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Head Teacher: Eddie Cruz

Director of Instruction: Amy Van Vliet**Trustee:** Preeti Faridkot**PAC Chair:** Meagan Kowaleski

Dear Brock Community:

Brock Sports Teams

Our season of **Volleyball** is about to conclude. Congratulations to all three of our teams this year. Both teams increased their skill level and showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to the coaches: Ms. Tassy, Ms. Ubial, 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 Wednesday, December 17th. This year there will be 3 terms, with Term 2 going home on March 11th and Term 3 going home June 24th. 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. Remember, a report card is just a snapshot of their learning.

Remembering Remembrance Day

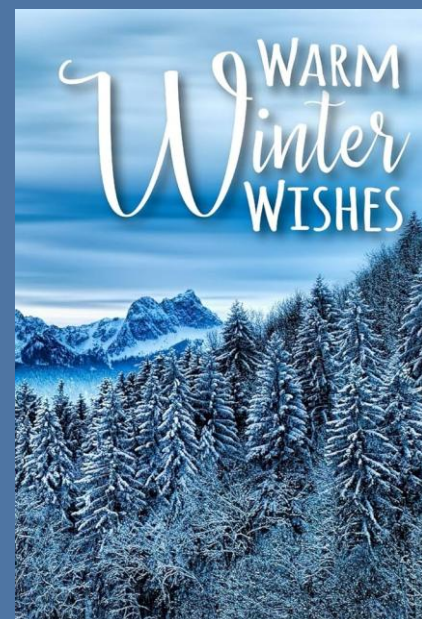
Our Remembrance Day Assembly this year was on Monday, November 10th. One of our Cadets and one Girl Guide opened our assembly, as part of the flags and wreath procession. Thank you to the members of the PAC Executive and parents who were able to join us. This year our assembly was led by students from Division 11F and organized by Ms. Krause. There were performances by Divisions 3, 5 and 6. Thank you to those who were able to donate to our online poppy fund. We raised almost \$500 and received a donation from the Legion for \$1000. 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!
1:15 PM & 6 PM
on December 18



Next PAC Meeting
is Online
Wednesday, December 3





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 for the weather. 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.

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.

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

Stay updated:

Facebook: [Vancouver School Board](#)

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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 living in the downtown eastside. The fundraiser will conclude on Wednesday, December 17th. 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 of 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 18th at 6pm in our school gym. There will also be an earlier performance that day at 1:15pm for students and we will set up about 60 chairs set up for parents. Due to fire regulations, we are limiting tickets to a maximum of 2 per family. Tickets will be \$2 each through School Cash Online. \$1 From each ticket will go to the **Greater Vancouver Food Bank**. If you would like to donate more to this great organization, please click the link - [The Vancouver Food Bank](#).



Reading One-to-One Parent Workshop

We were very fortunate to have Catherine Evashuk share some great simple ways to teach students to love reading! On Thursday, November 27th she led a parent workshop in our school library. The library was filled with primary parents who were eventually joined by one of their children, so they had an opportunity to practice the new strategies they learned. One was called "The 3 P's". You can use this strategy when reading with your child and they stop, because they don't know the word.

Instead of telling them the word, **Pause** and count to 5 to give them time to figure it out on their own. If they don't, **Prompt** them. When they get it **Praise** them! Simple but effective. At the end, each parent was awarded a goody bag of literacy games. It was very well received, and we were grateful to Reading **One-to-One Literacy Society**, who are a registered BC charitable organization. Thank you to the PAC for providing donuts and coffee, also well received!

Drumming with Daniel from Rhythm Resource

A huge thank you to the PAC for sponsoring a week of drumming with Daniel! He is energetic, talented and engaging. Students learned how to play the cajon, samba and many other rhythm instruments and they learned how to work together to play resilient rhythms.

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. We have access to bursaries and scholarships for tutoring, arts programs or sports activities. Finally, we can also assist with 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

Wednesday, December 3	PAC Meeting 6:30 PM in Library
Friday, December 12	PAC Pizza Day
Wednesday, December 10	Entrepreneur Day (Div. 1 & 11F)
Wed to Fri, Dec 17 – 18	Student Winter Sing-along @ 9 AM in the gym
Wednesday, December 17	Term 1 Report Cards Sent Home
Thursday, December 18	Winter Concert @ 1:15pm and 6pm
Friday, December 19	Last Day for Students before Winter Break
Monday, January 5	First Day Back to School after Winter Break

