

The General Brock May/June Newsletter

As we approach the summer, we are into our final two months of what has been another incredible year at General Brock. This time of year is an exciting one for everyone, with the great memories of a year of progress, fun, and hard-work, and the anticipation of a summer break followed by a new year of endless opportunity.



Figure 1: General Brock in the News!

As always, we want to acknowledge and thank our community for all that they do to make our school a success. Without the generosity of our donors, our staff, and our volunteers, we would not be able to offer such a wide range of athletic options or support our students with a breakfast and snack program. We were excited last month to be featured in the Windsor Star for the great work in our breakfast program!



Over the last few weeks, we have been fortunate to have both girls' and boys' junior basketball at our school. We are one of only 13 schools to run these programs. Thanks again to our incredible staff and their willingness to volunteer their time. Both teams represented the Bulldogs with pride and strong school spirit. They competed fiercely and we are proud of their efforts through the season. Junior sports are all about building a love for the game and giving these students experience that will help them when they reach the senior divisions.

Still to come this year with our school sports are badminton, and track and field. We will also be sending a team from our RISE and GAINS programs to the GECDSB "Day of Champions" event. We look forward to these students continuing the Bulldog tradition of competing hard and having fun!

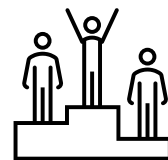




Figure 2 - Paint Station at Community Night

The end of April saw us celebrate with our annual “Community Night”. This event allowed us to welcome all our families, both current and future, into our school to join with a series of fun activities and to spend time interacting with our staff. We continue to be committed to providing every opportunity we can to gather as a

community and celebrate the unique things we have that make our school a place to be proud of. If you know of any families in our area with young children, please encourage them to reach out to us at 519-254-2571. We would love to welcome them into our school community!

Even though the end of the year is approaching quickly, we still have a lot of hard work to do. Our grade 3 and 6 students will be completing provincial EQAO testing in May. We will also be working hard towards our final report cards in June. Every day we ask our students to do their best, and we are so proud of them for their academic efforts and achievements.



Our Grade 3 children will be participating in the “Swim to Survive” program at the Windsor Aquatic Centre. More details about this will be shared with these students in the near future.

Our Grade 8 graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, 20th June.

Graduation will take place at 6:00 pm in the school gym. The ceremony will last approximately an hour and at the conclusion of the celebration there will be a



reception for family and friends and time for pictures. Graduates will then have a pizza dinner and dance until 9:30 p.m. It is at this time a parent/guardian must attend the school to pick up the graduate. Students are to attend school until the conclusion of the year on June 27, 2024. If parents/guardians are allowing their students to remain home after graduation, we ask that you inform the office as soon as possible.



Finally, a couple of reminders. Our breakfast program begins at 8:10am, and our outside supervision begins at 8:20am. Children should not be in the playground before 8:20am. Thanks for helping us with this and keeping everyone safe.

Another point of safety – please continue to utilize the church parking lot on Brock Street for pick-up and drop-off.

On our school calendar, you will see we have plans for a “Hot Lunch Day” program. This program is through the Gordie Howe Bridge community programs and the United Way. You may have seen on Community Night that the United Way were already engaging with our students to find out what they might like in this program! We will send out more details as we get them. We are excited that our partners in the community are once again finding exciting ways to support our students!

At Brock, we are committed to fostering a caring and supportive community where every individual thrives. Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Warm regards,

Mr. Callow, Principal and Mr. Knight, Vice-Principal

Important Dates

May 1st – Badminton Tournament – Herman Elementary School

May 2nd – Special Olympics Day of Champions – Sandwich Secondary School

May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd – Frozen Yogurt: \$3 for 1 or 2 for \$5

May 7th, 14th, 21st – Pizza Day from “Pizza Plus”. All halal. \$3 per slice or 2 for \$5

May 9th – Class/Group Photo Day

May 20th – Victoria Day – NO SCHOOL

May 27th – Student of the Month (Compassion)/Month in Review Assembly

May 28th – EQAO Testing Grades 3 and 6

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May 30th – EQAO Testing Grades 3 and 6

May 30th - Pizza Day from “Yum Yums”. All halal. \$3 per slice or 2 for \$5

May 30th – Grade 8 Field Trip – Niagara Falls

June 3rd – Track and Field Meet at Sandwich Secondary School

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Pizza Day from “Pizza Plus”. All halal. \$3 per slice or 2 for \$5

June 5th – Gordie Howe Bridge Hot Lunch Day (details to come)

June 6th, 13th, 20th - Frozen Yogurt: \$3 for 1 or 2 for \$5

June 7th – PA Day – NO SCHOOL

June 12th - Track and Field District Meet

June 17th – Eid al-Adha expected to begin

June 20th – Grade 8 Graduation (see above for times)

June 24th – Student of the Month (Citizenship)/Month in Review/Year End Assembly

June 27th – Last Day of Classes

June 27th – Pizza Day from “Yum Yums”. All halal. \$3 per slice or 2 for \$5

June 27th – Report Cards go home

June 28th - PA Day – NO SCHOOL

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.

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 – Baby Duff House



Figure 3- Duff Baby House, Photo Credit Embee473 at the English-language Wikipedia, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=36295885>

The Duff Baby House is located at 221 Mill Street. The Georgian-style house is owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust and is considered to be one of the oldest standing structures in Ontario. The house was built between 1792 and 1798 by Alexander Duff as a fur trade post. In 1807 the building was bought by James Baby and it is alleged to have been used as the headquarters of U.S. General Harrison, Colonel Henry Proctor, and General Isaac Brock until it was ravaged by the British during the War of 1812.

The house is open one Saturday per month for visitors.

Brock's Great Moments

