

The General Brock November Newsletter

Welcome to November!

Our focus for this school year continues to be on a safe, equitable, and inclusive learning environment for all our learners. Additionally, our primary division focus is on reading. We are using the board's 'Bee for Reading' and UFLI (University of Florida Learning Institute) programs ensuring all have an equal opportunity learning to read. Additionally, both our Empower and Lexia programs continue to develop success in our youngest readers! We are also fortunate to have a math and language teachers who work with our students as an additional support on a weekly basis. Our Junior and Intermediate focus continues to be on math using tools such as Mathology and Knowledgehook.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 'Meet the Staff' event earlier in October. We also held our Parent Council elections – congratulations to Mrs. Othman as our Chair. We will continue to hold our meetings during the school day for anyone who wishes to join. Our next meeting date is on Monday, November 27 at 9 am in the Library.

Thank to our staff who continue to volunteer their time and provide a variety of extra-curricular activities. We had our first girls' soccer team in over five years in addition to our boys' soccer team and cross-country activities. Also, our breakfast program could not run without our staff volunteers. A special thank you to all of them as well. We continue to feed approximately 100 students/day.

The weather has changed. Please be sure to label all your child(ren's) belongings. Many items go unclaimed. If you need shoes or boots, please contact the office and we can connect you with the Goodfellows program. Also, we have a limited number of coats, snow pants, hats, and gloves that we will be providing when needed. A special thank you to the area's 'Coats for Kids' program.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mrs. Dahbour

Important Dates

November 7, 14, 21, 28 - Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5

November 2, 9, 16, 23 – Frozen Yogurt - \$3/cup or two for \$5

November 5-11 – Treaties Recognition Week

November 13 – Progress Reports go home – EDSBY booking information sent home with report card

November 13-17 – Bullying Prevention and Awareness week

November 16 – Parent-Teacher Interviews – 3:30pm -6:30pm

November 17 – Professional Development Day for Staff – no school for students

November 23 or 24 – Miracle in Sandwich Towne – Tree Decorating

November 27 – Student of the Month / Month in Review at 1:30 in our gymnasium

November 27 – Parent Council in our Library – 9am

November 30 - Pizza Day from 'Yum Yums' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5 - no pre-orders

December 4 – WCCA auditions for interested grade 8's

Ignite Program

Thank you to our volunteers and Big Brothers / Big Sisters who run our after-school program from 3pm-5pm for our students in grades 2 to 7. A snack is provided, along with homework help, activities and outdoor time. Currently, the program is full. However, if you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the office. This program is not run by the school. It is supported through United Way and the Prosper Us group.

Home and School Communication

Teachers communicate in a variety of ways: by telephone, using student agendas, Edsby, Twitter, and through the web as well as class newsletters.

During the day, our staff is busy attending to the needs of students. If you wish to contact your child's teacher, we encourage you to leave them a voicemail with specific instructions on how, and when the best time to call back would be. Staff typically respond within 48 hours. If the issue is urgent, please call our office staff and provide details of your concern. Our office staff will be happy to assist.

We are proud of our students and the work that we do to support them. We deeply appreciate your support and know that we are here to support our students and parents.

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. ***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.

EDSBY for Parents

What are the benefits of using Edsby?

Edsby is a great way to support your child at school. Many of our teachers will communicate and assign work through EDSBY.

Can I schedule an absence for my child using Edsby?

Yes, using Edsby you can schedule an absence for your child.

How will I know that I have been invited to Edsby?

You will receive a response to the email address you have provided the school for each child you have in the school where parents have been invited.

What do I do if I forget my password? Where do I get help or support on how to use Edsby?

