

## 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 370 students, the highest student population in history!

Terry Fox, 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 web page at [publicboard.ca](http://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.

If you are interested in volunteering or being a part of our Parent Council, please complete this electronic form – [Parent Council Elections](#). It can also be printed off and handed in to your child's homeroom teacher or dropped off at the office. Only one form per family is needed if interested.

Exciting news – October 12 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. Snacks, curriculum focused activities, and community partners such as Art Can Teach join us during this time. Currently, the program is full. However, if you are interested in attending, please contact the office and we will put you on a waiting list. If spots become available, the program coordinator will contact you. Prosper Us group together with United way are responsible for creating this unique program.

We are looking for volunteers – if you can 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.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Callow & Mrs. Dahbour

## Important Dates

October 3 – Ignite program begins for grades 2-7

October 3-5 – Dental Screening for students in grades JK, SK, 2, 4, and 7

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5

October 4 – Meet the Staff evening from 3-5pm - Halal Hot Dogs \$2 / Chips \$1 / Water \$1 / Gatorade \$2

October 4 – Parent Council Elections at 3:30 in the Library

October 5 – Cross Country Meet – Grades 3-8 – Malden Park

October 5, 12, 19 – Frozen Yogurt - \$3 for 1 or 2 for \$5 Thank you GAINS!

October 9 – Thanksgiving (no school for students)

October 10 – Bus evacuation practice

October 20 – Grade 7 Immunization Clinic (Hepatitis B, Meningitis, and HPV Vaccines)

October 23 – Student of the Month / Month in Review Assembly (includes September)

October 30 – Fall Picture Day – Edge Imaging

October 31 – Black and Orange Day or favourite colour

## Welcome New Staff

We have several new staff joining us due to our large increase in enrolment. We welcome, Ms. Barraco in kindergarten, Ms. Gammy teaching grade 6/7, Ms. Vigneux as a preparation teacher – 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. 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 8:10

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

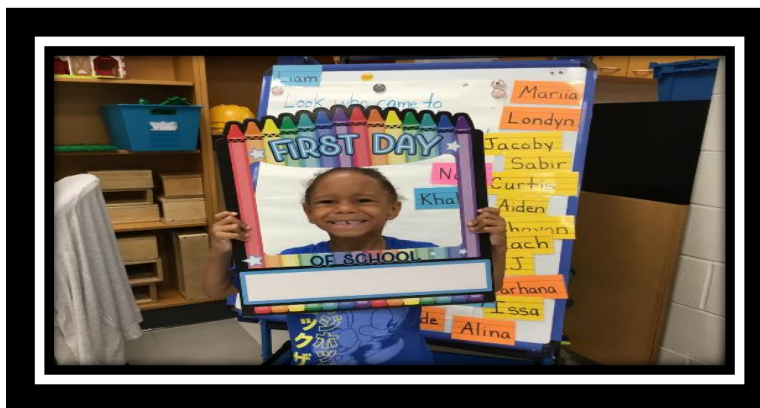
We have many students and staff who have life-threatening allergies to **peas, eggs, latex, nuts, tree nuts and peanuts. We are also a 'fragrance free zone' and do not permit perfume, cologne or other fragrances.** When exposed to these substances, allergic children can become 'anaphylactic' meaning 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.

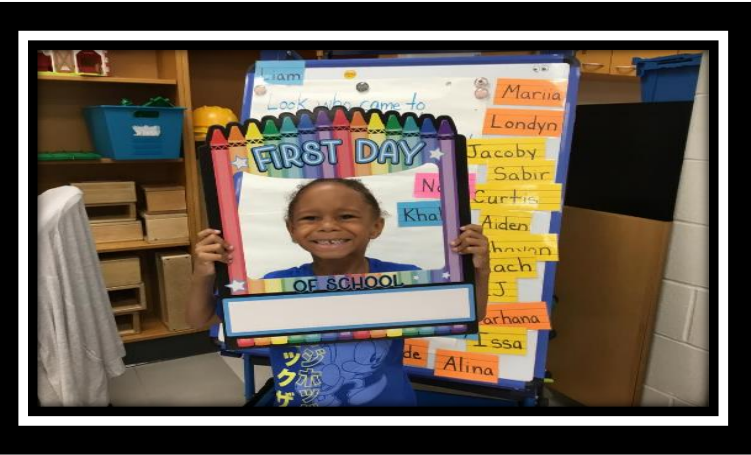
## A Moment in Sandwich Towne History

Duff Baby House had been built in 1798 on the south shore of the Detroit River in Sandwich, the Duff-Baby House is named for its first two loyalist owners, Alexander Duff and James Baby. The house displays several architectural influences. It has French characteristics such as timber wall framing with brick infill, a steeply-pitched roof and dormers. In its layout and dimensions, it is a North American adaptation of the Georgian style. The original one-acre complex included a store, a stable, other outbuildings, a wharf and an orchard.



## Brock's Great Moments







Art from Ms. Dahbour's 6/7 Class



Mrs. Carter KG Class (Baking Cakes)







**Ms. Barraco/ Mrs. Dahbour (Apple Coring Activity)**



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Ms. Chauvin/ Mrs. Dahbour (Apple Coring Activity)



## School Staff

Secretary	Ms. Campbell
Vice Principal	Mrs. Dahbour
Principal	Mr. Callow
Early Years	Ms. Chauvin / Ms. Wilder (ECE)
Early Years	Ms. Carter / Ms. Gignac (ECE)
Early Years	Ms. Barraco / (ECE)
Grade 1	Ms. Davies
Grade 1	Ms. Bentley
Grade 2/3	Mr. Lumley
Grade 2	Ms. Gaetz
Grade 3	Ms. Molenda
Grade 4	Ms. Mattina
Grade 4/5	Ms. Parsons
Grade 5	Mr. Bartlett
Grade 6	Ms. Brown
Grade 6/7	Ms. Gammy
Grade 7/8	Mr. Paterson
Grade 8	Ms. Harrington
Music	Ms. Behrens
French	Mr. Cvecich
LST	Ms. Joseph
GAINS	Mrs. Jasey
RISE	Ms. Renwick
Prep	Ms. Vigneux
Child and Youth Worker	Ms. Reid
Developmental Service Worker	Ms. Brush
Developmental Service Worker	Ms. Carter
Developmental Service Worker	Ms. St. Pierre

Educational Assistant	<b>Ms. Chittle</b>
Educational Assistant	<b>Ms. Rajeh</b>
Educational Assistant	<b>Ms. Murphy</b>
Educational Assistant	<b>Ms. Owdeesh</b>
Educational Assistant	<b>Ms. Pidutti</b>
Custodial Staff	<b>Ms. Barbuzzi</b>
Custodial Staff	<b>Mr. LaCasse</b>
Custodial Staff	<b>Mr. Gagnon</b>