

## The General Brock January Newsletter

Dear General Brock Public School Community,

Happy New Year! As we reflect on the conclusion of 2023, we extend our sincere gratitude for the safe and successful year experienced at General Brock Public School. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students has remained our foremost priority, and we take pride in sharing that our school continues to provide a secure and nurturing environment for all.

As winter sets in, we kindly remind parents to ensure that their children are appropriately dressed for outdoor play at school, catering to both our youngest and oldest students. If you are in need of winter wear, we will have a limited 'free' selection in our main foyer. In adherence to board policy, if temperatures drop below -20 degrees Celsius, students will be kept indoors during breaks. Factors such as wind, sun, and the condition of our playground are also taken into consideration. Nevertheless, we remain committed to maximizing outdoor play and providing indoor activities such as Lego, chess, and gym use whenever possible.

We are pleased to acknowledge the positive feedback from parents and guardians, expressing their confidence in our school as a safe and inclusive space that addresses student needs with kindness and professionalism. Moving forward, our staff is dedicated to seeking ongoing input from parents/guardians regarding equitable and inclusive activities and events. We understand the importance of parental involvement in their child's educational experience and aim to facilitate this through various means, including assemblies, Kindergarten open houses, and community nights.

To keep parents informed about their child's learning journey, we encourage you to explore the Partner in Learning guides available on the GECDsB's website – [click here](#). Many of our staff members regularly post updates on EDSBY, detailing current and upcoming curriculum topics. However, the most direct way to stay informed is by engaging in open communication with your child and reaching out to their teachers. We are always here to assist and provide the support you need.

We look forward to a year of continued collaboration, growth, and success. Thank you for being an integral part of the General Brock Public School community.

At Brock - 'We care about each other!'

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mrs. Dahbour

## Important Dates

January 8 – School resumes

January 9, 16, 23, 30 – Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5

January 11, 18, 25 – Frozen Yogurt - \$3 for 1 or 2 for \$5 - Flavours are: Bubble Gum, Birthday Cake, Orange Cream, Oreo, Butterscotch and Cotton Candy.

January 19 – PA Day- No School for Students

January 29 – Parent Council at 9 am in our Library – all are welcome to attend

January 29 - Student of the Month / Month in Review Assembly @ 1 pm in the gym

## Mental Health and Well-Being

We consider student mental health and well-being to be a crucial part of students' success. Our commitment is to provide a safe and supportive environment at General Brock. For more information please visit the ['Mental Health and Well-Being'](#) school board website to learn more.

## School Safety

We take pride in ensuring that our students are safe at General Brock! As part of our "Safe Welcome", we ask for your help each day so that we can always keep our students safe.

If your child is absent, please ensure that you call the school before 8:35 am. If your child needs to leave the school before the end of the day, please ensure that you send a note to your child's teacher or phone the school office—we will greet you at the front doors with your child/ren. The **number one** way you can help decrease the amount of traffic issues is to consider having your child walk to school or take the bus. ***Do not park in the bus bay or parking lot. These areas are off limits for parking to ensure student safety before and after school.*** With your help, we know that we can create an even safer environment for our students!

## Bell Times

Start time is 8:35 a.m.

Breakfast program begins at 8:10

Student arrival 8:20—8:35 a.m.

10:15 —10:55a.m. First Nutrition Break

12:35 —1:15 p.m. Second Nutrition Break

End of day dismissal is 2:55 p.m.

## History Corner – DeGurse-McEwan House

The DeGurse-McEwan house, built in 1892, is a charming Queen Anne Vernacular style dwelling. The 2-storey, wooden clapboard home is situated on Kildare Road, north of Wyandotte Street, in the former Town of Walkerville. It is recognized for its heritage value by the City of Windsor Bylaw 397-2004.

It is named after Joseph DeGurse who built the home, and for Robert J. McEwen, whose family lived there for some 70 years.



## Brock's Great Moments

Winter Concert 2023



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