

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community,

Thank you to NESTERS, STADIUM MARKET AND OUR PAC!

On Friday, October 17th some of our parents volunteered to place 270 pumpkins, donated by NESTERS and STADIUM MARKET, on our front field - creating our 2025 pumpkin patch! Each division was then called to pick a pumpkin. They were so excited to have their very own pumpkin patch! Some took them home; some decorated them at school and some of our older students carved them. A huge thank you to NESTERS and STADIUM MARKET and to our parents for organizing and setting it up. Then on October 22nd, the PAC sponsored a Fall Festival. There were games, treats and the class pumpkins were judged. Thank you to all the divisions for their hard work. See photos of each pumpkin with their awards listed at the end of the newsletter.



PAC Meeting
Wednesday
Dec 3rd @ 6:30pm
In the Library

Thank you Nesters



and
Stadium Market!



For all the Pumpkins!



September Paperwork

A huge thank you to our families who have completed the September package of paper forms and the online forms. If you have any questions or still need to complete any form, please visit <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/> . Remember, if this is not completed your child will not be able to use technology, participate in any walking fieldtrips or have their picture in the school newsletter.

Brock Clubs and Teams

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for stepping up to offer a variety of lunch hour clubs and extracurricular sports teams—your commitment makes a real difference in our students' lives.

👏 **Well done to all 70 of our Cross-Country runners** for proudly representing Brock!

🏆 **Congratulations to our Senior Girls Soccer Team** for placing 3rd in the entire district!

🏆 **And a big shout-out to our Senior Boys Soccer Team** for finishing 1st in the district—an incredible achievement!

We're excited to share that the following clubs are now up and running:

- **Chess Club**
- **Rainbow Club**
- **Peer Helpers**
- **Student Council**

🏐 Both our **Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams** have kicked off their season this week under the guidance of Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Tassy, and Ms. Ubial.

🏀 **Basketball** will begin in January—stay tuned!

After-School Programs

The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House **Schools Out** program is now running on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays out of Building A basement and our Brock Library. Also, "Guitar with Jen" is running in the Music Room every Wednesday. There is still room in "Guitar with Jen", so please reach out to the office if you need more information.

Kindergarten Registration Time!

If you have a child or know of a child who is born in 2021, it is time to register them for Kindergarten. Registration runs from Nov. 1st until Jan 31st. Please visit the VSB website for more details.



School Assemblies

Our student-led assemblies have been very fun and creative so far. On Friday, October 31st, along with our Halloween parade, we will learn about Halloween safety and coming up on Monday, November 10th at 11 AM we will be holding our annual Remembrance Day assembly. If you are a member of the PAC Executive or a veteran, please feel free to join us in the gym.

Remembrance Day Poppy Fund



This year, our poppy fund donations will be collected via School Cash Online (just like school fees). Families can choose the amount they would like to donate. A cheque will be sent to the Poppy Fund on behalf of Brock Elementary. Thank you in advance for your donations. Each child will receive a poppy on November 10th for our Remembrance Day Ceremony. If your child belongs to an organization such as Cadets, Scouts and Guides, etc. please encourage them to wear their uniforms that day and we may have them participate in the flag procession.

Vandalism in the VSB



I want to encourage all our families to report any vandalism or suspicious activity 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. The VSB spends over \$500,000 per year repairing damage done to schools by vandalism. This eats up a lot of our budget, so your vigilance is appreciated.

Gratitude

Thank you to the firefighters at **Firehall #2** for bringing us lots of snacks for the students who do not have a lunch. Thank you to the **PAC for providing Grupo America performance and for the week-long drumming lessons (Nov 24th to 28th) from Daniel at Rhythm Resource!**

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. There is not a large pot of money this year, but I will do what I can. We also have access to bursaries and scholarships for tutoring, arts programs or sports activities. Finally, we can also assist you with applying for a leisure access pass. Please reach out to me if you would like more information.

