

The General Brock December Newsletter

December has arrived! It continues to be an amazing year here at General Brock! We are always looking for opportunities to celebrate your child's successes. If you haven't already, please take a moment to activate your EDSBY account. If you are not sure how to do that, please contact our secretary, Ms. Campbell at 519-254-2571. All of our school activities are communicated here in our 'General Brock Announcements' section that we have created for our school community.

Recently, we sent out a parent/guardian survey. Thank you to the many who completed it. We look forward to sharing the results and next steps with you in the new year. Students in grades 5-8 also had the opportunity to share their voices. We are constantly looking for opportunities to collaborate, engage, and make differences in each and every one of our families within our school community. We are looking to include a variety of multi-cultural celebrations within our school environment. If you have something you would like to share with us, please reach out. Celebrating diversity and inclusion through an equity lens is very important to us.

Thank you to the many of you who attended the parent/guardian interview nights. We had over 120 appointments made with our staff. We also had many winter items out that were free to families. Our morning breakfast program continues to see approximately 75 students per day. Along with our snack program, our students are eating healthy food throughout the entire day. This directly contributes to learning success in the classroom!

The weather has changed. Please be sure to label all your child(rens) 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.

Have a safe and relaxing winter break. School resumes January 9.

At Brock - 'We care about each other!'

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mr. Caschera

Important Dates

December 2 – Loonie License Day – teachers to share for each classroom

December 6, 13 ,20 - Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5

Tuesdays / Thursdays - Lego club in our Library during first nutrition break for grades 1-3 in our Library

December 8 – Miracle in Sandwich Towne – Tree Decorating

December 22 - Student of the Month - Staff to choose Character Trait / Month in Review Assembly

December 23 – January 9 – Winter Break

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 8:15

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 – Sandwich Post Office

In the 19th Century, post office buildings were powerful symbols of the Dominion Government and played a vital role in the community and operations of a district town. The Sandwich post office operated first from William Hands’s home through a sentry box, and later at John Spiers’ general store. Designed by David Ewart (chief architect of the Federal Department of Public Works), this 1905 building plan was executed many times across Canada. Aside from the first-floor post office, the second floor served as offices for Inland Revenue and Customs, while the third was the Postmaster’s home. The bricks on the building reportedly came from Jules Robinet’s brickyard and the Victorian fountain in a

replica of one donated in 1909 by former resident William Leech. The post office was closed in 2013 and was remodeled as a café in 2016.



Class of the Month – Mr. Paterson’s Grade 7 Class – check out this art work!

Mohamed



Savannah



Amirra



Eddie



Kaylynn



Rylie

