

BULLDOG NEWS



HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

General Brock Public

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your partnership in learning as we continue to navigate the constant changes in efforts to keep all of us safe from Covid-19.

Our students and staff appreciate your daily screening efforts, keeping your child home when in doubt and utilizing EDSBY on a consistent basis to get the latest school information.

With winter well upon us, please take a moment to ensure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled. We often have piles of unclaimed clothing items that are never retrieved each month.

An asynchronous learning model is available to all students of the GECD SB for those currently attending in-person. More details to come. This is for parents/guardians who are in isolation or

not comfortable sending their children to school at this time.

Kindergarten Open House will once again be virtual this year. See below for important dates. If you know of a little one in our area born in 2018—JK, or 2017—SK who is new to school, please have them give us a call to register with us.

Please continue to check out the board website—www.publicboard.ca for the latest information.

Also, if you do not have an active EDSBY account, please connect with our secretary to become part of the EDSBY community. This is the main medium for communication.

Stay safe and healthy everyone!

FOOD ALLERGIES / FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE

We have many students and staff who have life-threatening allergies to **peas (humus), 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 for other students the allergy is 'airborne' which means that the smell alone can result in anaphylaxis.

We appreciate your support in doing your best to avoid sending these food items to school.

Staff are trained annually in how to respond to students with anaphylaxis.

Important Dates

- *Groundhog Day* Feb. 2nd
- *Valentine's Day* Feb. 14th
- *Report Cards Go Home* Feb. 14th
- *Parent-Teacher Interviews* Feb. 17th
- *PA Day* Feb. 18th
- *Family Day* Feb. 21st
- *Kindergarten Registration Opens* Feb. 21st
- *KG Open House—Virtual* Feb. 23rd
- *Spirit Day—Crazy Hair Day* Feb. 25th
- *Student of the Month—Virtual* Feb. 25th
- *Spirit Day—Wear Blue & Yellow* March 4th
- *Book Fair—Virtual begins* March 7th
- *March Break* March 13th

Drop Off/ Pick Up

A big thank-you to those parents who are not parking in the bus bay. This area is off limits for parking as we need to keep it clear at all times for our buses. Please continue to use Russell St or the Church parking lot on Sandwich St. The staff parking lot is off limits as it poses a safety risk to our students during entry and dismissal times.



NOT GOING TO BE AT SCHOOL?

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have been remembering to contact the school in regards to student absences. This helps to dramatically reduce the number of phone calls made by the office staff, so thank you.

Since the winter weather is here buses may be cancelled due to snow. If buses are cancelled, they will not run the entire day. As a reminder, in order to comply with Provincial Legislation, all schools are required to attempt to make contact with the parents/guardians of absent students. You can phone and leave a message at any time. Parents can also leave a note in the child's agenda the day before an absence, for appointments and other known absences/lates. Also, parents/guardians can enter their child's absence through EDSBY. You can do this by going to <https://publicboard.edsby.com> or by downloading the app onto your mobile device. Just a reminder to parents to please provide the school with your email address for this will allow us to send you messages that contain important information about school events as well.

7 TIPS TO SOLVE A MATH PROBLEM

1. Practice, Practice & More Practice: It is impossible to study math properly by just reading and listening. To study math you have to roll up your sleeves and actually solve some problems. **The more you practice answering math problems, the better.**

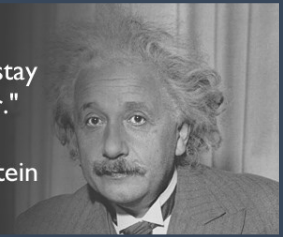
2. Review Errors: When you're practising with these problems, it's important to **work through the process for each solution**. If you have made any mistakes, you should review them and understand where your problem-solving skills let you down.

3. Master the Key Concepts: Do not try to memorize the processes. This is counter-productive. It is much better and rewarding in the long run to focus on understanding the process and logic that is involved. This will help you understand how you should approach such problems in the future.

4. Understand your Doubts: Sometimes you can get stuck trying to solve part of a math problem and find it difficult to move on to the next stage. It's common for many students to skip this question and continue on to the next. You should avoid doing this and instead spend time trying to understand the process of solving the problem.

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."

—Albert Einstein



5. Create a Distraction Free Study Environment: Mathematics is a subject that requires more **concentration** than any other. A proper study environment and a **distraction free area** could be the determining factor when solving complex equations or problems in geometry or algebra.

6. Create a Mathematical Dictionary: Mathematics has specific terminology with a lot of **vocabulary**. We suggest you create [Notes](#) or [Flashcards](#) with all the concepts, terminology and definitions you need to know. You should include their meanings, some key points and even some sample answers so you can consult them at any time and recap.

7. Apply Math to Real World Problems: As much as possible, try to apply real-world problems when approaching math. Math can be very abstract sometimes so looking for a practical application can help change your perspective and assimilate ideas differently.

INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Winter weather may be an issue anytime during the season and it may cause bus cancellations.

Information is posted after 6:30 am at www.publicboard.ca (buskids) or tune in to a local radio station.

The school does not make these decisions and all staff get the information by checking the buskids' website or listening to the radio as well. **When the buses are cancelled due to ice and/or snow the buses will not operate for afternoon dismissal.**

On bus cancellation days, the office staff are

A special thank you to Mrs. Jasey's grade 2 class for contributing to this month's newsletter....



More work from Mrs Jasey's class....great

The coffee pen is running.
 The brown bear is running.
 The blue butterfly is flying in
 the air.

America

by Aisha

The playful panda is really
 kind and can cook! My
 brother is big and can swim.
 My pet panda loves to eat
 bamboo and cake?!

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victor 17/1/2022

I can run with my friend.
 The teacher is nice and she can
 run. The funny dog
 likes to eat.

nganya 17/1/2022

by Nganya

The dog is funny and it
 can run. I can run with
 my friend and we are funny.
 The teacher is nice
 and she can swim. likes

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