

General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community,

Starting on February 2nd, Division 4 & 5 students with Ms. Surilla and Mr. Ataiza will be treating the entire school to daily announcements about Black Canadians that have impacted our culture. We look forward to learning more about this vibrant segment of our population.

VSBC 2026-2027 Budget - Your voice matters: Share your ideas.

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) is preparing its budget for next school year. Your input will help trustees make the best decisions about how to use funding to support students. Complete the survey and share your ideas! Survey link: <https://ca.research.net/r/FMG857B>
Learn about other ways to share your thoughts. See our [website](#) for more details.

Registration for Kindergarten and Intensive French

Thank you to all those who applied for our Intensive French and Kindergarten programs. The K application window has now closed and the Intensive French will close on February 3rd. Both are popular this year, thus at this point it looks like 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 later in the spring, so thank you for your patience.

Important Registration Dates:

Cross-boundary – Opens on Feb 3rd and ends on Feb 27th

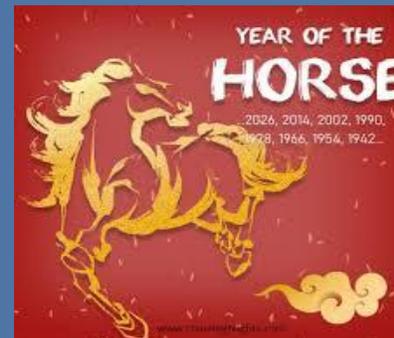
All Choice Programs (including Intensive French) – End on Feb 3rd

PAC Dance DJ Rock'N'Beau

If the PAC Movie Night on January 28th is any indication, the PAC dance will be a smash hit! The movie night was very well attended and proved to be a lucrative fundraiser. For the dance on February 19th, you can purchase tickets and "Brock Bucks" through our school cash online - <https://vsb.schoolcashionline.com>. I look forward to seeing your dance moves on February 19th!



Next PAC Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th



PAC Dance with DJ
Rock'N'Beau Feb 19th



Wednesday,
February 25, 2026

Brock School Musical – April 30 & May 1

Now that the roles have been assigned, the hard work begins. The next steps will be memorizing lines and lyrics, practicing and creating backdrops, costumes and props. The actors will all meet in the library at 8 AM promptly to start by reading the script. The choir will meet on Fridays at lunch. Later, we will be calling out for extras, prop and set designers, stage crew and tech positions. If you as a parent are wanting to get involved in some way, please let us know!

Happy Lunar New Year!

Lunar New Year is on **Tuesday, February 17th** but Brock will be celebrating at **2 PM on Friday, February 20th**. **Parents are invited to join us in the gym.** This year ushers in the Year of the Horse! 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 Horse (1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014 and 2026) are confident, agreeable, and responsible, although they also tend to dislike being reined in by others. They're fit and intelligent; they're decisive but also easily swayed and impatient.

PINK SHIRT DAY – Wednesday, February 25th

Brock will be holding a Pink Shirt Assembly on Wednesday, February 25th at 11:00 AM. PAC Executive are invited to attend, as usual.

Student Learning Survey 2025/2026

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 **2026** 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 April 15, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 604-713-5245.

Warm Wishes, Ms. Hope Sterling, Principal

February Dates to Remember

Wednesday, February 4 th	First Musical Practice in the Library and first day of our Junior Explores after school program
Thursday, February 12 th	1:30 Van Tap Performance (PAC Executive are invited)
Friday, February 13 th	Professional Development Day - <u>No school for students</u>
Monday, February 16 th	Family Day – School Closed
Thursday, February 19 th	PAC Dance Party!
Friday, February 20 th	Sushi Day & 2 PM Lunar New Year Parade in the Gym
Wednesday, February 28 th	Pink Shirt Day – Wear Pink 11 AM Assembly for Students
March 16- 27, 2025	Spring Break