On the Edsby login screen there is a link for 'Can't Log In' - Click on this and enter your email address that you used when you registered for Edsby. An email will be sent with instructions to follow. Help is available at <http://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

Allergies

We have many students and staff who have life-threatening allergies to **peas, eggs, latex, nuts, tree nuts and peanuts. We are also a 'fragrance free zone' and do not permit perfume, cologne or other fragrances.** When exposed to these substances, allergic children can become 'anaphylactic' meaning that a medical emergency may become imminent. These reactions can be fatal. For some students, these foods/scents must be ingested to result in a reaction while the allergy is 'airborne' which means that the smell alone can result in anaphylaxis. We deeply appreciate your support in doing your best to avoid sending these food items to school. Please know staff are trained annually in how to respond to

students with anaphylaxis.

EarlyON Centre hours and activities at a glance

EarlyON Child and Family Centres (CFC) offer free high-quality programming for parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 6 years old. Centres are located throughout Windsor-Essex County and include virtual programming options. All programming aims to foster a sense of belonging, well-being, engagement and expression while meeting the following core services:

- Supporting early learning and development by offering programming to encourage children’s learning through play, and to build positive child adult relationships;
- Engaging parents and caregivers through information sharing about child development, parenting, play, and inquiry-based learning;
- Offering pre and post natal support;
- Connecting families to the community by responding to parents and caregivers inquiring about their child’s development. This can include offering screening, making referrals to health professionals or other specialized community services.

In-Person Programming

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Daily Schedule

Morning Schedule
8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M
Enjoy playing, creating & learning.
10:00 A.M -10:30 A.M
Prepared Snack available (optional).
11:00 A.M-11:20 A.M
Circle Time: Join us for songs and stories.
11:30 A.M
Departure Time: Hope to see you again soon!

Thursday Afternoon Schedule
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.
Enjoy playing, creating & learning.
2:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
Prepared Snack available (optional).
2:30 P.M.-2:50 P.M.
Circle Time: Join us for songs and stories.

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Hours of Operation

*Welcome parents, caregivers and children, from birth through 6 years. *

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Third Saturday of the month
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Leaf Painting 	2	3 Scented Play Dough 	4
6	7 Paper Poppy Craft 	8	9 Adventure Bay Field Trip 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 	10 Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath 	11 CLOSED
13 Closed in Observance of Remembrance Day 	14	15 Ms. Karen from Children First Visits at 9:00 a.m. Children First	16	17 Ice Painting 	18 OPEN TODAY 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
20	21 Health Unit Visits at 10:00 a.m. 	22	23 Walk by the River (weather permitting) 	24	25 CLOSED
27 Experiment with fall leaves 	28	29 Cheerios Bird Feeders 	30		CLOSED

History Corner

The Ambassador Bridge is a tolled international suspension bridge across the Detroit River that connects Detroit, Michigan, United States, with Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Opened in 1929, it is the busiest international border crossing in North America in terms of trade volume, carrying more than 25% of all merchandise trade between the United States and Canada by value.



