



# General Brock Elementary Newsletter

4860 Main St, Vancouver, BC V5V 3R8 ~ 604-713-5245

School Website: [Brock.vsb.bc.ca](http://Brock.vsb.bc.ca)

Safe Arrival – 604-713-5159 #14 or [brkAttendance@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:brkAttendance@vsb.bc.ca)

**Principal:** Hope Sterling

**OAA:** Tassy Beretanos

**Head Teacher:** Lois Vincent

**Director of Instruction:** Janis Myers

**Trustee:** Suzie Mah

**PAC Chair:** Chantelle Poon

Dear Brock Community:

## Brock Sports Teams

Our season of **Volleyball** is already concluding. Congratulations to both our Senior Girls and Junior Boys teams this year. Both teams increased their skill level and showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to the coaches: Ms. Tassy, Ms. Ubial, Meghan Brown and Mr. Mitchell for a great season. Next is basketball for Grades 5 to 7 starting in January!

## Report Cards

Term one report cards go home on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This year again there will be 3 terms, with Term 2 going home on March 10<sup>th</sup> and Term 3 going home June 25<sup>th</sup>. The proficiency scale remains the same as last year: Emerging, Developing, Proficient or Extending. The mark "IE" stands for Insufficient Evidence. Each term, the reports will be accompanied by a Core Competency Self-Assessment sheet, as well as Goal Setting Sheets. And finally, as a reminder, Brock teachers may be using gender neutral terms – them, they and their. We look forward to lots of personal bests!

## Remembering Remembrance Day



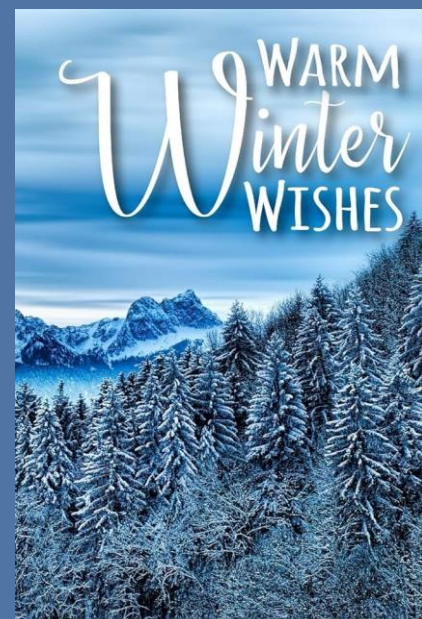
Our Remembrance Day Assembly this year was on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We loved watching our cadet, Guides and Scouts opening our assembly with the flags and wreath procession. Thank you to the members of the PAC Executive and parents who were able to join us. This year our assembly was led by students from Division 11F and organized by Mr. Orange. There were performances by Divisions 4, 6, 7, 10F and 12. Thank you to those who were able to donate to our online poppy fund. I hope you all had a chance to remember and reflect as a family on how fortunate we are to live in this great free country.



**Winter Concert!**  
6pm on December 19



**Next PAC Meeting**  
is Online  
Thursday, January 23





## 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.

**Follow VSB on social media to stay updated about school closures due to severe weather.**

During extreme weather conditions (heavy snowfall, extreme cold, freezing rain, extreme heat, etc.) VSB schools will remain open if possible. If a District-wide closure is necessary, it will be announced by 6:30 a.m.

### **Stay updated:**

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#)

Instagram: [@vsb39](#)

X: [@VSB39](#)

VSB website: [vsb.bc.ca](#)

### **Winter Sock Drive**

Brock is once again holding a winter sock drive! We are asking families to drop off **NEW** socks to their classroom teachers. Staff will then take them to support vulnerable women and children living in the downtown eastside. The fundraiser will conclude on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for making a difference this holiday season.

### **Transitioning from Grade 7 to Grade 8**

These days transitioning from grade 7 to grade 8 can be quite a stressful process. If you want to enter one of the district programs it can be challenging to navigate all the deadlines and interviews. The VSB now has one webpage you can access for information on the articulation process. If you are interested, please check out the following link:

<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/77517/preparing-for-grade-8-what-to-know-during-the-grade-7-year>

### **Winter Concert**

Our Winter performance is on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in our school gym. There will also be another performance at 1:30pm for students with about 40 chairs set up for parents. Due to fire regulations, we are limiting tickets to a maximum of 2 per family. We will be sending out an email with a link to reserve your tickets.



Brock is once again fundraising for the **Greater Vancouver Food Bank**. Thank you to those who are able to support this great organization - [The Vancouver Food Bank](#).

### **Support**

One final note yet 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 in applying for a leisure access pass. Please reach out to me if you would like more information.

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

## December Dates to Remember

Friday, December 11	PAC Pizza Day & Kindergarten Hearing Screening
Friday, December 13	Entrepreneur Day (Div. 1 & 11F)
Monday, December 16	Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday, December 19	Winter Concert @ 1:30pm and 6pm
Friday, December 20	Last Day for Students before Winter Break
<b>Monday, January 6</b>	First Day Back to School after Winter Break

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



Congratulations to our Senior Girls Volleyball Team on a great season!