Warm Regards,
Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

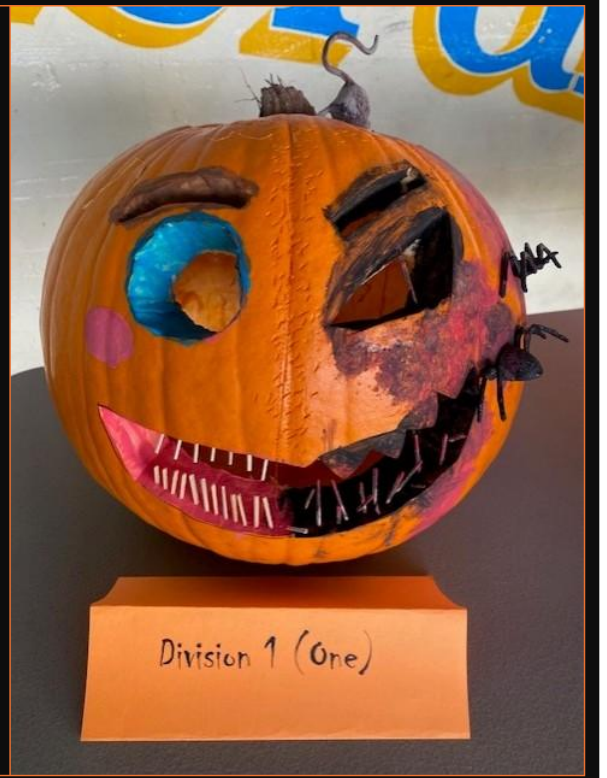
November/December Dates to Remember

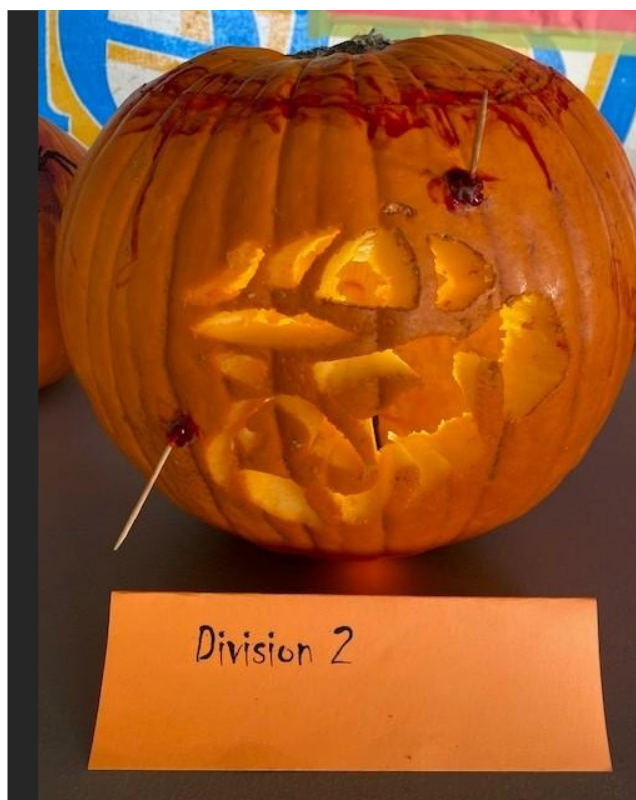
Tuesday, November 11 th	Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, November 21 st	Professional Development Day – No School for Students
Wednesday, December 3 rd	PAC Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Library
Wednesday, December 17 th	Reports go Home
Thursday, December 18 th	Winter Concert 6 PM
Friday, December 19 th	Last day before Winter Break

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



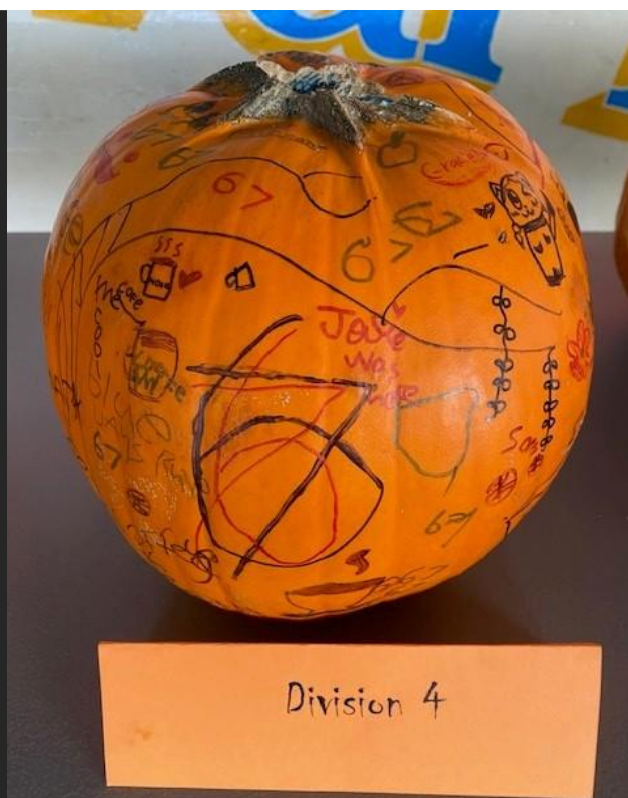
Division 1
Awarded...
Most
Spooktacular
Pumpkin

