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# General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Brock Community:

Welcome to the special **PINK** edition of our Brock Newsletter in honour of PINK DAY!!

If you remember...way back in October, Brock participated in the **Earth Rangers Battery Blitz**. Well, we recently found out we placed 3<sup>rd</sup>! This is an amazing feat when you consider the size of our school. We will be receiving \$500 to help with general school expenses. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

Thanks to the Special Projects Committee, Ms. Pankratz and all those who were able to support our **sock drive**. We are able to provide **168 pairs of socks** to help keep Vancouverites warm! They will be distributed by workers at the Union Gospel Mission.

As many of you are aware, we were awarded \$25,000 through the government **Family Affordability Grant** to support students in the area of food, nutrition, and general family assistance. We have spent about \$13,800 to date and have earmarked the rest for specific school-wide supports. Please reach out to me, if you are in need of specific support, such as winter coats, boots, glasses etc.

**Calling All Models!** On Friday, May 26th at 4 PM, we will be holding a **fashion show** in our Brock gym complete with ramping, lighting and music! Turnabout, Canada's largest authenticated luxury consignment resale shop, will be rolling in racks full of clothes for you to view and buy. A percentage of all sales will be going to Brock! Please reach out to Ms. Sterling if you are willing to model. No experience necessary and every size is welcome! I could also use help with choreography or set up. If you can help, please email me at [hsterling@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:hsterling@vsb.bc.ca).



No PAC Meeting  
in March  
\*Next PAC Meeting  
Wed, Apr 19  
7 PM Zoom Online



Get your **Brock & Roll**  
tickets on School Cash  
Online ASAP!



# PINK SHIRT DAY

❖ The Kindness Club (right) created a welcoming bulletin board in 'A' building to remind everyone of Pink Day.

❖ We want to encourage kind words and actions and stand up to mean language and behaviour.

❖ On February 22, Brock students and staff (below) got into the 'heart' of Pink Day.



Thank you for completing the **“Are you returning?” survey**. This will be very helpful for me as I begin to work on our school organization for the 2023/2024 school year. Although divisions and grade levels are never set until September, it's great to have a plan in advance.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our **conferences** over the last few days. We appreciate the partnership, input, and the support.



## A word from our Teacher-Librarian, Angie Goertz (Tuesday – Thursday)

February was a month with a few changes and additions in the library. We said goodbye to the amazing and wonderful Ms. Doran for one year until she returns from her maternity leave. Primary classrooms received new books bags to help protect and prolong the life of the books in our collection. The display of the month featured books related to Black History Month. A new primary information collection was introduced to primary students. These books were selected from the existing non-fiction collection by Ms. Doran and UBC iSchool student Hannah based on their appeal and suitability for primary students. The collection is located next to the picture books, readers, and early chapter books, making it easier for younger students to browse. The books are organized by subject (e.g., animals, biography, nature, STEM, community, etc.). We also welcomed many brand-new books to the collection! Students can check out the new books display in the library, which will continue to be replenished with new selections in the coming weeks. Finally, keep your eyes open for an upcoming note home about the Spring book drive at Brock.



I want to thank our PAC for bringing in a **sexual health** speaker from **Saleema Noon**. The students were treated to an entertaining and straightforward presentation of “Body Science”. Each grade had their own presentation that was targeted to their level. Students raised important questions around topics such as STD’s, Reproduction, Birth Control, Pornography, Internet Safety and more. Here are a few direct quotes from the students:

*“I appreciated the clear explanations.” “The speaker was a good teacher and funny.”*  
*“The speaker was absolutely amazing, and this is the first time that I’ve had a body science educator be supportive of trans people.”*

Finally, I would like to highlight a **new Brock staff member**. Welcome to **Daniel Stutz** who is our new permanent School Counsellor. He will be working on Tuesdays all day and Thursday mornings. We are excited he has joined our Brock team!

Happy Spring Break!  
Hope Sterling, Principal ~ on behalf of the Brock staff



Friday, March 10	Last Day before Spring Break
March 13 - 24	Spring Break
Monday, March 27	First Day Back after Spring Break
Friday, April 7	Good Friday – School Closed
Monday, April 10	Easter Monday – School Closed