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General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community,

We are already approaching the halfway point of the school year! On February 3rd, Division 3 students and Mr. Thorn treated us to an amazing Black History Month Assembly. We learned about the history of Black people in Canada and America, as well as their contributions to music and dance. Brock students were excited to be invited to participate in the Texas Hold 'em Dance. Thank you to Division 3 and Mr. Thorn!

Registration for Kindergarten and Intensive French

Thank you to all those who applied for our Intensive French and Kindergarten programs. Both were popular this year, thus at this point both will be going to a lottery. We will be reaching out to all who have applied by email as soon as the district gives us the go ahead to pass on the results of the lottery. This may not happen until late spring, so thank you for your patience.

Important Registration Dates:

Kindergarten Registration Closes – Jan 31st

Cross-boundary – Opens on Feb 3rd and ends on Feb 28th

All Choice Programs (including Intensive French) – Ends on Feb 4th

Kind Mind Program & The Confi-Dance with DJ Rock 'N' Beau

Families, thank you for sitting down with your children to read and discuss the four lessons in their Kind Mind Challenge Books. We are hopeful that these challenges have opened the door to some good conversations. Humans are much better equipped to deal with the stress of life when they understand emotions and are explicitly taught coping strategies. As an educator, I have seen a rise in anxiety levels in children. I believe high levels of screen time, the pandemic, worries about global warming, among many other things, contribute to these increases. I appreciate the way the Kelty Foundation was able to make such a huge topic, so understandable. Now we are looking forward to our Confi-Dance on February 12th! This entire program has been free, but we are offering an opportunity for families to say thank you and support the Kelty Foundation through <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>. Thank you to those who have already donated.



Next PAC Meeting
Wednesday, March 5th



Confi-Dance Feb 12th



Friday,
February 28, 2025

Brock School Musical

Our student writers, myself and our “ghost writer” have now completed the script! It is a little longer than last year, there is more character development and even a love triangle! We have now moved into the auditions portion. Right now we are auditioning for the speaking roles and later there may be more call outs for “extras”. Excitement is now building, but before we announce who will play which role, we may be doing some call-backs! Then, the next steps will be memorizing lines and lyrics, practicing and creating backdrops and props. The choir has just met once so far, so new members will be welcome to still join over the next week or two. Later, we will be calling out for extras, prop and set designers, stage crew and tech positions. If you are wanting to get involved in some way, please let us know!

Happy Lunar New Year!

Lunar New Year was on **Wednesday, January 28th** but **Brock celebrated on Friday, January 31st**. This year ushers in the Year of the Snake! As with many winter solstice celebrations, the symbolic darkness of night is banished by the light of fireworks, lanterns, and candles. Man-made paper lanterns are hung, bringing good luck to the new year. Those born in the Year of the Snake (1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013 and 2025) can seem mysterious and are often talented individuals or deep thinkers. 🐍

PINK SHIRT DAY – Friday, February 28th

Brock will be holding a Pink Shirt Assembly on Friday, February 28th at 11:00 AM. PAC Executive are invited to attend, as usual.

Student Learning Survey 2024/2025

The Provincial Student Learning Survey is unique in its scope, size and usefulness to schools. It gathers information from parents/guardians/caregivers, teachers, and students on topics related to school environment, safety, and achievement. The information is used for planning in individual schools and provides a district and provincial perspective.

Early in **2025** the Student Learning Survey will be administered to students in grades four and seven, their parents/guardians/caregivers, and all school staff. We encourage parents/guardians/caregivers to participate in this survey, as the results are important in identifying and celebrating current strengths, as well as determining where the school needs to focus improvement. The surveys contain standard questions for the Province – in addition, questions from the school and/or district that focus on local conditions or issues may be included.

The survey can be completed electronically and can be accessed on the Internet at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/student-learning-survey>. Any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection can be used, and access to the e-survey is simple and secure. The survey can be accessed through the link and by clicking on Take the Survey. On the login page, click on the Parents icon, and then select the school district and school name where your child attends school. Provincial, District and School Reports for previous years can be viewed at the same site under the *Results* section.

