

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community,

Thank you to NESTERS AND OUR PAC!

On Thursday, October 24th some of our parents volunteered to place 260 pumpkins, donated by NESTERS, on our front field - creating our 2024 pumpkin patch! Each division was then called down 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 to our parents for organizing and setting it up.



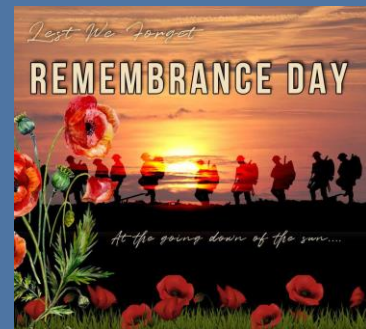
September Paperwork

A huge thank you to our families who have completed the September package of notices and the new online forms. If you have any questions or still need to complete the form, please visit <https://myforms.vsb.bc.ca/>.



PAC Meeting
Wednesday
Nov 6th @ 6:30pm
In the Library

Thank you Nesters!



Brock Clubs and Teams

Thank you to our staff for stepping up to provide a number of lunch hour clubs and extracurricular sports teams. We are now running Chess Club, Rainbow Club, Baseball Club, Choir, Writers Club and Peer Helpers. Also, both Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball Teams have started this week. Basketball will begin in January!



After-School Programs

The Little Mountain Neighbourhood House free **Schools Out** program is now running on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays out of Building A basement and our Brock Library. We will let you know when the next intake takes place. We also have The Art of Cartooning on Mondays and a class from Neighborhood Art Studios on Wednesdays in Building A basement.

Kindergarten Registration Time!

If you have a child or know of a child who is born in 2020, it is time to register them for Kindergarten. Please see the attached information sheet for more details.



School Assemblies

Our student-led assemblies have been very fun and creative so far. On Thursday, October 31st, along with our Halloween parade, we will learn about Halloween safety and coming up on November 8th 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.

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.

Friday, November 1st is Musqueam Day

November 1st is Musqueam Day—a day the Musqueam celebrate the strength and determination of their ancestors who sought justice and the protection of their inherent rights. The day recognizes the landmark 1984 Supreme Court of Canada *Guerin decision*, led by Musqueam's then chief, Delbert Guerin. The case fundamentally changed Canadian law by affirming the legal enforceability of the Crown's obligations to First Nations, which includes a fiduciary duty, the nature of Aboriginal title, and the Crown's duty to consult. See link to learn more:

<https://www.musqueam.bc.ca/querin-decision/>

Gratitude

Thank you to the firemen at **Firehall #2** for bringing us lots of snacks for the students who forgot their lunches or just didn't have quite enough. Thank you to the **PAC for providing Hip Hop** lessons with Westcoast Dance Company from November 1st to 15th! Also, thank you to **Ms. Sarah**, our music teacher, for finding a new free piano and arranging for it to be moved to our gym for assemblies! We loved our old one, but we used it so much that the keys were starting to wear down to the wood.

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.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