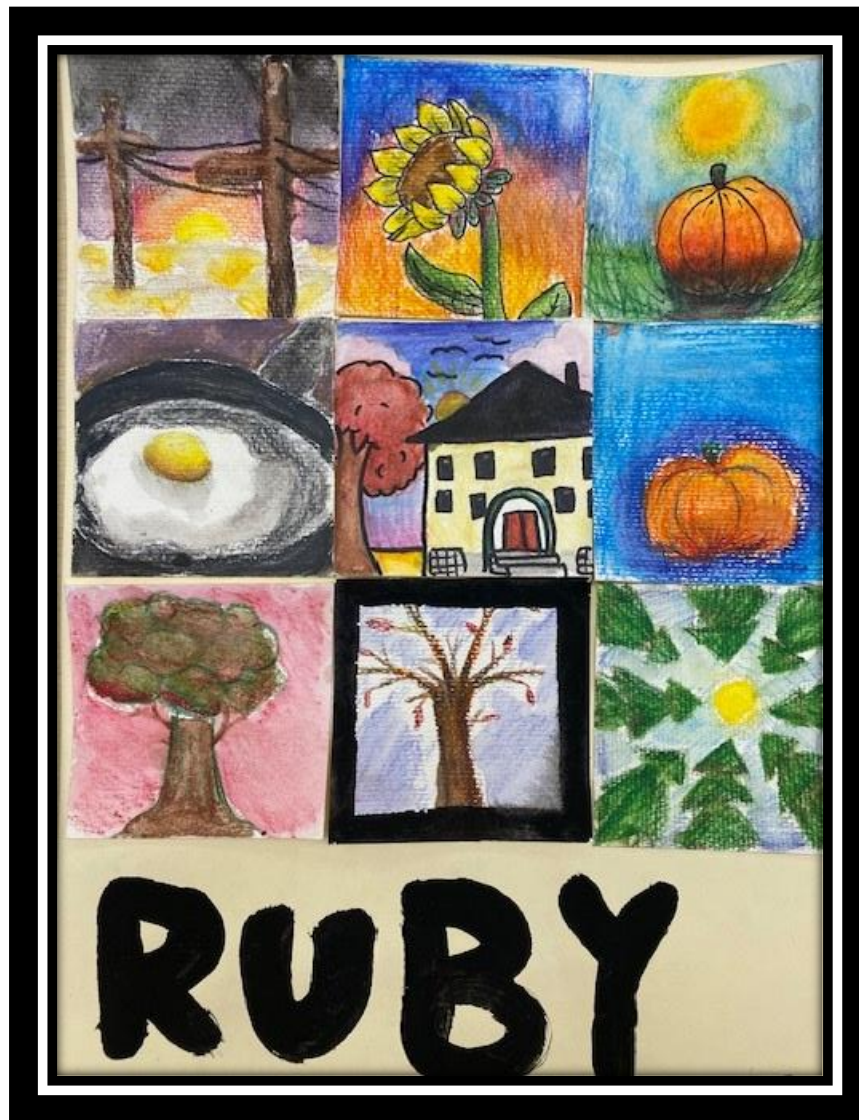
**Below, you will find a small taste of creations crafted
by Brock students during Art Class with Ms. MacDonald!**

