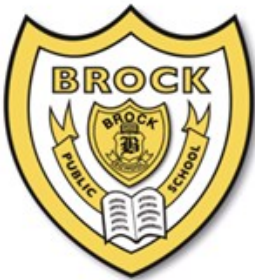




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Important Dates

Feb 5: Young People's Theatre Trip Rm 8, 9 **Feb 6:** Int. Hockey 8am
Feb 7: Greg Le Rock Concert Gr 4-6 **Feb 8:** TSO Trip Gr 4-6; FDK Registration
Feb 12-16: Winter Book Fair **Feb 13:** Report Cards Go Home Int. Hockey; Jr Hockey
Feb 15: Interviews Evening **Feb 16:** PA Day- interviews AM (no school)

A Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Learning Environment

- Supervision begins at 8:37am and ends after school at 3:45pm.
- Students are *strongly encouraged* to arrive at school **before 8:45am** so as not to miss important information and learning.
- Please keep the office up to date on how to best get a hold of you.
- Doors are locked at 8:00am until 3:45pm. Visitors to Brock are asked to use the buzzer at the **main doors, then check in at the office.** The north doors are for daycare visitors only.
- Lunch drop off is available in the office. Please bring any late lunches by 11:30am.
- The office will deliver important messages and materials to your child. Please do not go to



Thank you to parents, caregivers and staff for giving me such a generous welcome. I was here just a few days and felt right at home. The delight of every day is to see the learning of your children and the support you are giving them.

I have had the pleasure of meeting several of you at the Parent Council meeting. I encourage more parents to come as important matters are discussed.

In January, we launched the Forest of Reading programs, Silver Birch and Red Maple, for grade 4 to 8 students. Blue Spruce for K-3 students will start in March. In addition, we had the pleasure of hosting two authors, Ted Staunton and Richard Scrimger. Their work was well received.

Extra-curricular sports continue to provide occasions for students to develop their skills. Boys basketball, girls volleyball, and junior and intermediate hockey teams are all flourishing.



We are working hard to reduce the number of late students we have. With such cold weather, we do understand that there are occasions when students are late. However, this should be the exception and not the rule so that students do not miss valuable learning time or important information on the announcements.

We have seen a reduction already in the last 10 days. Thank you for working with us on this life skill.

Students in grade 8 are busy applying for programs in high school. Our Guidance Counsellor, Mr. Rodriguez, is available if you have questions. He is at Brock on Tuesday afternoons.

In mid-February, report cards will go home and interviews with your child's teacher are being held. Letters will be sent home to schedule an interview time, if it is required.

Should you have questions, concerns, or compliments, please send them our way.

For your child's success- today and tomorrow,

Beverley Muir
Acting Principal



**BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS**

By Alishba

January's Theme:

Teamwork

Teamwork is:

- ◆ Working together to do a small part in a large job.
- ◆ Using the skills and strength of all members.
- ◆ Not letting personal differences get in the way of the task.
- ◆ Learning to work with many different personality types.

Quotes:

- ◆ “Many hands make light work”. (John Heywood)
- ◆ “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”. (Helen Keller)
- ◆ “Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable”. (Ckenyan Proverb)
- ◆ “The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side”. (Margaret Carty)



January Birthdays

By Elizabet and Ava

We would like to wish the following people a happy birthday:

- JK: Jasper
- SK: Jia Yuan, Aaron, Marco
- Grade1: Neil, Nayana, Nico, Ryan, Ella
- Grade2: Max M., Daniel
- Grade3: Tianna
- Grade4: Anabella
- Grade6: Olivia, Walija
- Grade7: Jackson, Lillian, Jonathan, Elisha
- Grade8: Aleshba, Tishiyah



We would like to wish a happy birthday to everybody and we hope your wishes come true.!!!

Anti-Bullying Magic Show

By Meghan and Quinn



The Anti-Bullying Magic show took place in the gym on December 11th, 2017. We saw some amazing magic tricks. We also learned that we should be kind and not bully anyone. People who went up got hypnotized, mind read and helped out



with the magic tricks.

Everyone had lots of fun but when we had to leave we didn't want to go. We wanted the magic show to be longer! At the end of the show we learned to help a friend in need. We would like to say thank you

to Coby for coming to teach us and show us awesome magic tricks. Also thank you to all the teachers for setting up this amazing show!