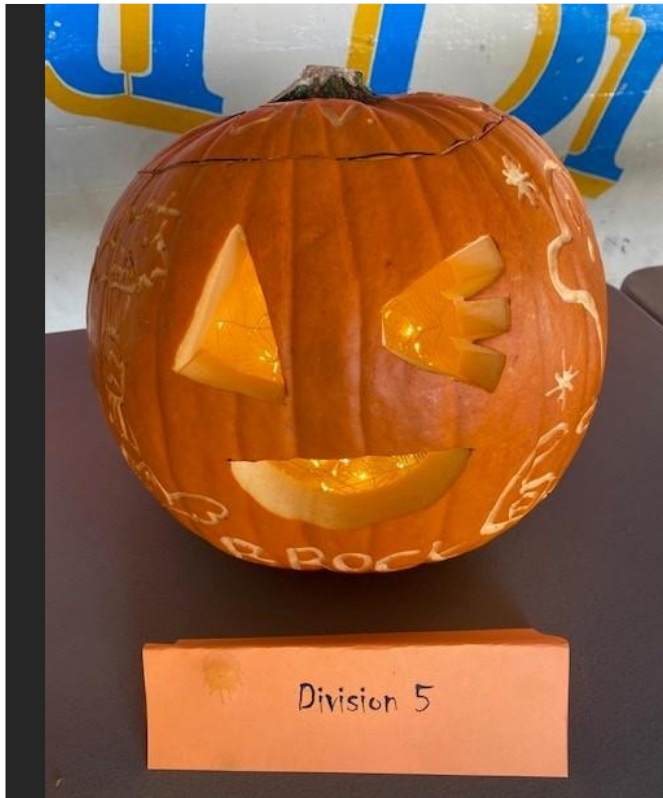




Division 2
Awarded...
Honourable
Mention

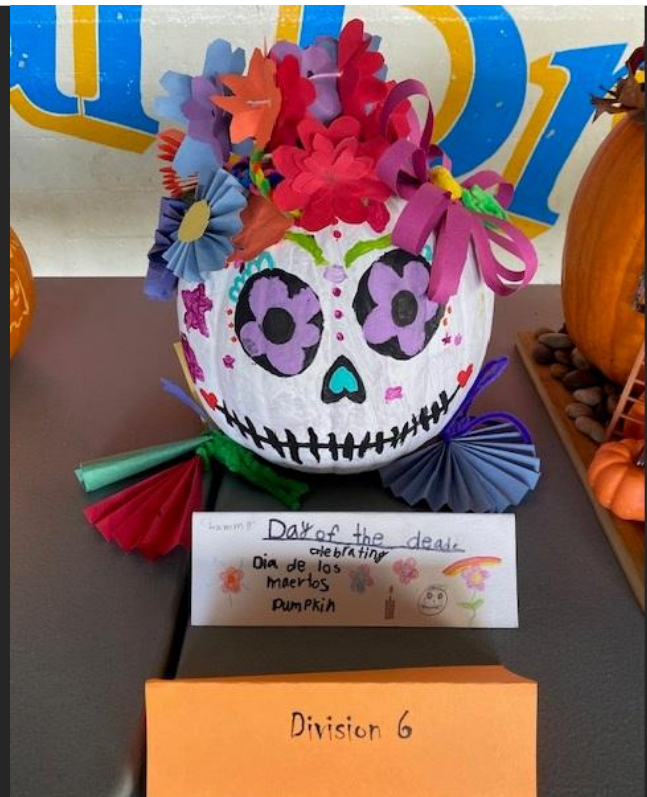
Division 4
Awarded...
Honourable
Mention





Division 5
Awarded...
The Eco Hero
Award

Division 6
Awarded...
Most Likely to
Star in a Movie &
Out of this World

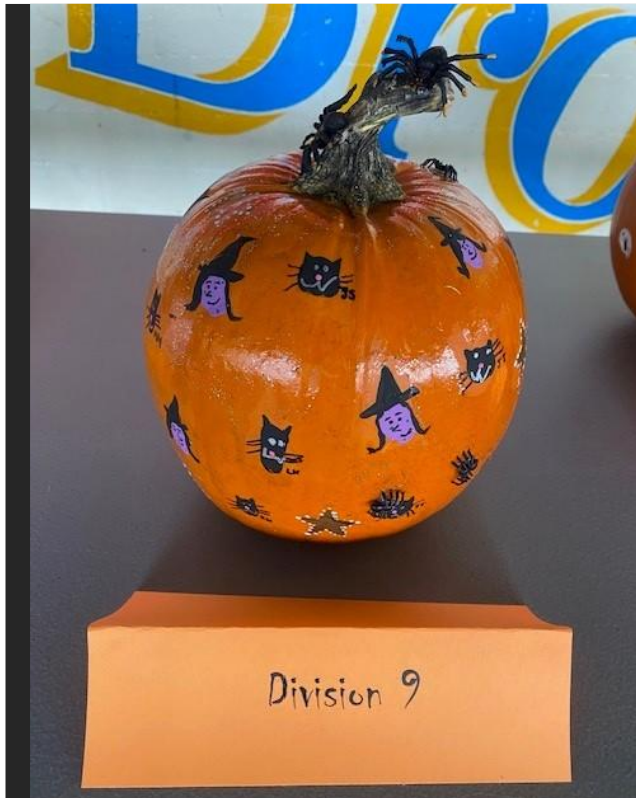




Division 7
Awarded...
Overall
Winner!

Division 8
Awarded...
Cutest Pumpkin
in the Patch





Division 9
Awarded...
The Pumpkin
Picasso Award

Division 10
Awarded...
Most School Spirit





Division 11
Awarded...
Honourable
Mention

Cross-Country Team



Junior Girls Soccer Team



Senior Girls Soccer Team



Senior Boys Soccer Team 2025/2026 City Champs!



Happy Halloween!





Last, but not least...on October 20th



This is a festival of light celebrated by 3 different religions and over 1 billion people!