

# General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community:

## Winter Celebration

Thank you to all the families who were able to come out and celebrate with us. I am sorry to those who were unable to make the performances. Thank you to all the students for their hard work and creativity! A huge thank you to our music teacher, Sarah Miller and our classroom teachers who worked with the students on the performances. Next up for performances will be our school musical, Finding Joy – May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Intensive French for Grade 6/7

Brock is home to a Grade 6/7 district Intensive French program. Intensive French is a second language teaching approach in which French is taught intensively for most of the day during the first five months. Emphasis is put on oral language and conversations between students. Applications from Grade 5 students are due by the end of January. For more information and an application, please visit the [VSB Website](http://VSB Website). We will hold an online info session on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. In early January I will email all Grade 5 Brock families with the link to this meeting.

## Winter Fun

Here is a list of some other reasonably priced holiday activities:

- Heritage Christmas at Burnaby Village Museum
- Skate Plaza at the Shipyards
- Park and Tilford Gardens Holiday Lights
- Robson Square Ice Rink
- Christmas at Canada Place

## Virtual Food Drive

Brock is once again fundraising for the **Greater Vancouver Food Bank**. Every dollar we raise helps to provide healthy, nutritious food to families struggling to put food on their table this holiday season. Thank you to those who are able to support this great charity  
<https://vfd.foodbank.bc.ca/fundraiser/brock>.



Next PAC Meeting  
Thurs, Jan 23



Happy Holidays from  
Brocky the Bulldog!

## Holiday Tips

- 1) Try to keep similar mealtime and bedtime (of course there will be exceptions)
- 2) Set aside reading time each day (it might even be a blog about their favourite video game or whatever interests them)
- 3) Set aside, journalling time each day (you may want to buy a special book or diary)
- 4) Play games that encourage number and word play (such as cards, dice or scrabble)
- 5) Set family New Year's resolutions together
- 6) Bake or cook together (you may want to teach an old family recipe)
- 7) Set up a list of expected chores (this may include or not include a small allowance, which could lead to a lesson on money management/budgeting)
- 8) Make the time to have that chat you were wanting to have (i.e. disaster evacuation plan, birds and the bees, etc.)
- 9) Make one new family holiday tradition
- 10) Find time to just talk and laugh together

**On behalf of the entire Brock staff, we wish all our community  
a happy, healthy holiday season!**

See you back at Brock on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**!

Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

### January Dates to Remember

Monday, January 6	First Day Back after Winter Break
Wednesday, January 8	Intensive French Online Info Session
Wednesday, January 22	Professional Development Day - No school for students
Thursday, January 23	PAC Meeting Online @ 6:30 PM

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





Division 3



The 2024 Entrepreneur Fair was a big success!  
Thank you to Division 11 for supplying so many “stocking stuffers”!



Where is that Gingerbread Man???  
Division 9



# Division 9





Divison 8



Division 7

Division 6



Division 4



Division 10









**See you on Monday, January 6th!**