

The General Brock June Newsletter

Welcome to June!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first in-house community night with some of the changes to our safety protocols! We had a full school filled with a large range of fun activities – from painting, to drumming, to physical activities. It was also great to have our new families join us following our ‘Welcome to Kindergarten’ after school opportunity. Thank you to all our staff and our great eight student ambassadors who helped to support this amazing evening!

A special thank you to everyone for your work with our recent EQAO testing. The new digital version proved to be no match for our Bulldogs. It is amazing to see how fluent our students are in this new digital age, proving that a new way of accessing learning is still evolving rapidly. Way to go Bulldogs! We are proud of you.

June will be a busy month for our students and staff. We have track and field, field trips, and graduation to look forward to. A list of important dates is noted in this newsletter and posted to our EDSBY – General Brock Announcements calendar. Additionally, students have already been selected as we also look forward to hosting several different board sponsored camps during the first three weeks in July for a variety of our learners. What a great opportunity to extend their learning!

With the change in the weather, whenever possible, please send your child(ren) with a hat and additional water when outdoors. Sunscreen can also help protect too.

A friendly reminder - if your child will be absent from school, please call the school or enter the absence on Edsby. Also, please have your students arrive after 8:20 – supervision begins then.

We ask that children arrive as close to the 8:35 bell. This helps to reduce the large numbers of students on the playground.

We look forward to the next several weeks at school and really appreciate your partnership with us. Together, we care about each other.

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mr. Johnson

Important Dates

June 1, 8, 15, 22 – Freezie Days – Jumbo - .50 for half / 1.00 for whole

June 3, 10, 17, 24 - Nacho Day - \$3/one or two for \$5 – no pre-orders

June 7, 14, 21, 28 – Pizza Days from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two for \$5 – no pre-orders

June 2 – Election polling station open in our gymnasium

June 3 – School Spirit Day – Tropical Theme

June 6 – Track and Field – Regionals at Sandwich Secondary (Rain dates – June 8, 9)

June 10 – Professional Activity Day – No school for students

June 14 – Track and Field – District Championships at Sandwich Secondary (Rain date – June 16)

June 17 – Loonie License Day - forms will be sent home prior to the day

June 23 – Grade 8 graduation at General Brock – doors open at 5:30, Ceremony begins at 6:00pm

June 24 - Student of the Month - Citizenship / Month in Review / Year End Assembly

June 28 – Spirit Day – Wear your school colours – Blue/Gold. Report Cards go home. Last day of school.

Mental Health Support Services

Student mental health and well-being is a crucial part of student success. This is a priority at the GECDsB especially as we continue to deal with the impact of COVID-19.

As such, the GECDsB has been able to provide a comprehensive list of agencies and services that are available to support both students and families.

Detailed information can be found at - [Mental Health Resources](#)

A Little Bit of Local History

Are you looking for a peaceful park to spend some time in this summer? Well, look no further than Mary E. Bibb park, located directly beside Mackenzie Hall (across the street and on the next block east from our school).



This park may not be filled with swings and play structures, but it is a serene place to sit and admire historic buildings, wrought iron fencing, and beautiful trees (6 different varieties of trees including oak, Austrian pine, Colorado blue spruce and maple). In years past, students from our school have worked together to help decorate the large blue spruce at the front of the park for Christmas. This park also has a large Victorian style wooden gazebo with tiered grassy areas surrounding it. This picturesque spot has been popular for outdoor weddings and photos.

What's more important, however, is the historical significance of the name that this park honours – Mary E. Bibb.

Mary was born in 1820, in Rhode Island. By 1847, she was teaching high school in Cincinnati, Ohio. While there, she became involved in anti-slavery activities and she met her future husband, Henry Bibb. The Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 in the U.S. made it very easy for slavecatchers to capture fugitive and free Blacks. That prompted Mary and Henry (who was an escaped slave himself) to move to Canada. They settled in Sandwich where they continued their anti-slavery activism. The couple frequently took fugitives into their home who had arrived in Sandwich via the Underground Railroad. Approximately 20,000 Black people settled in Canada between 1850 and 1860, hundreds of them coming through Sandwich daily. In 1851, they began publishing a newspaper called "*Voice of the Fugitive*", the first major newspaper targeted at Black Canadians. She wrote articles and shared interviews with newly arrived fugitives in Canada. She was noted for giving the newspaper a polished editorial style.



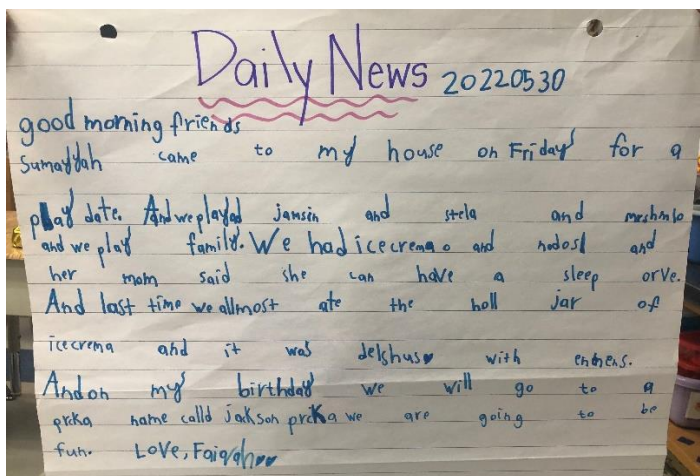
By the late 1850's Mary established schools for Black Canadians, and she was a founding member of the Anti Slavery Society of Windsor. She also operated a store selling women's accessories and apparel in Windsor from 1865 until 1871. Mary left Windsor in the 1870's to go back to the United States. She later died in Brooklyn, New York in 1877.

Mary has left a significant imprint on both Sandwich and all of Canada. Her husband Henry is also honoured locally as one of the 16 Black Historical figures featured on a mural in Paterson Park further down the street. So, next time you visit Mary E. Bibb Park or walk by the historical plaque located beside the sidewalk on Sandwich Street, take a moment to learn about and reflect on the legacy of Mary E. Bibb.

Daily News Stories from Miss. Davies' grade 1 Class



Daily News by Faiqah





Daily News by Sarah

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Dear Id

On the weekend me and my family went to the park and it was so much fun. I went on the slide and swing and we got buger king then we went home. then we got ice cream. Then i used my moms phone then i playd some games it was fun then i took a nap.

Love Sarah ♡♡



Daily News by Rayyan

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Good morning friends.
I like venom.
Venom looks like
spider man. He
fights carchage. I like carnd.
~~It is~~ It is really good.