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



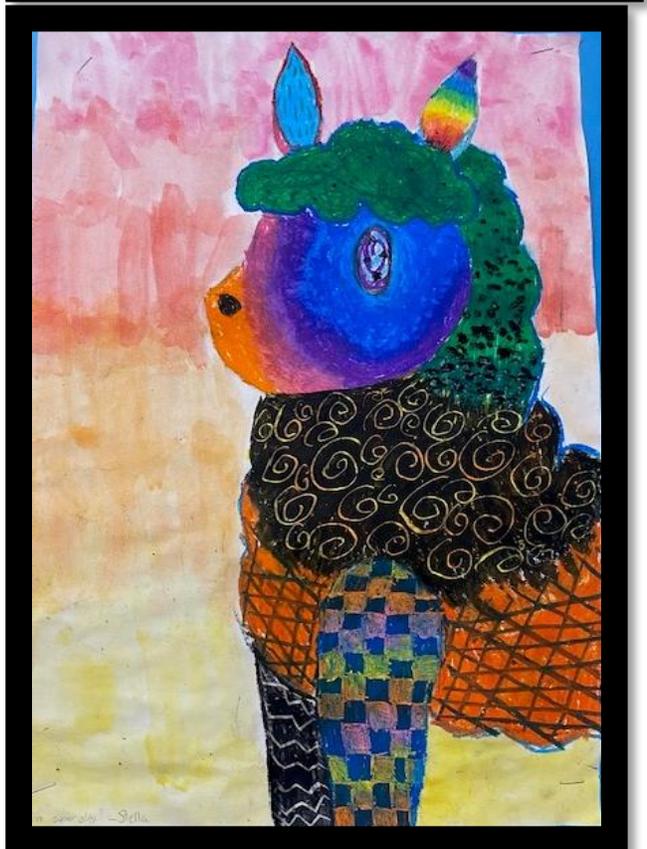
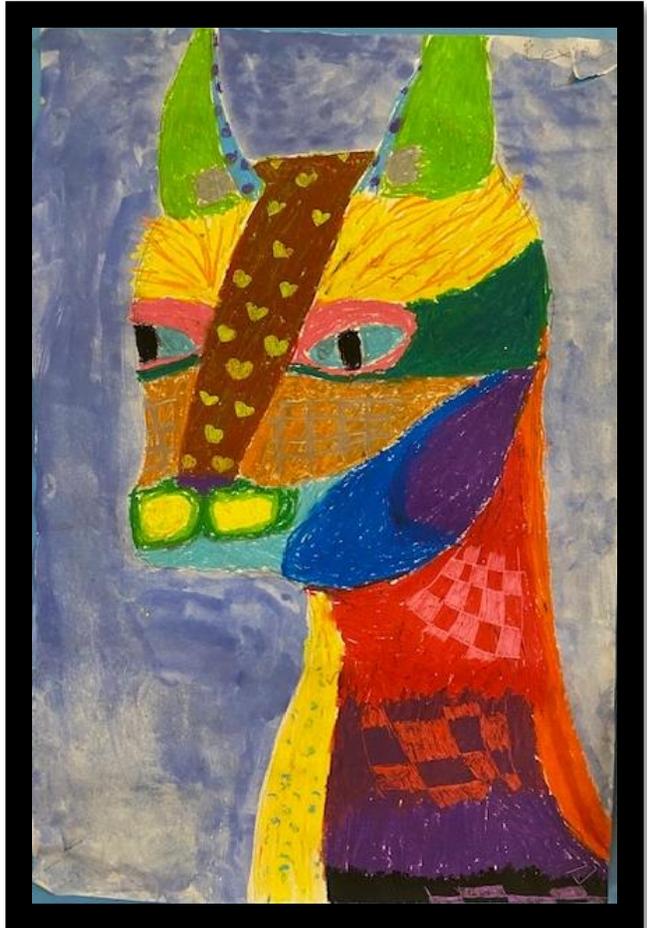
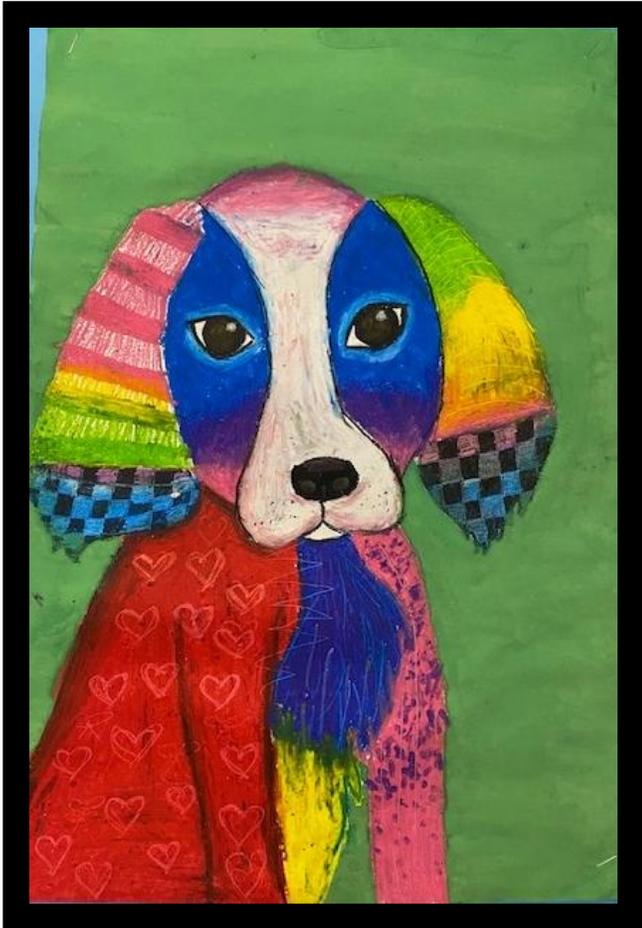


