

BROCK BULLETIN

January 2017



Important Dates

Jan 30, 31, Feb 3, 13: Junior Hockey Games
Feb 8, 14: Int. Hockey Games
Feb 9: Kgn Reg. (Sept 2017 JKs) 3:30pm-6pm
Feb 13: Eco Club Bake Sale
Feb 14: Reports Go Home
Feb 14-17: Winter Book Fair
Feb 17: PA Day (no school)
Feb 20: Family Day (no school)
Feb 24: Hockey Tournament; Pizza Day
Feb 27-Mar 1: Island School (grade 5/6)

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 on time.
- 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 the classrooms on your own.

Student Attendance and Punctuality



Regular student attendance and punctuality are important in order for students to be successful at school. The Education Act states that it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to ensure that their children attend school regularly. A student's academic progress depends on regular class attendance. You can help ensure that your child is in school and on time for classes by:

- being involved in your child's education;
- knowing the school's schedule;
- communicating regularly with classroom teachers (use your child's planner to send notes to the teacher);
- calling the school if your child is going to be absent;
- writing a note if your child is late due to an appointment;
- ensuring that your child gets a good night's sleep so that they have the energy they need for the next day.

At Brock PS, school begins at 8:50am for grade 1 to 8 students and at 9:02am for kindergarten students. Students should arrive on time and be prepared to enter promptly. Students are late if they arrive after 8:52am or after 9:05am for kindergarten students. Students shall wait until the end of announcements before entering the school if they arrive between 9 - 9:10am.

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BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS

January's Theme:

Teamwork

By Zayne

Teamwork is:

- Helping others to complete a task no matter how hard it is.
- Working together to conquer something huge.
- Considering your friends' ideas when you're in a group.
- Working together so you can achieve a goal.

Quotes:

"Win together, lose together, play together ." (Debra Mancuso)

"Teamwork is the ability to work as a group toward a common vision, even if that vision becomes extremely blurry." (Margaret Carty)

"A job worth doing is worth doing together." (Author Unknown)

"No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it." (H.E.Luccock)



January Birthdays

By Ilija

Correction: Happy birthday to Rubesh in grade 8, who celebrated in December!

In January, we would like to wish the following people an awesome birthday:

JK: Jia Yuan, Edith, Aaron, Marco
SK: Neil, Nayana, Nico, Ryan, Ella
Grade 1: Max, Daniel
Grade 3: Anabella
Grade 5: Olivia, Sidonie, Walija
Grade 6: Jackson, Jonathan, Elisha
Grade 7: Brandon, Tishiyah, Aleshba



We hope you all have a fun-filled day with your friends and family!





Movie Night

By Carmen



This year, Brock had their 2nd year of movie night on December 1st. This time we watched Zootopia. At Movie Night you can buy popcorn and water for $1. You can bring a blanket to cuddle in as well. The movie was about the city of Zootopia where various animals live. When Judy Hopps becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Determined to prove herself, Judy jumps at the opportunity to solve a mysterious case. Unfortunately, that means working with Nick Wilde, a clever fox who makes her job even harder. Michelle in grade 7 liked the part of the movie when the sheep goes to jail, and she would rate the movie a 9 out of 10. "My favorite character was Officer Hopps. My favorite part was when she found out the (blank) were what drove them crazy." said Wyatt in grade 1. Thank you to staff and Student Council for a fun night!





Inclement Weather Policy

As a policy, students are given as much outdoor time as possible. However, sometimes we need to stay indoors for the safety of students and staff. Below are situations outlined by the TDSB where students will be inside for all or some of the regularly scheduled outdoor time.

