

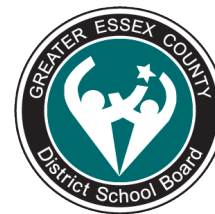
September 2021

Bulldog Report

Welcome
Back To
School



Welcome Back!



On behalf of the staff at General Brock Public School, we would like to welcome all of our current and newly registered families to this new school year. We are so excited to return to school and we are certain that you will find our school warm and inviting, with a focus on student safety and achievement. With the passing of summer, school staff have been busy at work preparing for the new school year. We are committed to providing a quality educational experience for your child while adhering to COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines.

Families will be contacted prior to the first day of school to explain first day entry routines.

Communication is key to ensuring your child has a successful school year. Please

be sure to keep the communication lines open which can be as simple as an Edsby message or a telephone call directly to your child's teacher. This newsletter will be available on our school twitter feed @Brockbulldogs and our web page at <https://publicboard.ca> under the school tab. Our newsletter not only contains valuable information about future school activities and upcoming dates but also highlights the previous month's events.

At Brock, we will continue to meet the needs of our students in a variety of ways.

If you are interested in being a part of our Parent Council, we will be holding our virtual election on -

Tuesday, October 5 at 3:30.

Please know that parents/guardians will need to check into the office upon arrival. We are minimizing school entry to students only at this time. Should you need to enter the school, a mandatory Covid-19 screening test must be completed—this is available on our board website.

For reference, please review our Student/Parent Handbook available on our school website prior to the first day of school.

Additionally, an "Announcement Group" has been created in EDSBY for up to date events.

Looking forward to a great school year!

Mr. Callow & Mr. Johnson

'We care about each other!'

HOME OF THE BULLDOGS

General brock public school

Important Dates

September 7
Grades 1-8—First day of school

September 13
JKSK—First day of school

September 27
Re-organization day—if your child(ren) is impacted you will be notified

Welcome New Staff

The school community would like to officially welcome a number of new staff members.

Mr. S Kirby—Prep coverage

Ms. N Carter—DSW

Ms. D Owdeesh—EA



Welcome
Glad you're here!



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@Brockbulldogs

COMMUNICATION—HOME AND SCHOOL

Teachers communicate in a variety of ways: by telephone, using the student agendas, Edsby, Twitter, 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 relay the information to the Principal/Vice Principal.

If you have a concern, please never hesitate to call the school. The vast majority of concerns occur as a result of miscommunication and can be resolved with a simple phone call to the teacher. Our staff are more than happy to have the opportunity to talk with you as they want to ensure that our families have a positive experience at General Brock.

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

Contact Information

We encourage you to log on to your Edsby parent account to ensure that contact information is up to date. Should changes be required, please contact the school for assistance.

Thank you!

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 keep our students safe at all times.

Please note that visitors to the building will be limited to minimize contact.

All schools in Ontario are required to keep their doors locked during the school day. For safety reasons, only our students and staff are permitted in the school and on the playground. **If you are dropping off items, we will have**

carts out front. Please label the items and call the office / use the buzzer. A staff will come out and pick it up.

At the end of the day, students who walk home and students who are being picked up will be dismissed out their designated doors. Parents may alternatively wish to meet their children. Please be patient as new routines are being established.

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.

"All schools in Ontario are required to keep their doors locked during the instructional part of the school day"

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/>

SAFETY—BEGINNING AND END OF DAY

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. This area is off limits for parking as we need to keep that clear at all times for our buses.***

Please try to avoid contacting the school after 2:30 pm with changes in dismissal arrangements—these create a great deal of confusion which can delay everyone.

Please ensure that your child, and their teacher, know what your end of day plans are.

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.

Student arrival 8:20—8:35 a.m.

Students will proceed to their classroom upon arrival.