Division 1



Division 2

Abstract Oil Pastels by Division 10F

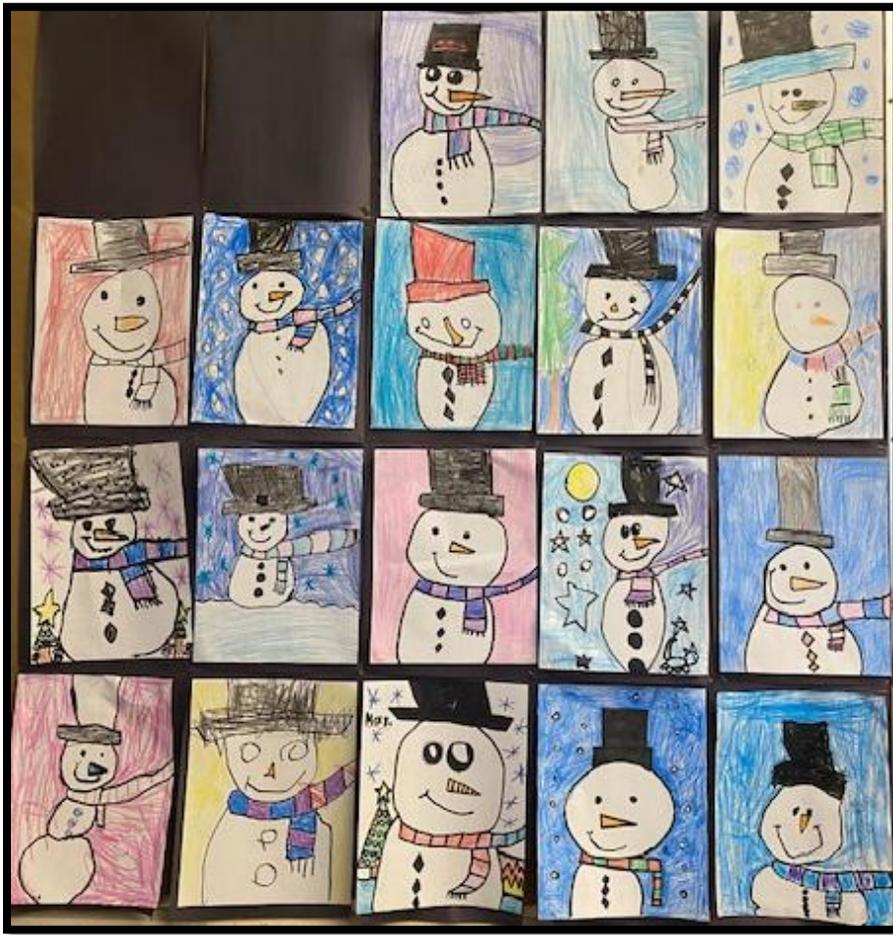


This is the Student Council “Kindness Tree”.
It stands bare, awaiting its fresh spring leaves.
Soon it will be adorned with many pink leaves
that will represent individual acts of kindness at Brock!
A wonderful way to celebrate the heart of Pink Day!



Div. 6





Division 8



Division 9K