The e-survey site will be open until May 2, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-713-5245.

Warm Beach and Palm Tree Wishes, Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

February Dates to Remember

Monday, February 3 Black History Month Assembly

Friday, February 14th Professional Development Day - No school for students

Monday, February 17th Family Day – School Closed

Wednesday, February 19th Sushi Day

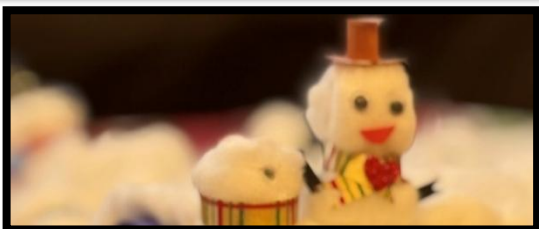
Wednesday, February 28th Pink Shirt Day – Wear Pink 11 AM Assembly for Students

**NOW LET'S TAKE A WALK
DOWN THE HALLS OF BROCK!**





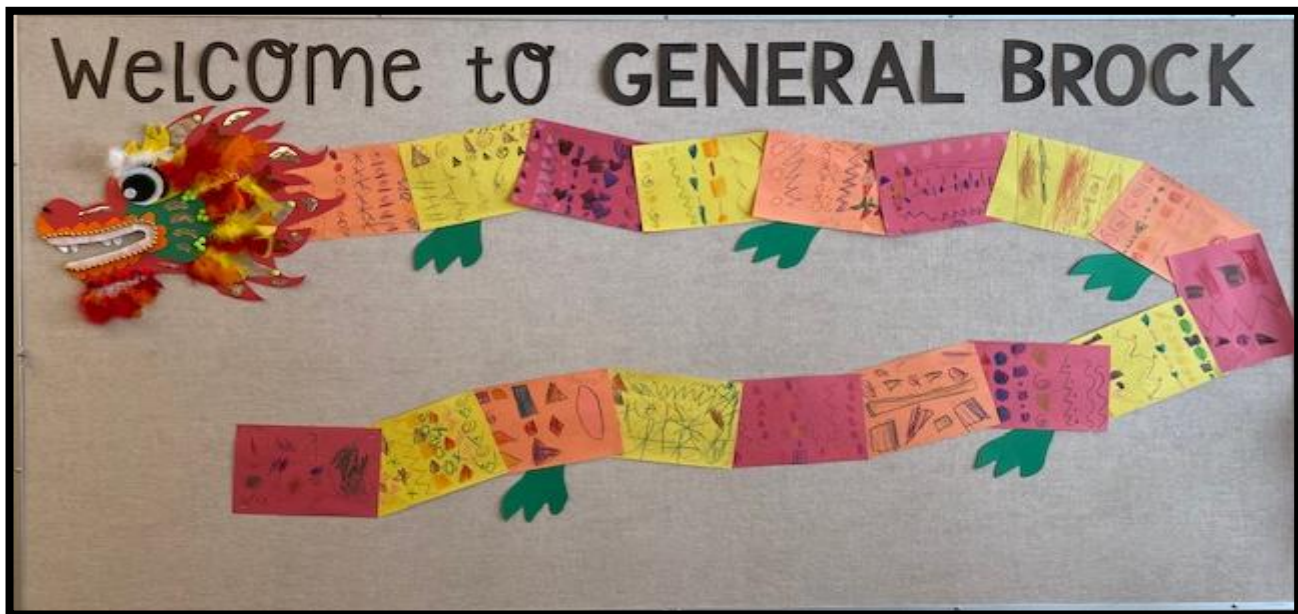
Division 4's Snow People!



Division 11 “Book Club”...with snacks and everything!!



A greeting from our primary classes...(Division 9)



Division 8

Division 9



Division 6