**December Character Recognition and
Holiday Assembly
By Kelly and Israt**



The December character recognition assembly was on December 22nd. We celebrated the holidays by having a sing-a-long. Also, all the kindergarten classes sang a song called Listen To

My Heart Beat. Our school is very kind and caring but there were some students that stood out by showing more kindness than others. These were the winners:

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| Ms. Barbier- Ari and Tatyana | Ms. Boyce- Nicholas and Tishiyah |
| Ms. Christian- Darwin and Mabel | Mr. Basanti- Jacob and Ryan |
| Ms. Kortje- Miaoen and Harrison | Ms. Bettencourt- Lizzy and Athavan |
| Ms. Pringle- Kaiden and Nayana | Ms. Samuel- Jordan and Sophia |
| Mr. Crifo- Oliver and Lucca | Ms. Yannopoulos- Emerson and Nayana |
| Ms. Moreiro- Josue and Bavishan | Ms. Papel- Mackenzie and Joel |
| Mr. Hong- Thomas M. and Penny | Mr. Lawrence- Lillian and Hannah |
| Ms. da Silva- Kelly and Gaby | Ms. Givelos- Mason and Emerson |



Congratulations to all the winners!

Student Council News- Giving Tree and Candy Grams

By Juliet and Jonah



In December, the Student Council were selling candy grams in the main hall and they also had a Giving Tree.

The candy grams were lots of fun. You could send messages and treats to your friends for 25 cents each. Then, just before the holidays, lots of candy canes and messages were delivered to everyone in their classrooms. It was a lot of fun to see who gave you a treat. Ms. da Silva, the grade 4/5s, and Ms. Kondo sorted out almost 1000 candy grams!

The Giving Tree was to collect donations. You could put mittens, hats, gloves and scarves on the tree. We donated them to local shelters but we also kept some for kids at Brock who need it. Kelly`s favorite part was helping out the teachers with candy grams and counting the bills. One of Israt`s highlights was the number of people that came to buy candy grams for other people.

Thanks to the Student Council and the teachers that helped with the Student Council to organize these great events!



WE Club Used Book Sale
By Kelly



The WE Club Used Book Sale took place December 11 to December 15 in the main hallway. The WE Club decided to do this sale so that they can raise even more money to reach their goal this year.

The book sale was to help raise money for health care in Sierra Leone. The people who were involved were the WE Club, Ms. Givelos and Ms. Yannopoulos. Sonia's favourite part of the book sale was buying books so she could read.



Thank you to Ms. Givelos, Ms. Yannopolous and the WE club who helped make the book sale a success! Thanks also to everyone who bought a book!

Intermediate Yoga Club and Library Update



Ms. Kondo started the Intermediate Yoga Club again in the winter. New and returning members have been practising several poses includ-

ing downward dog, warrior I and II, and side plank. They are getting stronger and more flexible each week. At the end of each week, members take a few minutes to quietly meditate using special coloured stones. Trying to guess what colour they have without looking has been fun.

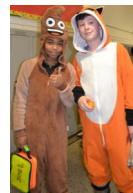
The Library Helpers also had their first celebration at the end of December. Ms. Kondo is especially impressed with the group this year as they have all shown great dedication and commitment to keeping the library running smoothly. They have learned how to



accurately shelve books and are always so excited to help. Thank you all!

PJ Spirit Day

By Eric and Bruna



On December 22, we had our second spirit day of the year. PJ

Day was a lot of fun. It was funny to



see everyone wearing their pajamas to

school. Many students

thought it was fun because you didn't have to change

when you woke up and you

could also bring a stuffed animal to school. Everyone had

different kinds of pajamas. Some were very

colourful and some had

different designs on

them. We can't wait for

the next Spirit Day!



Winter Concert By Emily and Caroline



On December 21st, we had our Brock Winter concert. Many classes practised for a long time and were really excited to show all the parents their hard work.



The event was filled with songs and music. Ms. Moreiro's class wrote a remix called #WinterPopRemix. Mr. Hong's class rewrote the lyrics to the tune of a Taylor Swift song. Ms. Givelos's class rewrote the lyrics to the tune of The Lion Sleeps Tonight. All the songs had a holiday theme and were fun to listen to.

Some classes used different instruments to accompany their performances such as when there was a Spanish song performed by Ms. da Silva and Ms. Givelos's classes called Mama Cita. They were accompanied by Mr. Adam on the keyboard. There were also a few Christmas sing-a-longs led by Ms. Yannopoulos.

Thank you to all the teachers and classes who performed, Ms. da Silva for preparing all the classes, Emily and Israt for being the MCs, and the classes who made decorations for the gym. Thanks to the parents who stayed to watch the whole concert. And a very special thanks to Ms. Yannopoulos for doing so much work to organize an amazing concert for us! Great job everyone!



Ice Hockey Try Outs

By Bessie



On December 18, 2017, the tryouts for the grade 4,5,6 and grade 7,8 ice hockey teams took place at Mary McCormick Arena.

It was a great experience for everyone. Both teams practised their stick handling, passing and shooting skills. Jessica in grade 5 said "the superman slide was my favorite part." Anik in grade 5 said that one of the highlights of the tryouts was that she improved her shot. Percy in grade 7 said that he improved his stickhandling.

