

The General Brock January/February Newsletter

In Windsor, we have been very fortunate to have had such mild winter temperatures. However, with Spring still several weeks away, please remember to try and dress in layers for the weather. It is important to label clothing items as we continue to see many items go unclaimed from our 'Lost and Found'. Also, we do have limited winter gear available in our front foyer for those who may be in need. We had 71 family responses from our parent/guardian survey that was sent home in December. The survey indicated appreciation for the regular and timely communication from staff. A trusting relationship is also valued along with the amount of extra-curricular activities that staff volunteer time to do with and for their children. Parents/guardians feel the school is a safe inclusive space that addresses student needs in a kind and professional way. Our next steps as a staff will be to continue to look for parent/guardian input regarding equitable and inclusive activities and events.

Parents/guardians want to continue to be a part of their child's educational experience. Assemblies, Kindergarten open house, and community nights are some of the ways we continue to provide this opportunity. Parent/guardians would also like to know what they can be doing to support their child's learning at home and what is being taught in the curriculum. Partner in learning guides are available on the GECD's website – [click here](#). Also, many of our staff post using EDSBY what they are teaching and what is coming up next. Of course, the best way to find out what is happening with our children's learning

At Brock - 'We care about each other!'

Sincerely,

Mr. Callow and Mr. Caschera

Important Dates

February 2 – Ground hog day – will we have six more weeks of winter

February 7, 14, 21, 28 - Pizza Day from 'Pizza Plus' - all Halal - \$3/slice or two pieces for \$5

Tuesdays / Thursdays - Lego club in our Library during first nutrition break for grades 1-3 in our Library

February 13 – Report Cards go home

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 15 – Environmental Stewardship Assembly

February 16 – 3:30-6:30 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

February 17 – PA Day – No school for students

February 20 to March 3 – [Kindergarten Registration](#)

February 23 – 5:00-7:00 – Kindergarten Open House

February 24 – Nacho Day - \$3/one or two for \$5 – no pre-orders

February 27 - Student of the Month - Integrity / Month in Review Assembly

Mental Health and Well-Being

We consider student mental health and well-being to be a crucial part of students' success. Our commitment is to provide a safe and supportive environment at General Brock. For more information please visit the ['Mental Health and Well-Being'](#) school board website to learn more.

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 always keep our students safe.

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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.

History Corner – Ambassador Bridge

The Ambassador Bridge opened in 1929, a vital trade link between Canada and the United States. The engineering marvel was made possible using cantilever trusses as the main pillars. Suspension cables, high over the Detroit River, supported the center span. The 2,286-metre (7,500- foot) long span was designed in a tasteful mix of Art Deco and Streamline Moderne styles with a liberal application of Gothic cues. It is currently the busiest trade-related North American border crossing.



Class of the Month – Mrs. Gaetz's Grade 2/3 Class – Picasso Art