November Dates to Remember

November 1 – 15 Hip Hop Dance with Westcoast Dance Company

Wednesday, November 6th PAC Meeting 6:30 in Library

Monday, November 11th Remembrance Day Holiday – School Closed

Friday, November 22nd Professional Development Day – No School for Students

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





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Div. 3





Div 4

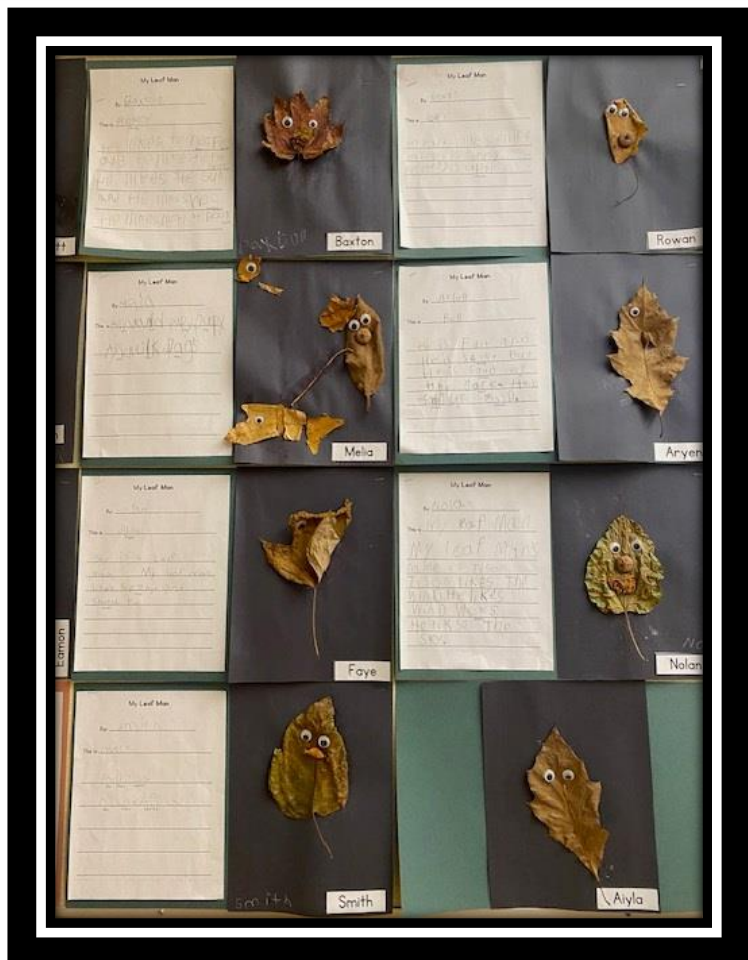
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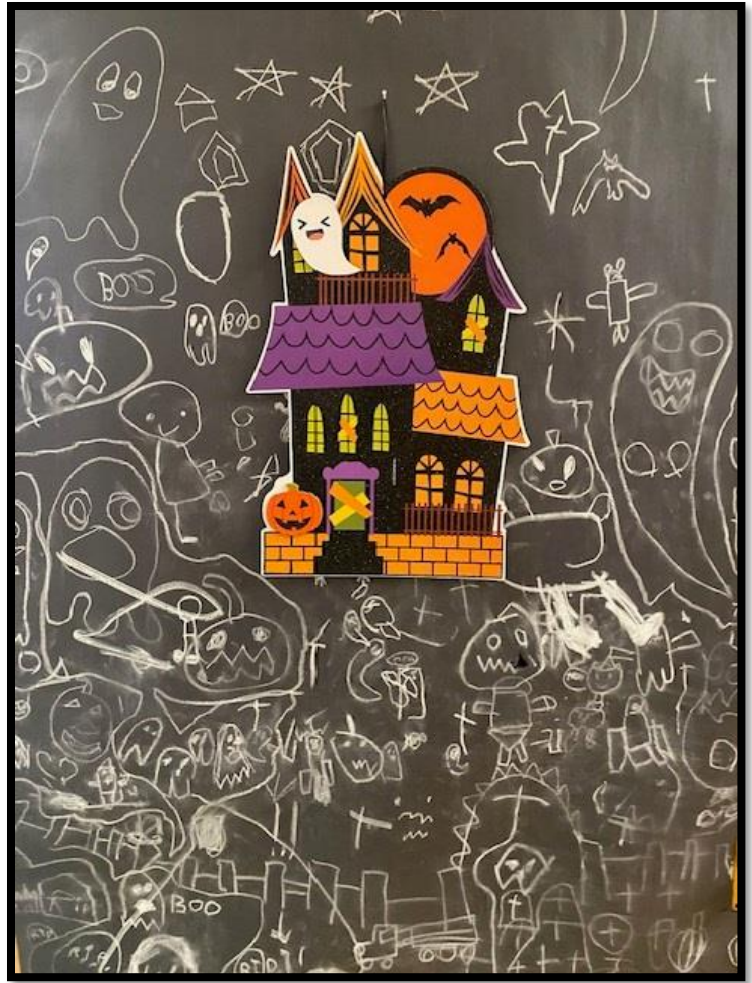
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Div 10 Halloween Dioramas

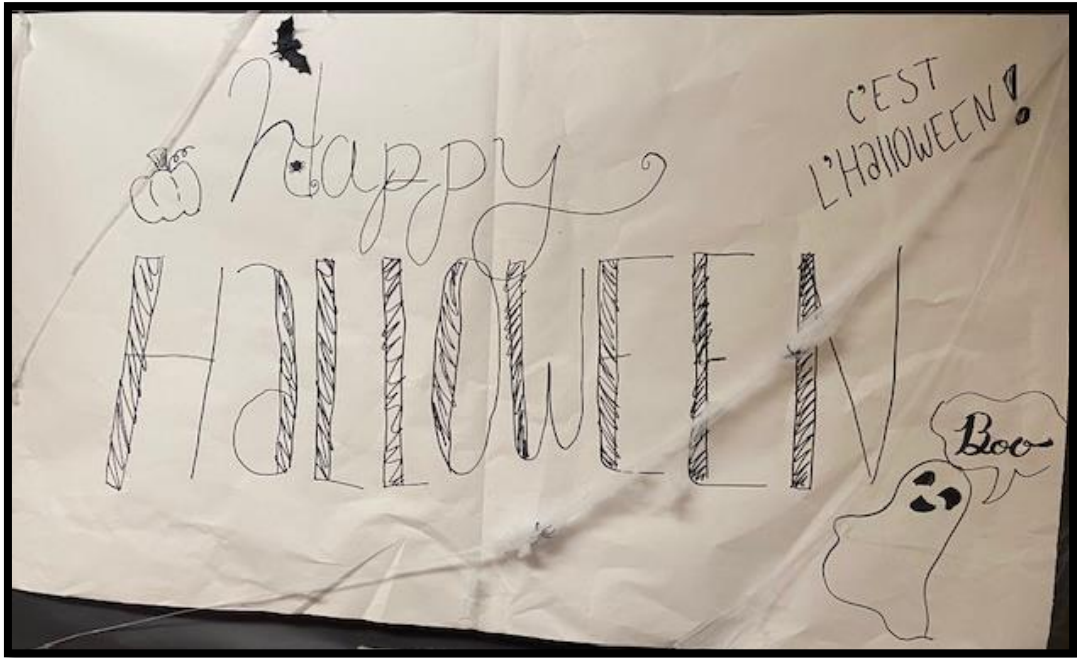












**Div 11
The Haunted
House!!!**





Senior Girls Soccer Team



Senior Boys Soccer Team



Brock Cross-Country Team

Last, but not least...on October 31st...



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