

## The General Brock March Newsletter

Welcome to March! Our weather continues to be unpredictable, varying from extremely cold conditions to spring like temperatures. Please ensure that you monitor the forecast daily and assist your children in dressing appropriately for outdoor play. We also encourage you to send a spare mask with your child if possible.

Thank you to those who have ordered Brock apparel. It is great to see the school spirit it brings to our school environment each day!

We are also excited to host a virtual book fair that runs from March 7 to 13.

[Book Fair Sneak Preview Link](#)

Additionally, we have updated our website. Check out our new look - [General Brock WebPage](#)

We are also excited having our extra-curriculars, open gym, Lego and chess clubs back as restrictions continue to be lifted.

As a staff, we have also introduced the 'Skills for Success' certificate – students who receive 'excellent' in all six categories in the learning skills and work habits of the provincial report receive this recognition. For Term one we had 34 students accomplish this!

We have also brought back honour for our grade seven and grade eight students who achieve an average of 80 percent in all subject areas. This term we had

Thank to everyone who continues to complete daily the Covid19 screening tool. Your help is greatly appreciated.

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school or enter the absence on Edsby.

The entire Bulldog staff wishes all our families a safe and relaxing Spring Break – March 14-18.

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mr. Johnson

## Important Dates

March 4 – Sweater Day in support of our environment

March, 8, 22, 29 – Pizza Days from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5 - no pre-orders

March 7-13 – Virtual Book Fair – [Book Fair Sneak Preview Link](#)

March 14-18 – Spring Break

March 21 – Spirit Day – ‘Rock Your Socks’ in support for Down Syndrome

March 25 – Loonie License day – teacher will share options closer to the date

March 25 – Student of the Month – look for the video on our YouTube channel - [Brock YouTube Channel](#)

April 1 – Spirit Day in support of Autism Awareness

## Kindergarten News

It has been great seeing so many new Bulldogs register with us during these past several weeks. If you haven't already, please take some time to visit our Kindergarten YouTube at

If you have any questions, please reach out and give us a call at 519-254-2571.

We look forward to meeting our future Raptors!

## 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](#)

## March is Nutrition Month

Healthy snacks are an important part of healthy eating. They give kids energy and prevent them from getting too hungry between meals. Fruit and vegetables make great snacks for kids. Oranges, bananas, apples, baby carrots, pre-cut celery, and cucumber slices are easy to pack. You can find more information about healthy eating at school by visiting the [Food Guide](#).

Did you know that children are more likely to eat their lunch and snacks if they help make them? Try putting out healthy snacks and let kids choose what they want and put it all in their own containers. If you're looking for ideas, check this link, [Health Lunch Ideas](#).

Additionally, our daily snack program helps to provide a grain, dairy, and or fruit/vegetable to our Bulldogs.

### A Little Bit of Local History

Did you know that our little corner of the world (the corner of Sandwich and Brock) is filled with some fascinating history? Standing on our property (where our school now stands) was once a fortified barracks that had been used in the War of 1812. These barracks were first built in 1808. Around the barracks was a covered enclosure of hewn square timber which surrounded the present school grounds. Inside of this enclosure was a large stone barracks and other buildings for the sheltering of the troops and the storing of munitions of war.



This drawing from 1837-1838 shows the wood enclosure that surrounded the stone barracks (to the right of the picture). The church on the left side of the drawing is St. Johns church, which still exists today across the street from our school. That is what the church looked like before the church was rebuilt in 1871. Established in 1808, those stone barracks were the beginning of a school presence on our property for well over 200 years! The first school in those barracks was called the Western District Grammar School (also called the “Stone College”).



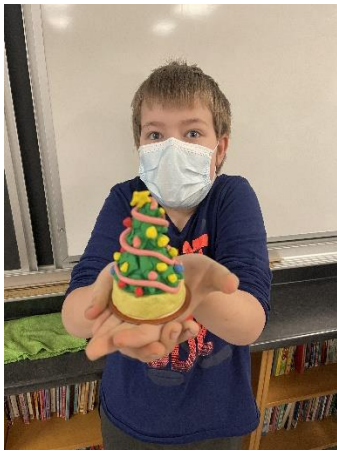
The stone barracks were finally removed in about 1868, with the only remnants being the 3 large rectangular stone blocks that lie on our corner today. Next time you walk by those stone blocks, take a minute to read the historical plaque that is mounted on the upright stone block.



5/6 Bartlett made some 'Holiday' Snow Globes out of plasticine!



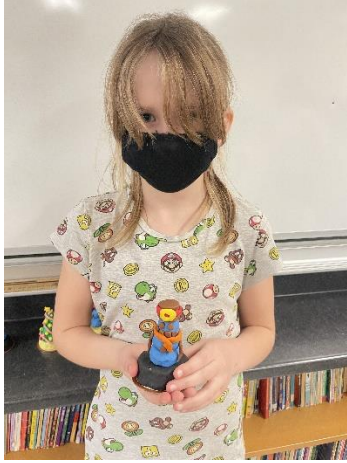
*Bre loves her snowman snow globe!*



*Eddie is so proud of this Holiday Tree*



*Rana's Holiday Tree*

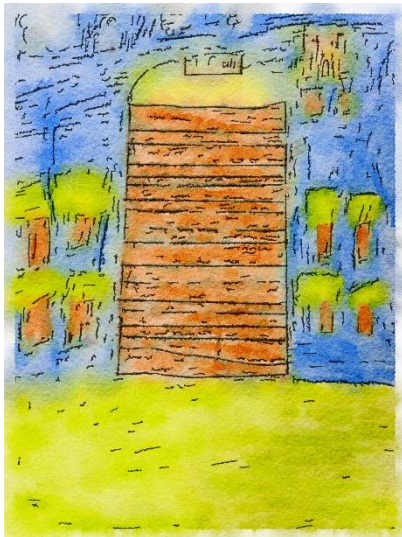


*Faith's like plasticine art!*

5/6 B used a computer program to make some 'Water Colour' artwork connected to the novel study of 'Bridge to Terabithia'!



*Adnin's watercolour art!*



*Riley's watercolour!*

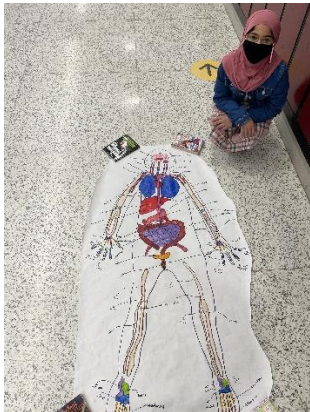


*Ka'Mya's castle!*



*Rana's watercolour castle!*

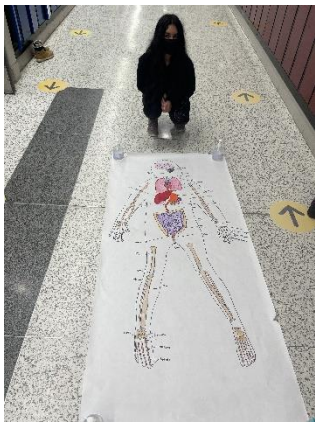
*5/6 B students made life size 'human body' posters to show their learning in our Science unit about human body systems!*



*Sama's human body!*



*Bre and her body systems!*



*Dipi worked so hard on her poster!*



*Skye and Kainat working on a poster!*