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

ELECTRONIC DEVICES



Technology has opened the door to many wonderful learning opportunities and has enhanced our educational experiences which has helped students to become responsible digital citizens. These devices can also be an area of concern. Due to the many privacy issues and the potential inappropriate use of these items, students are not to use devices at school without permission from the school and home. **In the event of an emergency, students may use the office phone or parents can contact their child through the office.** For students whose parents wish them to carry a cell phone, the phone is to be kept stored in a safe place while at school. **The school will not be responsible for any lost or stolen electronic devices.**

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

“The Windsor-Essex County Health Unit provides a number of health services to school children in Windsor and Essex County. Many of these services are provided according to provincial law. If for any reason you do not wish your child to be involved in health education or health services, please inform the school principal in writing as soon as possible.”

FOOD ALLERGIES / FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE

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.

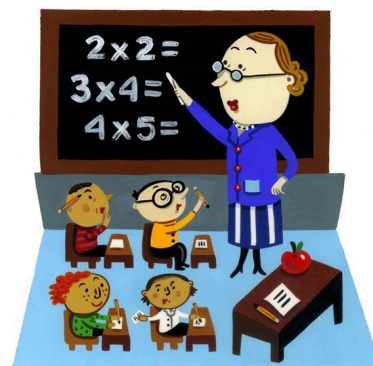
We deeply appreciate your support in doing your best to avoid sending these food items to school.

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



Our 2021-2022 Bulldog Staff

Principal	Mr. C Callow	JKSKC	Mrs. M Chauvin
Vice-Principal	Mr. B Johnson	JKSKCa	Ms. C Calvaruso
Secretary	Ms. J Campbell	1D	Mr. R Davies
CYW	Ms. L Reid	12B	Ms. K Bentley
DSW	Ms. B St. Pierre	2J	Ms. K Jasey
DSW	Ms. D Lafleur	23G	Ms. S Gaetz
DSW	Ms. N Carter	3M	Ms. S Molenda
EA	Ms. W Ruxton	4P	Ms. A Valcanoff-Parsons
EA	Ms. S Murphy	45B	Ms. P Brown
EA	Ms. A Chittle	56B	Mr. B Bartlett
EA	Ms. D Owdeesh	67P	Mr. M Paterson
EA	Ms. F Hassan	78L	Mr. D Lumley
ECE	Ms. M Wilder	8M	Ms. L Mattina
ECE	Ms. S Gignac	GAINS	Ms. C Turner
Day Custodian	Mr. R Wells	LST	Ms. C Joseph
Evening Custodian	Ms. C Barbuzzi	ESL	Ms. K Harrington
Evening Custodian	Ms. J Pitre	RISE	Ms. S Renwick
		Music	Ms. L Behrens
		Prep	Ms. S Kirby
		FSL	Ms. G Giglio
		ESL Coach	Ms. N Feghali



'Home of the Bulldogs!'

Student Accident Insurance

The Greater Essex County District School Board does not cover accident insurance for students however, our school board is offering you the opportunity to voluntarily purchase student accident insurance through the Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada program. Injuries can result in substantial expenses that are not covered by provincial health care or employer group insurance plans. As a student, parent or guardian, you become responsible for these expenses.

Insure my Kids® Accident Insurance provides protection against unexpected costs arising from accidental injuries. The program is especially valuable for families who:

- do not have medical or dental plans,
- have limited plans, as it may help supplement health and dental benefits, or
- have active children who enjoy sports and outdoor activities.

Insure my Kids® Accident Insurance has a selection of plans to suit most budgets. Benefits include coverage for:

- The full school year (September to September), 24 hours a day, while at home and school;
- Expenses that are often limited or not covered by private or group insurance plans, or Provincial Health Insurance Plans, such as ambulance, private tutoring, counselling, and much more;
- Injury-related dental treatment (paid in the 10 years after injury).

Depending on the plan selected, insurance premiums for children are \$17.00 to \$33.00. A discount is available for families with 3 or more children.

For more information or to apply online, please visit <https://insuremykids.com/> or speak with an Insure my Kids® Client Service Administrator at 1-800-463-5437.



School Hours

Our bells are now as follows:

8:20am Supervision begins with immediate student entry

8:35 am School begins

10:15 —10:55am First Nutrition Break

12:35 —1:15 pm Second Nutrition Break

2:55 pm Dismissal

Someone is usually in the school office until 3:30 pm everyday. Please leave a message if you are unable to reach someone. Do not drop off your child before 8:20 am—no staff are present to supervise them.

