

The General Brock November Newsletter

Welcome to November! Many great things continue to happen in our Bulldog community. Recently, our soccer team made the playoffs for the first time in eight years! Also, we had our girls' cross-country team make the districts! Another first for our students. Volleyball is now underway. We are proud to be hosting a volleyball tournament in our gym November 9 and 10.

Last Monday, our Parent Council met in person for the first time too. If you missed the first meeting in September, no problem. You are welcome to attend any time. We meet the last Monday of each month at 9am in our Library.

Our school inclusion and equity plan was discussed at our meeting. Our focus for this school year is on primary reading through the use of Science of Reading and Lexia. Initial assessments using a quick phonics screener is used to assess where our students are at and helps us determine what we need to do to support their learning.

Also, we discussed our continued goal of equity and inclusion for our staff, students and community. We will be seeking student voice in grades 6, 7, and 8 through survey input. A parent/guardian survey will also be shared with everyone soon. It is important we hear from you. We are always looking for ways to improve our school community with your support and input.

Our morning breakfast program continues to see approximately 75 students per day. Along with our snack program, our students are eating healthy food throughout the entire day. This directly contributes to learning success in the classroom!

The weather has changed. Please be sure to label all your child(rens) belongings. Many items go unclaimed. If you need shoes or boots, please contact the office and we can connect you with the Goodfellows program. Also, we have a limited number of coats, snow pants, hats, and gloves that we will be providing when needed.

At Brock - 'We care about each other!'

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mr. Caschera

Important Dates

- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5
- November 4 – Spirt Day – wear blue and/or gold (of your favourite colour)
- November 6-12 – Treaties Recognition Week
- November 9 – Girls Volleyball Tournament
- November 10 – Boys Volleyball Tournament
- November 14 – Progress Reports go home – EDSBY booking information sent home with report card
- November 14, 15 – WECHU Dental Screening – JK, SK, 2 and 7
- November 16 - Grade 7s - WECHU: vaccines for Hepatitis B, Meningitis and Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- November 17 – Parent-Teacher Interviews – 3:30pm -6:30pm
- November 19 – Professional Development Day for Staff – no school for students
- November 21-25 – Bullying Prevention and Awareness week
- November 25 – Nacho Day – no pre-orders
- November 28 – Student of the Month / Month in Review at 1:30 in our gymnasium
- November 28 – Parent Council in our Library – 9am
- November 28 – WCCA auditions for interested grade 8's
- December 1 – Miracle in Sandwich – Tree Decorating

Ignite Program

Thank you to our volunteers and Big Brothers / Big Sisters who run our after-school program from 3pm-5pm for our students in grades 2 to 7. A snack is provided, along with homework help, activities and outdoor time. If you are interested in having your child participate, please contact the office. This program is not run by the school. It is supported through United Way and the Prosper Us group.

Home and School Communication

Teachers communicate in a variety of ways: by telephone, using student agendas, Edsby, Twitter, and 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 be happy to assist.

If you have a concern, please never hesitate to call the school. The vast majority of concerns occur because of miscommunication and can be resolved with a simple phone call to the teacher. We 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 we are here to support our students and parents.

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. 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 or parking lot. These areas are off limits for parking to ensure student safety before and after school.*** 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.

Breakfast program begins at 8:15

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.

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/>

Allergies

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. Please know staff are trained annually in how to respond to students with anaphylaxis.

EarlyON Centre hours and activities at a glance

In-Person Programming

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Daily Schedule

Morning Schedule
8:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
Enjoy playing, creating & learning.
10:00 A.M -10:30 A.M.
Prepared Snack available (optional).
11:00 A.M-11:20 A.M.
Circle Time: Join us for songs and stories.
11:30 A.M.
Departure Time: Hope to see you again soon!

Thursday Afternoon Schedule
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.
Enjoy playing, creating & learning.
2:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.
Prepared Snack available (optional).
2:30 P.M.-2:50 P.M.
Circle Time: Join us for songs and stories.
3:00 P.M. Departure time!

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Hours of Operation
Welcome parents, caregivers and children, from birth through 6 years.
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Thursdays 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Third Saturday of the month
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Watercolor Fall Leaf 	2	3 Leaf Rubbings 	4	5
7 Painting Poppy Flowers 	8	9 Color Science Activity 	10	11 Remembrance Day CLOSED 	12 CLOSED
14	15 Pinecone Painting 	16 Ms. Karen from Children First visits at 9:00 a.m.	17 Feed the Squirrels Counting Game 	18	19 OPEN TODAY 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
21 Making Bird Feeders 	22	23 Making scented playdough PLAY DOUGH	24	25 Math & Science with Fall Seeds 	26 CLOSED
28	29 Foam Blocks & Shaving Cream 	30			CLOSED

History Corner – Mackenzie Hall

Mackenzie Hall was built in 1855-1856 by Alexander Mackenzie, who became the second Prime Minister of Canada in 1873. Mackenzie Hall served as the County Court House until 1963 when it became the county headquarters.

In 1981, an organization of concerned citizens, the Friends of the Court, formed to save the vacant hall. Within two years the City of Windsor purchased Mackenzie Hall and began an extensive restoration process.

Located in one of the most historic areas of Windsor, Mackenzie Hall is a living link between our colourful legal past and our artistic present. Originally a courthouse and jail, Mackenzie Hall is a cultural centre for the City of Windsor, with performing arts space, theatre, art galleries, meeting facilities and a ballroom for private rentals and special events. Constructed of limestone in the classic revival style, Mackenzie Hall is administered by the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Facilities Departments for the City of Windsor.



Class of the Month – Ms. Jasey’s GAINS students
Maya and Aya counting pumpkin seeds.



Liam and Minhaz working on math and language skills.



Hasan sorting letters.

