

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community:

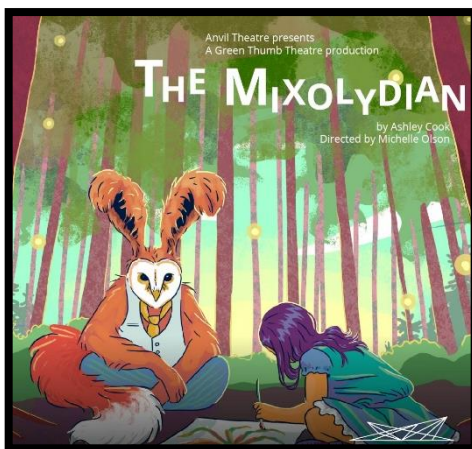
Staff News!

Congratulations to Ms. Angela Ubial as she was the successful candidate for our Grade 2/3 position. This means she will continue as the teacher for Division 6 for the entire year and then continue as a permanent Brock teacher!

We also want to thank Ms. Jennifer Willoughby (Teacher of Division 5) and Ms. Catriona Legge (Teacher of Division 4) for covering two of our teacher leaves. In January, we are excited to welcome back Ms. Gabriella Dionne (Teacher of Division 4) and Ms. Mary Surilla (Teacher of Division 5).

Brock Sports Teams

Our season of **Volleyball** has concluded. Congratulations to both our Senior teams this year. The championship games were played on November 29th and 30th. Both teams increased their skill level and showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to the coaches: Ms. Tassy, Ms. Pankratz, and Mr. Mitchell for a great season. Next is basketball for Grades 5 to 7 starting in January!



(Shoom), Bellevue feels out of touch with the stories and words her Shoom used to share. Luckily, with some help from ancestor Nokomis, Bellevue learns that Shoom's knowledge lives on in her, and there is more to her friend Thomas than meets the eye.

Thank you to the PAC for sponsoring our first **performance** of the year. Green Thumb Theatre performed **The Mixolydian** on November 23rd. The play was about Bellevue, an 11-year-old Anishinaabe/Metis girl, who is on a journey through the woods. Reconnecting with her culture and language, Bellevue is accompanied by her "imaginary friend", a shapeshifter named Thomas.

Having recently lost her grandfather



Four Days of Celebrations!
December 19 to 22



Brockie's Birthday Dance Party will be celebrated with an Intermediate Dance Party Happy Second birthday Brockie!



Report Cards

As term one report cards go home on December 1st, I want to remind you of a few changes this year. First, there are now 3 terms and thus 3 reports going home during the year. Second, regarding the proficiency scale, teachers can only place students on Emerging, Developing, Proficient or Extending. They are no longer allowed to place them in-between. Thus, some teachers have added teacher comments to clarify that students are, for example, Developing in Writing but Proficient in Reading. Third, if you see “IE” (Insufficient Evidence) on a report, this replaces the old “I” (Incomplete). Fourth, each term the reports will be accompanied by Core Competency Self-Assessments as well as Goal Setting Sheets. And finally, as a reminder, Brock teachers may be using gender neutral terms – them, they and their.

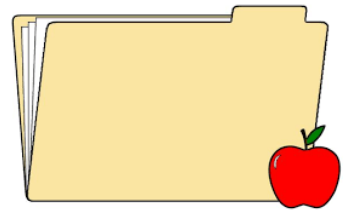
The primary focus of the new reporting order is greater student self-assessment, timely and responsive feedback to parents and caregivers on student progress using language that is accessible to all parents and caregivers, and a focus on proficiency. You can read more about the changes in the ministry documents for educators:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/reporting/k-12-reporting-educator-summary-guide.pdf>

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/unpacking-the-proficiency-scale-support-for-educators.pdf>

Assessment Files

Brock has started a new assessment protocol. Each student now has an assessment file that teachers will complete during the year with a reading, writing and perhaps math assessment. This file will follow the student all the way through until the end of Grade 7, when they will be given the file to take home. Teachers recently completed their School Wide Writes (writing assessment), and some have also completed a reading assessment. The files will also house the student's Core Competencies Self-assessments and Goal setting sheets.



Winter is Knocking on our Door!

As the weather gets colder, we are coming into the hats, scarves, and mittens season. Thank you for double checking that your children have warm clothing. Students are still expected to get fresh air at recess and lunchtime, so they need to be prepared. Also, thank you for continuing with all those great protocols that we learned during covid: keeping your children home if they are sick, covering your sneezes and washing your hands.

Remembering Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Day Assembly this year was on Friday, November 10th. Thank you to the members of the PAC Executive who were able to join us. This year our assembly was led by students from Division 11F and organized by Mr. Orange. There were performances by Divisions 5, 7, 8, 10F, 11F and 12. Also, a number of classes contributed decorations to help set the mood. I hope you all had a chance to remember and reflect as a family on how fortunate we are to live in this great country.



Winter Concert

This year, in lieu of the evening Winter Concert, we will be holding Four Days of Celebration from Tuesday, December 19th to Friday, December 22nd. They will be held in the morning, from 9:05 am till about 9:55 am each day. The whole school will be gathering together in the gym and singing seasonal songs and listening to student performances. Due to limited space, we are inviting you to attend only on the day that your child will be performing (see schedule attached). Please chat with your child to confirm if they are performing, as some performances are solos or duets. The Student Council is also planning theme days for these last four days. So, pull out those ugly sweaters, fun winter hats, PJs and accessories! When these themes are confirmed, we will let you know.



Brock once again fundraising for the **Greater Vancouver Food Bank**. Thank you to those who are able to support this great charity <https://vfd.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/brock>.

See *December and January Dates to Remember* below.

Warm Regards for the Holidays,
Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

December Dates to Remember

Friday, December 1	Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Friday, December 1	PAC White Spot Hot Lunch
Wednesday, December 13	PAC Pizza Day
Friday, December 15	Entrepreneur Day (Div. 1 & 11F)
December 19 to 22	Four Days of Celebration
Friday, December 22	Last Day for Students before Winter Break
Monday, January 8	First Day Back to School after Winter Break

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





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Primary Building ~ Ms. Vincent with Division 6



Division 11F



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Division 9



Division 4



Division 3



Division 7



Division 5



Division 1





MANDALA & MESSAGE ROCKS

Division 11





Happy Halloween from General Brock!