

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community,

Thank you to NESTORS!

On Monday, October 23rd some of our parents volunteered to place 250 pumpkins, donated by NESTORS, on our front field - creating our 2023 pumpkin patch! Each division was then called down to pick a pumpkin. They were so excited to have their very own pumpkin patch and free pumpkin! Some took them home; some decorated them at school and some of our older students carved them. A huge thank you to NESTORS and to our parents for organizing and setting it up.

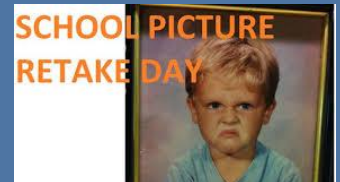


Thank you to the Brock PAC!

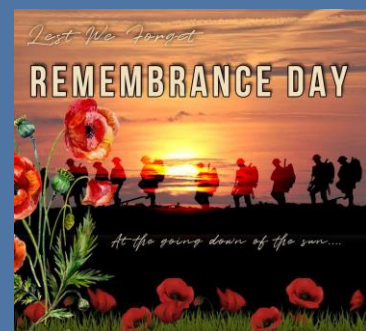
At the last PAC meeting, on October 12th, the PAC approved the remaining items from our staff wish list. We have or are in the process of purchasing LCD projectors to allow each classroom to have a functioning projector, a



PAC Meeting
Nov 30th @6:30pm



Thurs. Nov 14th



new sound system for our assemblies and performances, Library books, school wide performances and activities and so much more! We are so grateful for this generous boost of \$60,000, as it will greatly help our staff enrich your child's learning experience.

September Paperwork

A huge thank you to our families who have completed the September package of notices and the new online forms. You may have noticed that there was a recent update that now allows you to revoke consent. Revoking consent can result in your child not being allowed to use technology or have their photo in our school newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the intent of the form, please contact the school office.

Brock Clubs and Teams

Thank you to our staff for stepping up to provide a number of lunch hour clubs and out-of-school sports teams. We are now running Student Council, Chess Club, Rainbow Club, Choir, Garden Club, Writers Club and Peer Helpers. Also, both Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams will start competing this week. Basketball will begin in January!



After School Programs

The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House free **Schools Out** program is now full and running on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays out of our Brock Library. I will keep you posted for the next intake. Yoga Buggy's Mindfulness & Movement is slated to start on Monday, October 30th!



Terry Fox Run & Fundraiser

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the run on October 6th. As you may already know, we blew right past our fundraising goal and raised \$4,556! The [online donation link](#) for cancer research link remains open all year long, so you are welcome to continue to donate if you so choose. Thank you again for your support!

Kindergarten Registration Time!

If you have a child or know of a child who is born in 2019, it is time to register them for Kindergarten. Please see the attached information sheet for more details.



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

School Assemblies

Divisions 3 and 11 are in charge of planning and performing our Brock monthly assemblies this year. They have been very fun and creative so far. On Friday, October 27th we learned about Halloween safety and coming up on November 10th at 11 AM we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day assembly. If you are a member of the PAC Executive, please feel free to join us in the gym.

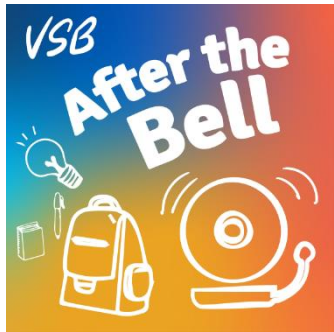
Vandalism at Brock



I want to encourage all of our families to report any vandalism or suspicious activities around the school. Please call 911 if you see someone on the roof, throwing objects at windows or doors, partying, lighting fires or participating in any other suspicious acts. When I put in a request to have a smashed window repaired, I was told that there are currently about 500 broken windows across all Vancouver schools. This eats up a lot of our budget so your vigilance is appreciated.

UBC Study

UBC is looking for volunteers to participate in an online study where they explore when developmental children become sensitive to vocal cues that indicate whether someone believes or disbelieves information. They are offering a \$10 gift card or a chance to win \$50. See attached.



VSB: After the Bell, podcast season 2 dropped last week!

Kicking off season 2 of VSB: After the Bell, we take a deep dive into VSB's first Literacy Framework – what literacy is, what the framework does and what it means for student learning. In our matter-of-the-month segment, we turn our attention to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) in the wake of recent anti-SOGI protests and talk about why SOGI education is still important today. Podcast episodes are released at the end of every month. Subscribe to **VSB: After the Bell** on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#) or wherever you listen to podcasts!

Support

One final note again...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 do not have a grant to support families this year, but I will do what I can.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

November Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 1st Early Dismissal at 2 PM for Conferences

Thursday, November 2nd Early Dismissal at 2 PM for Conferences

Monday, November 13th Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed

Thursday, November 14th Individual Photo Retake Day

Friday, November 24th Professional Development Day – No School for Students

Thursday, November 30th PAC Meeting (details to follow)

Friday, December 1st Term 1 Reports go Home

**Now Let's Take a Walk,
Down the Halls of Brock!**





Senior Girls Soccer Team – 3rd Place in City Championships



Cross-Country District Meet

Division 8

Division 10F



Division 7



Division 7 Explore the Code of Conduct



Division 9



**And last but not least...
our inaugural episode of the new**



**Brock News Network (Division 3)
~ Halloween Safety ~**