start field hockey (compliments of a PAC member) and Hip Hop Dance starting on November 1st for two weeks.

Terry Fox Run – September 19

Thank you for your support! Together we raised \$3720! The link will continue to work for the entire year. Also, thank you to the parents who were able to attend and to the PAC for organizing and distributing the fruit snack!

FSA

During the month of October, Grade 4 and 7 students across BC will be writing the Foundational Skills Assessment (FSA). (See attachment) The FSA is the only consistent assessment tool that the BC Ministry of Education and the Vancouver School Board have to assess our students in Literacy and Numeracy. This data helps drive the province and district in their decisions and initiatives for BC students so high participation is helpful.

Each year experienced BC teachers are hired to write or seek out engaging stories and to create colourful graphics for the online components. The FSA assesses students on learning that should have taken place in previous years.



PAC Meeting
November 6th
@6:30pm
in the library



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So, Grade 4 students are assessed on K to grade 3 curriculums and Grade 7's, K to grade 6 curriculums.

Parents receive the booklet back as well as a one page that provides the results for the two online components. Each BC principal is also provided with the data for their school. This allows schools to identify trends and thus further focus their teaching.

In any industry you need to know your efforts are effective. In education, we need to know that our teaching is working for our students. The FSA is one piece of the puzzle to help guide and direct our focus. In my opinion, the FSA is a very useful tool.

A message from Ms. Doran, our wonderful Brock Librarian

Our school library is full of life! New this year the library is open to students in grades two to seven during the first recess. Students have enthusiastically been enjoying this time. Here is a photo of several students enjoying a quiet place to read and recharge during their recess.



Please look for Ms. Doran's welcome letter recently sent to all families for more information about Brock Library including FAQs about borrowing books and open times.

Support

One final note...I know the rise in food prices, gas prices, interest rates etc. have taken their toll on many of us over the past few years. If your family is in need of support, please reach out to me. I can look for options to support.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

October Dates to Remember

Monday, September 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Tuesday, October 1 st	First PAC Hot Lunch
Thursday, October 10 th	Individual Photo Day
Monday, October 14 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday, October 15 th	Field Hockey begins for the week
Wednesday, October 16 th	Japanese Special Hot Lunch Day
Tuesday, October 22 nd	Final Cross Country Meet at Trout Lake 1-3 pm
Tuesday, October 22 nd & Wednesday, October 23	Conferences, Students dismissed at 2 PM Conferences, Students dismissed at 2 PM
Thursday, October 24 th	PAC Pumpkin Patch
Friday, October 25 th	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
Tuesday, October 29 th	Photo Retake Day
Thursday, October 31 st	Halloween Parade/Activity