Great Moments at General Brock Ms. Chauvin's Class



Ms. Bentley's Class



Kindergarten – Library Time



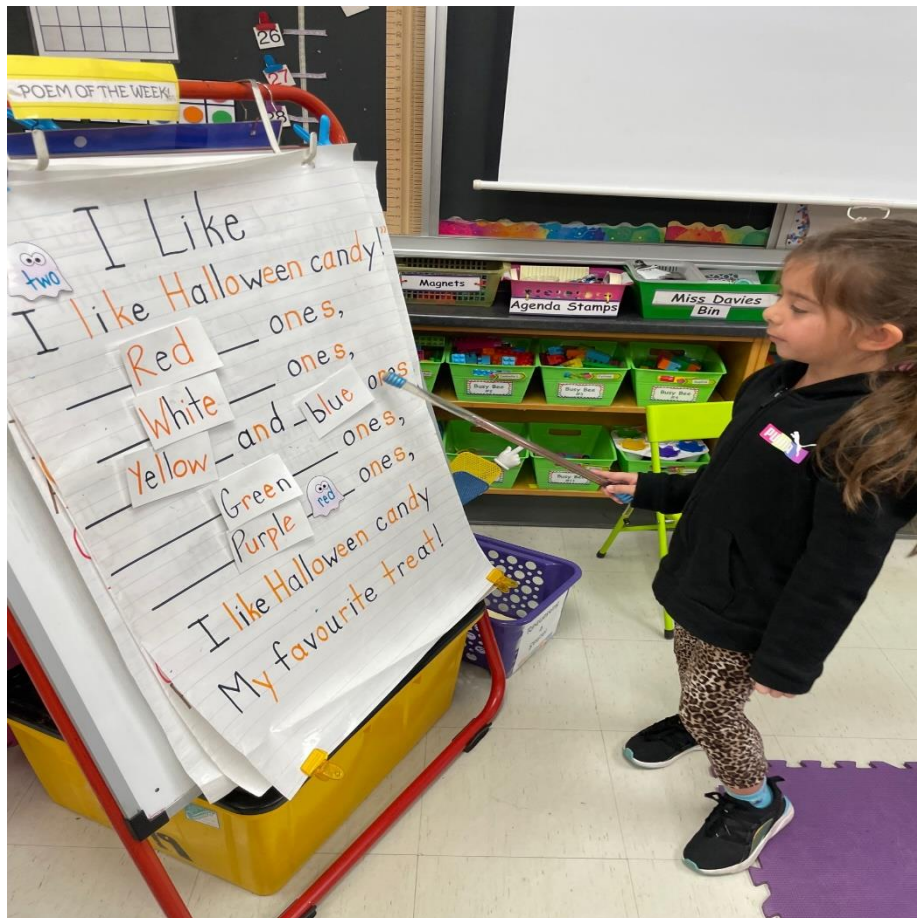
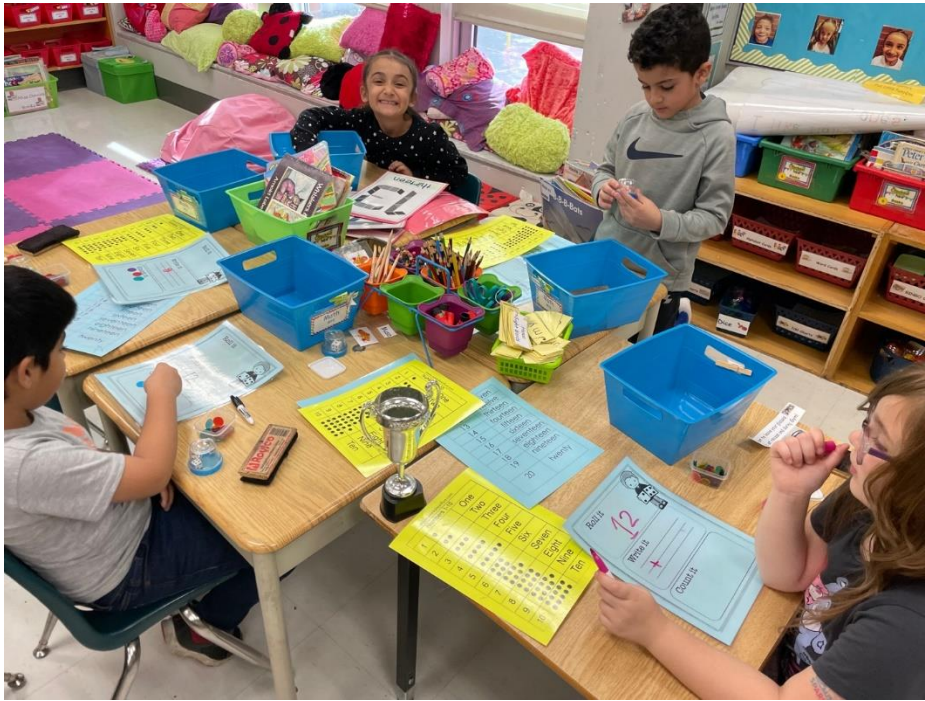
Ms. Carter's Class



Ms. Brown's Art Class



Ms. Davies' Class



Our Respected Community Volunteers



School Breakfast Club





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