

The General Brock September Newsletter

It continues to be a great start to the school year!

Our school population has skyrocketed! We are now over 360 students and for the first time in Brock's history, we have a fourth kindergarten class.

Soccer, cross country, breakfast club, snack program, food days and assemblies are just a few things happening at General Brock, with much more to come.

Our main form of communication is through EDSBY. When you log in you will see the Brock General Announcements Icon. Click on this to get the most current information. We also use our 'School Messenger' system to share news. If you need to update your email or phone number, please give us a call at 519-254-2571. Communication is key to ensure your child has a successful school start. 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

@Brockbulldogs and on our web page at publicboard.ca under the school tab. Our newsletter contains important information about future school activities and upcoming dates and highlights the previous month's events.

Exciting news – October 3 is the official start of the Ignite Academy for students in grades 2-7. This is a community lead after school program running Monday to Thursday from 3-5 pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the office. Prosper Us group together with United way are responsible for creating this unique program. Once the group receives your application, someone from this organization will reach out to – there is a screening process.

Looking for volunteers – if you are able to help out with our breakfast club in the mornings, please let us know. We are serving approximately 100 students/day. Additionally, we offer a snack program that could use some additional support. Reach out and give us a call if you can help out.

At Brock - 'We care about each other!'

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow & Mr. Caschera

Important Dates

October 3 – Ignite program begins for grades 2-7. This is a program sponsored through United Way and the Prosper Us group.

October 4, 11, 18, 25 – Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5

October 10 - Thanksgiving

October 27 – Fall photo day (due to LifeTouch staff shortages, there will not be an alternative date for re-takes)

October 28 - Student of the Month - Self-Discipline / Month in Review Assembly

October 28 – Hot Dog Day (Halal) with Chips for \$3 or two hot dogs with chips for \$4 (Individual hot dogs \$2/hot dog)

October 31 – Black and Orange

Welcome New Staff

We have several new staff joining us due to our large increase in enrolment. Ms. Colman, Ms. Pizzuto, Ms. Candido, Ms. Taylor – welcome to General Brock!

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.

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, please label the items and call the office / use the buzzer. A staff member will be available to assist.**

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. For students in Kindergarten and siblings, there will be an optional early pick-up that begins at 2:45 each day when our Kindergarten students are participating in outdoor play. 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. 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.

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.

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.

A Moment in Sandwich Towne History

In the 18th Century, numerous wind-powered gristmills stood on the shore of the Detroit River between Sandwich and Tecumseh. Jacques Baby's mill was located near this site on lot #2 at the foot of Mill Street not far from the historic Duff-Baby Mansion. During the War of 1812, the American General William Hull commandeered flour for his troops from the mill before his retreat from Sandwich. At that time, up to 50 bushels of grain per day could be ground into flour, which sold for 25 cents a pound. This commemorative structure was erected in 1992. The Windsor Department of Parks and Recreation with the Assistance of the Sandwich Business Association and the PRIDE Programme of the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs together with Unemployment Insurance Canada recreated a wind-powered gristmill representing the original windmills in this area.



Art from Ms. Bentley's 1/2 Class





School Staff

Secretary	Ms. Campbell
Vice Principal	Mr. Caschera
Principal	Mr. Callow
Early Years	Ms. Chauvin / Ms. Wilder (ECE)
Early Years	Ms. Colman / Ms. Gignac (ECE)
Early Years	Ms. Pizzuto / Ms. Taylor (ECE)
Early Years	Ms. Candido
Grade 1	Ms. Davies
Grade 1/2	Ms. Bentley
Grade 2	Mr. Lumley
Grade 2	Ms. Gaetz
Grade 3	Ms. Molenda
Grade 3/4	Ms. Lee
Grade 4/5	Ms. Parsons
Grade 5/6	Mr. Bartlett
Grade 6	Ms. Brown
Grade 6/7	Mr. Paterson
Grade 7/8	Ms. Mattina
Music	Ms. Behrens
French	Mr. Cvecich
LST	Ms. Joseph
GAINS	Mrs. Jasey
RISE	Ms. Renwick
Prep	Mr. White
Child and Youth Worker	Ms. Reid
Developmental Service Worker	Ms. Brush
Developmental Service Worker	Ms. Carter
Developmental Service Worker	Ms. St. Pierre
Educational Assistant	Ms. Chittle
Educational Assistant	Ms. Hassan

Educational Assistant	Ms. Murphy
Educational Assistant	Ms. Owdeesh
Educational Assistant	Ms. Pidutti
Custodial staff	Ms. Barbuzzi
Custodial staff	Mr. Lockhart