Everyone worked hard and congratulations to everybody who made it on the junior and intermediate teams! Thank to Ms. Samuel for once again coaching and organizing these two teams! We can't wait for our games in January and February.



Intermediate Girls Volleyball



In December, the Intermediate Girls Volleyball team went to Carleton Village to

play Humewood, Dovercourt, and Carleton Village. The girls were eager to learn, and worked hard during practices to create a positive team culture. Some highlights include the amazing leadership from Carmen, Vivian, and Olivia A., the tenacious defence from Dristi G., and the amazing passing from Mina, Emma, Melanie, and Sunny.

Special thanks goes to our grade 6 students who practised with the 7/8 team. Those players were Olivia W., Veronica, Esther, Michela, Brigid, and Karen. And a very special thank you to Coach Ryne, Coach Sajid, and Mr. Basanti for their expertise, support, and commitment. Well done!

Junior Girls Basketball Tournament

By Israt and Sonia



The Junior Girls Basketball team went to Dovercourt Public School on December 13. We had players from grades 4-6. Anabella

said her favourite part was when all the grade 4s played on their first shift. Because of the great help we got from our coaches, we won! The game we played was very challenging. The players at Dovercourt were very well trained so it was very hard to beat them.

Special mentions go to the coach at Dovercourt along with Mr. Hong and Coach Ryne for making this game a success!

Intermediate Boys Volleyball Final

By Eric with Mr. Basanti



On December 20 the Intermediate Boys

Volleyball team played their final match. Brock finished in 2nd place in the conference, which means we got a finalist banner!

They played Parkdale, Orde, Dovercourt, and Carleton Village. The boys started from scratch and put together a winning season. Highlights include the amazing serves from Ilija, Darryl, Jacob, and Chompel, as well as hard battles for the ball.

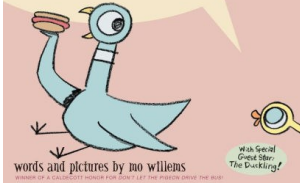
Special thanks goes to Mr. Ryne, Sajid Ajmal, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Basanti for their coaching expertise. What a great season! Congratulations to everyone!



Primary Book of the Month

By Gaby

The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!



The primary book of the month is *The Pigeon Finds A Hot Dog*.

Pigeon finds a hot dog and then says "yummy yummy yummy." When he's about to eat it,

Duckling comes up to him and asks him if that is a hot dog. Pigeon tells him it is his then when Pigeon is about to eat it again, Duckling asks him what it tastes like.

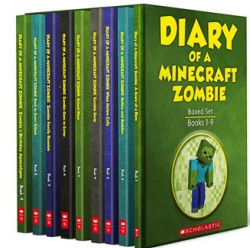
Pigeon says it tastes good but it's still his. Will Duckling ever get to taste a hot dog or will Pigeon decide to share? Read the book to find out.

This book was written by Mo Willems. I would recommend this book for SKs to grade 1s and people who like funny reads.

Junior Book of the Month

By Leslie and Konrad

This month's junior book of the month is *Diary of a Minecraft Zombie* by Zach Zombie. The characters are Zach, Creepy, Slimy, Skelly, Steve, and Alex. School is starting soon for Zach. His parents said if he got a B or higher he will get a ScareStation4b5. One of his subjects was scare class and he couldn't scare any miners. He installed a mod that made him scary. But he felt bad for cheating. So he told his teacher and took the test again. You should read this book because there are funny occasions and things that happen in middle school as a zombie. Will he pass his test and finally get his ScareStation4b5 or will he fail? Read the book to find out!



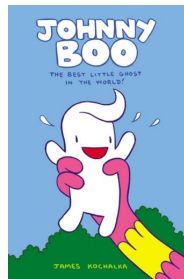
Graphic Novel Book of the Month

By Kian

This month's graphic novel book is *Johnny Boo: The Best Little Ghost in the World!* In the book, Johnny Boo and Squiggle were playing a game of tag and Squiggle wasn't playing fair so Johnny Boo used his BOO powers.

Squiggle got mad at Johnny Boo because Johnny Boo used his powers and the only thing that would cheer up Squiggle was ice cream. So, Johnny Boo went to dig up his "special" ice cream he buried. Suddenly, an ice cream monster appeared!

Read this book to find out what happens to Johnny Boo and Squiggle! I also would recommend the book to younger children.



Free Choice Book of the Month

By Aubrey and Jahmar



The free choice book of the month is *Snow Family*. In this picture book, the snowmen were throwing

snowballs at the angry bear. Then they met Jacob who was building a snow boy.

They had lots of fun throwing snowballs at the bear but the bear got more angry at them and chased them away. Jacob had to climb a tree to escape.

How will Jacob get down from the tree? Will someone to save him? This is a good winter book to read if you like snow and building snowmen and to find out what happens to Jacob.