- *Rain, thunderstorms, lightning, hail, extreme winds, and extreme cold*
- *Cold weather: students will remain indoors **or** recesses may be shortened when temperatures and/or wind chill factors indicate **–20°C to –28°C**.*
- *During the above situations, morning supervision and kindergarten entry will be in the basement hall starting at 8:35am. Please line up by class as usual.*
- *Humidity, Heat, and Smog Alerts: From May to September, the City of Toronto issues heat alerts and emergencies based on the daily forecast. You may view alerts at www.toronto.ca/health or by calling 416-338-7600. On heat alert days, staff and students should be vigilant about their level of activity and should take frequent breaks for water in order to remain hydrated.*

Please bear in mind weather conditions change throughout the day. When necessary and if the weather is questionable, the principal will consult Environment Canada's website (www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca) or Toronto Public Health for further direction. If weather is very severe, the Director of Education may decide to close schools. Information about such closures will be posed on the TDSB web-site (www.tdsb.on.ca) and on the TDSB social media sites.



December Character Recognition Assembly

By: Darryl



On December 23, our school had our Recognition Assembly. Ms. Yannopoulos ran a 12 Days of Christmas competition in December where some of the teachers recorded themselves singing a different day of the 12 Days of Christmas song. Then the students had to guess which teacher it was, judging from their voice. At the assembly, they announced the class that got the most correct answers was Ms. Givelos' grade 5/6s. Congratulations!



Also, all the kindergarten classes did a presentation with a video, showing how they showed Kindness and Caring. They also recited a pledge that said they will show Kindness and Caring throughout the year.

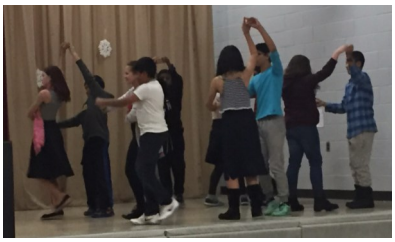
We also recognized the students that showed Kindness and Caring throughout the month of December. They were:

Sigrid and Annika in Ms. Bettencourt's class;
Jia Yuan and Arham in Ms. Evelyn's class;
Hugo and Sophia in Mr. Crifo's class;
Sonia and Alex in Mr. Hong's class;
Olivia and Jonathan in Ms. Givelos' class;
Vivian and Rubesh in Mr. Bryer's class;
Joel and Nathan in Ms. Barbier's class;
Amy L. and Brooklyn in Ms. Samuel's class
Marco and Maia in Ms. Christian's class;
Asha and Brooklyn in Ms. Pringle's class;
Alishba and Victoria in Ms. Moreiro's class;
Aroon and Jordayne in Ms. Smith's class;
Carmen and Makenna in Ms. da Silva's class;
Emily and Klaudia in Ms. Papel's class;
Elizabeth and Moises in Mr. Malolos' class;
and Jenny and Ryan in Ms. Yannopoulos' class.

Lastly at the assembly the whole school sang different Christmas songs like Jingle Bells, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and much more. What a fun morning!

Winter Concert (Performances)

By Nevaeh



On December 22, 2016 we had the Winter Concert! We had many diverse and may I say graceful, performances. All the classes worked very hard to prepare for the concert and it definitely shows.

The first performance we had was from the grade 3s and they performed an orff medley. The kindergarten classes also performed two songs called Elephants Have Wrinkles and I Get a Happy Feeling– it was really cute! Then, the grade 7 class performed a Merengue dance. The grade 3/4s performed C'Mon Get Ready, Winter Time is Here and the grade 5/6s performed a French version of Carol of the Bells about winter activities that they wrote themselves.



The grade 4/5s performed La Mateo with Ms. Yannopoulos, the grade 7s and 8s sang Cold Snap (they were so sick they couldn't perform right away, but then they arrived!). The grade 3-4s sang Snowflakes and Christmas at the Hop, the grade 4/5s sang Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree. Lastly, the grade 1/2s ended the concert with a dramatic rendition of the song Polar Express.





That was all for the concert! It was a fun night for everyone. Thanks to our awesome staff, students, and student helpers for organizing and performing everything so well. We hope you all had a good time!





Sports Update

By Kayla and Edward

Junior Boys Volleyball

On December 1st, the junior boys (grade 4-6) had their volleyball tournament. They played against Queen Victoria PS, Annette PS and Fern PS.