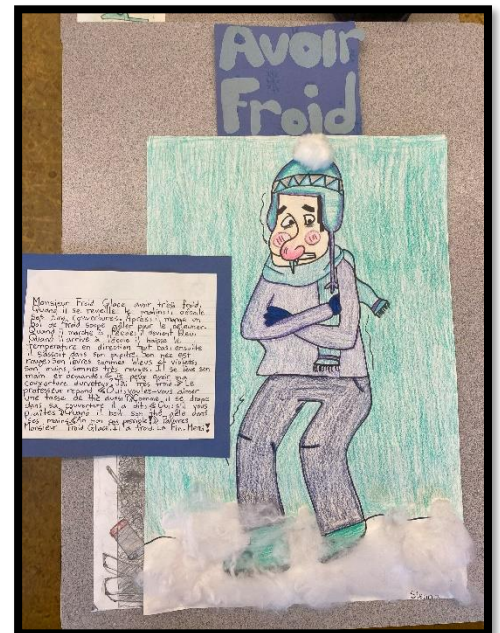
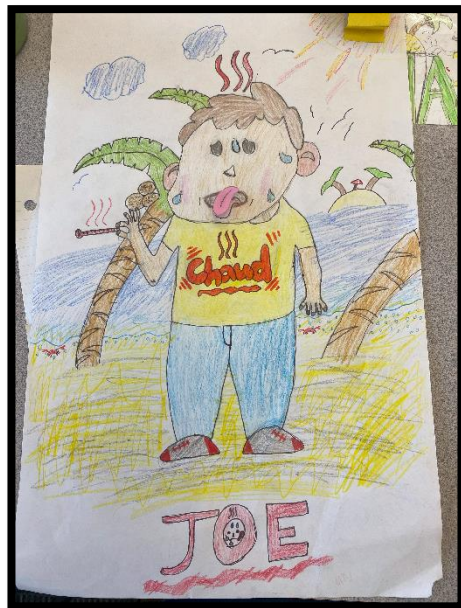
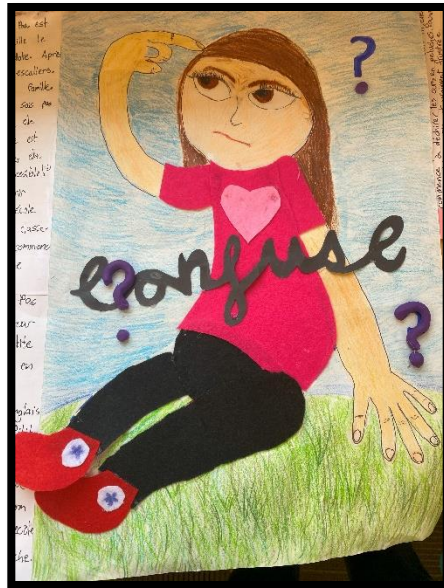
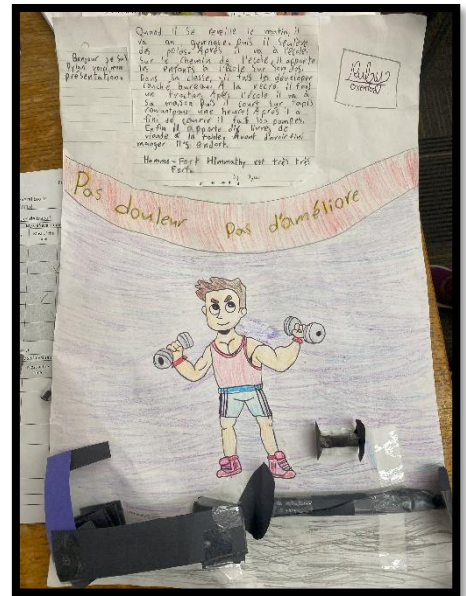
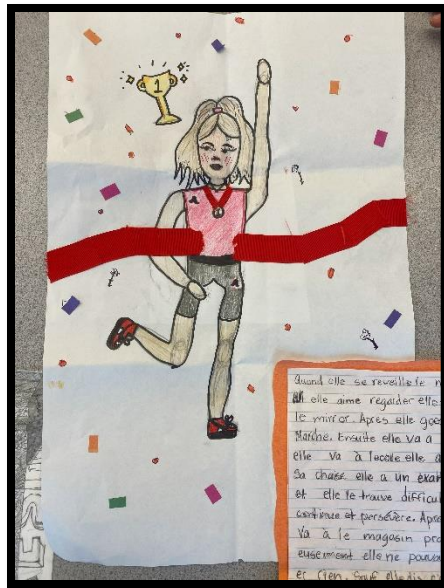
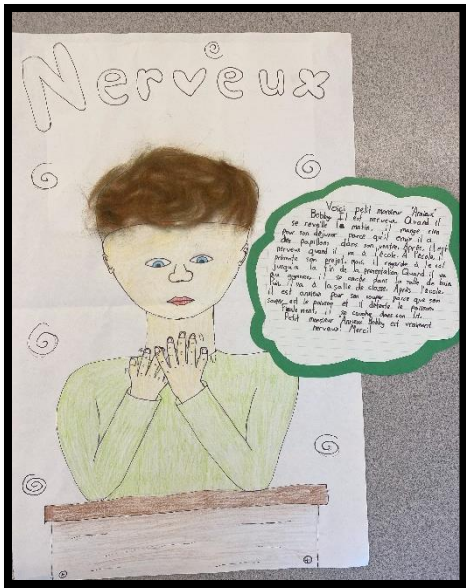
Congratulations to our Junior Boys Volleyball Team on a great season!



The Grade 7 "Grad" Hoodies have arrived!











**Division 4  
Indigenous Designs**



**Division 9**



**Division 8**



