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General Brock Elementary Newsletter

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With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Dear Brock Community,

Earthquake Drill

On Thursday, May 7th at 2 PM all VSB schools will be participating in our district earthquake drill and reunification drill. We invite parents of Division 9 who were able to participate in our Reunification Drill. The Reunification Drill helps us prepare for the job of reuniting you with your child(ren) after a disaster occurs that renders our building unsafe. When parents arrive on school grounds, they are directed toward our “Parent Check-in” table. This is where they show ID and are given a slip of paper. Then, they proceed to the “Student Release” table, present the slip and runners will retrieve your child. This system helps us keep track of your children and ensures they are released to a trusted adult. We hope we never have to actually use it!

School Musical Update

The students performed four shows, two on April 30th and two on May 1st. Our school musical takes an entire village of dreamers, makers, and storytellers who bring the impossible to life. The skills our students gain from such an experience will benefit them for life. Thank you to all the families who have helped with wardrobe, line memorization, acting tips, props, costumes, music and more! Special shout outs go to: Brianna (acting coach), Philippa, Erin and Jen (costumes), Lauren (Line Feeder), David (set carpenter), Mike (sound support) and Elton for his Video skills.

It was such an honour for me to work with your children and watch them show up each day, smiling and willing to work hard! It was a joy to see their confidence build and their showmanship develop. I was so very proud of the amazing final product they created together!

Thank you to our great staff for all their support. Ms. Vincent, Ms. How and Mr. Cruz for their time and energy with auditions, practices and backstage management. Ms. Surilla, Ms. Vincent, Ms. How, Ms. King, Ms. Ubial and Ms. Matelich for help with costumes and props. Also, Ms. Krause for



Next PAC Meeting
Wed, May 27th
@ 6:30 pm
In the Library



“Spectrum -
The Musical”
Thank you for
your support!!!



Friday, May 15



helping with choreography and Mr. Harvey for his musical input. Mr. Thorn, Mr. Mitchell and Ms. Matelich for helping with student supervision. Finally, Ms. Tassy, for all her help with almost everything - keeping me on track, paying bills, reminding students, tickets, admissions, marketing, the program and so much more.

Sports Day

Sports Day is Friday, May 15th! Similar to last year, the students will be meeting in the gym at 9 AM for a short assembly and then heading to the field to start the day around 9:30 AM. Our grade 7's are creating stations that the school will rotate through. This part of sports day will end at lunch time. Thank you to the PAC for arranging one free slice of pizza or chicken nuggets for each student. To participate in this generous offer, you must place your order online same as you do for Hot Lunch. Parents are welcome to come out and watch on the field from 9:30 am until around noon. There will be a PAC tent if you need a coffee or a little rest. Hope to see you there!

School Fees

School fees for 2026/2027 will remain much the same as this year. School fees are \$35, and Agendas \$7. There will also be a workbook fee of \$40 and Grade 7 camp will cost approximately \$475. We understand these can be an extra challenge, so please always know you are welcome to reach out to the principal to create a payment plan or to take advantage of the VSB Hardship clause, which states "No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any program because of an inability to pay the fee."

Parent Input Form

Sometime in May the staff will start to create a draft organization for our 2026/2027 school year. They work very hard to create balanced classes, while considering Ministry compliance, academic levels, ELL learners, social emotional needs, friendships and conflicts. With so many variables, this process is not perfect, but we work thoughtfully and carefully. Thank you to those who completed our parent input forms by April 17th to convey information we were not aware of. No more forms will be accepted from this point on, as we will be starting our class composition process shortly. Thank you.

Warm Regards,
Hope Sterling, Principal

May Dates to Remember

Friday, May 1	1:15 & 6:30 pm School Musical
Thursday, May 7	Earthquake Drill and Division 9 Reunification Drill
Friday, May 15	Sports Day
Monday, May 18	Victoria Day – School Closed
Thursday, May 21	Welcome to Kindergarten
May 27 – 29	Grade 7 Camp

Other Important Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, June 23
Thursday, June 25

Grade 7 Farewell Ceremony
Last Day for Students

Spectrum, The Musical!