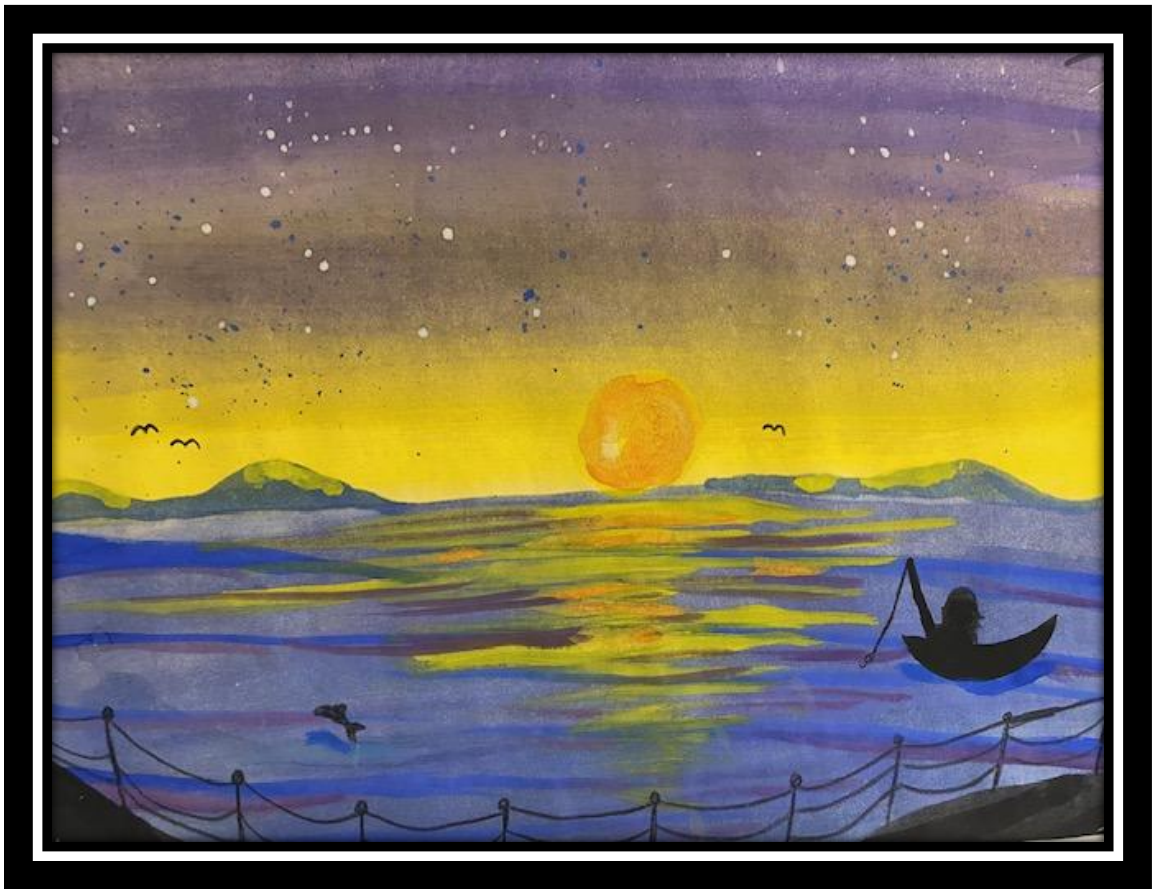




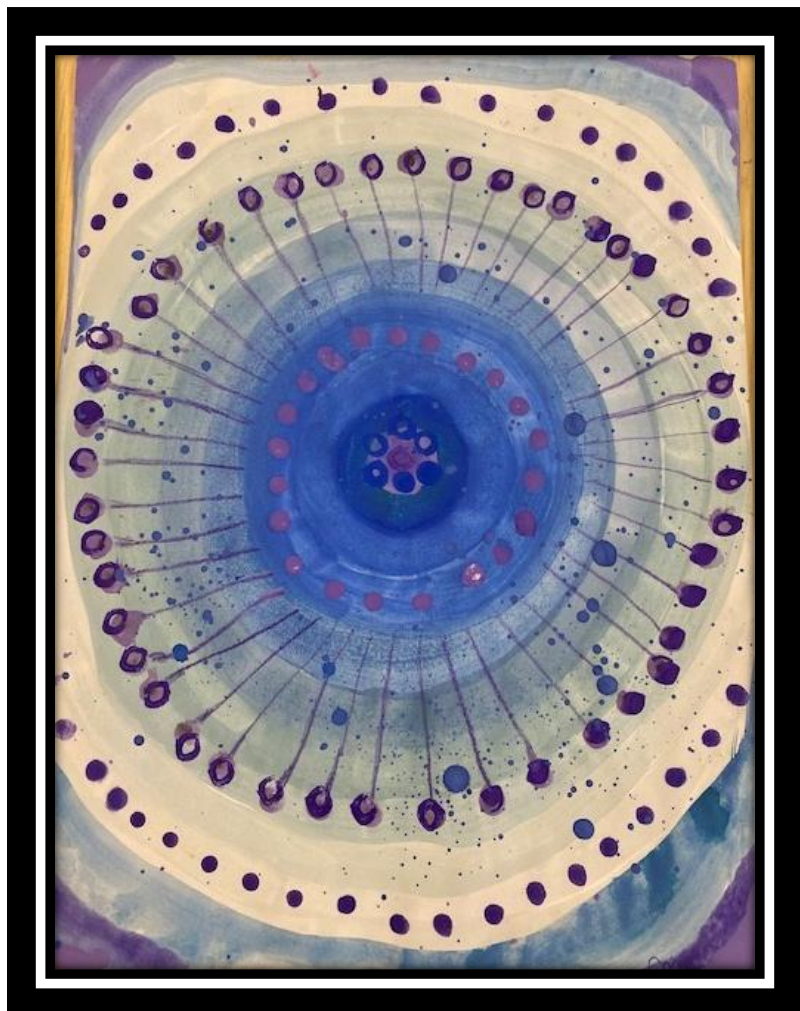












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