

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 Financial Group and Insure My Kids.

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

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com>

<https://insuremykids.com/schoolresources/>

Thank you to the Brock PAC!

At the last PAC meeting, September 24th, the PAC discussed the budget. As a staff we want to thank you for your incredible support. Brock staff and students are looking forward to our first PAC sponsored performance by Grupo America on November 7th.

Terry Fox Run – September 26

Thank you for your support! Together we have raised \$2670 so far! 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 snacks!

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. If participation rates are high, I also use this data to compare our performance with previous years.



PAC Meeting
October 22nd
@6:30pm
in the library



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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. So, grade 4 students are assessed on K to grade 3 curriculum and Grade 7's, K to grade 6 curriculum. Also, please note that the results are no longer published by the Fraser Institute to mistakenly be used to rank schools.

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.

Extra-Curricular

Currently we are offering Cross-Country and Soccer. Soon Volleyball will be starting! Thank you to our teachers and Ms. Tassy for coaching and thus allowing these sports to be offered.

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 am happy to look for options to support.

Warm Regards, Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

October Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 30 th	National Truth and Reconciliation Day – School Closed
Wednesday, October 1 st	First PAC Hot Lunch
Thursday, Oct 9 th	Individual Photo Day
Monday, Oct 13 th	Thanksgiving – School Closed
Wednesday, October 15 th	Conferences, Students dismissed at 2 PM
Thursday, October 16 th	Conferences, Students dismissed at 2 PM
Tuesday, October 21 st	Final Cross Country Meet at Trout Lake 1-3 pm
Thursday, October 17 th	PAC Pumpkin Patch (Not Confirmed)
Wednesday, October 22 nd	PAC Pumpkin Event (Not Confirmed)
Friday, October 24 th	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
Tuesday, October 28 th	Photo Retake Day
Thursday, October 31 st	Halloween Parade/Activity (No weapons please.)