They played really well and they made it to the finals with Fern, with a close score of 15-18.

"The school was huge and it was fun playing against our opponents." Jonathan said. Great job boys!



Sports Awards Assembly

On December 23rd, we had our sports award assembly. We congratulated the senior and junior girls basketball team, senior and junior boys volleyball team, cross country and slow pitch. Everyone received a special certificate from their coach. Congratulations to everyone who participated on all your hard work!



Hockey Tryouts and Practices



In early December, we had our hockey tryouts and we went to the Mastercard Centre. The rink was huge there! It was some player's first time playing hockey. All of us learned something from there, like all kinds of shots, skating backwards, skating and stopping and better stick handling. Some players never knew how to skate but now they do.

We are looking forward to a great season with Ms. Samuel. Congratulations to everyone who made the team. Keep practising!

Winter Concert (WE Club and Silent Auction)

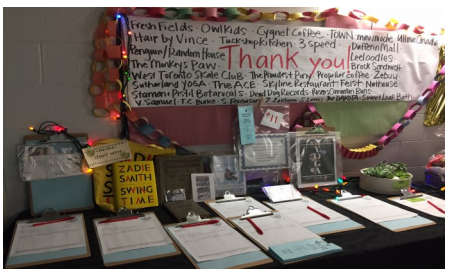
By Hollis

On the night of the Winter Concert, many families and businesses kindly donated items for Brock's annual Silent Auction. Lots of great items were auctioned off to many different families, from cool clothing to gift cards. All of the proceeds go towards purchasing new technology and equipment to make Brock the best learning environment it can be. Many thanks to everyone who took part in donating, and especially to the School Council for making this great event happen! The silent auction was a huge success!

Not only did we hold our silent auction, but the WE club also held an amazing craft sale! "We made keychains, soap, and cute little penguins," stated Lila. "I really enjoyed making the crafts with everyone," explained Janet. The sale was definitely a huge success, and all of the proceeds went to Haiti for education and earthquake relief. Way to go, WE Club!







Grade 3 and 3/4 Trip to Enoch Turner Schoolhouse and First Post Office

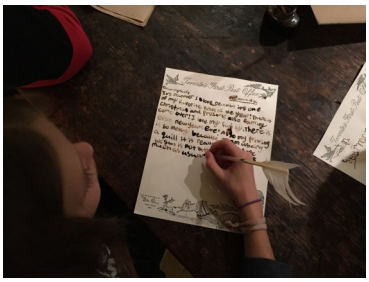
By Cathy



On December 12, the grade 3 and 3/4 classes went to the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse and the first post office. Some people were disappointed because not everyone got to go to both places since the trip got delayed due to the subway being broken.

"We got to write on slates." said Quinn in grade 3. "We got to wear aprons too!" said Meghan in grade 3. "The funniest thing about the trip was going to the schoolhouse and talking to the teachers and staff." said Alexander in grade 3. "We got to write with quills and black ink at the post office." said Kate and Emerson in grade 3/4. "We learned that back then, since paper was expensive, they had to write on both sides then whoever reads it has to read both sides" said Kate and Emerson in grade 3/4. Even though both classes didn't get to go to both activities, they still had tons of fun!





FDK Theatre Direct Trip
Interviews conducted by Ilija



In December 1, the kindergarten classes went to a puppet show at Theater Direct called The Old Man and the River. It was a play about friendship. The grumpy Old Man didn't want to be friends with the fairy, but then he finally realized how much she meant to him.

The Old Man was a very popular character and many students liked him the most because he was so funny. Eli's favourite part was when the puppets said "sweep, sweep, sweep" and Karina liked it when the man was trying to stand.

Thanks to the kindergarten teachers for organizing such a fun trip!

PJ HSP Humane Society Trip

By Lillian

On December 19 Ms. Barbier's class went to the Humane Society to see the animals. The purpose of the trip was to see what their new class pet would be. They saw a lot of animals, like cats, dogs, rats, mice, rabbits and turtles.

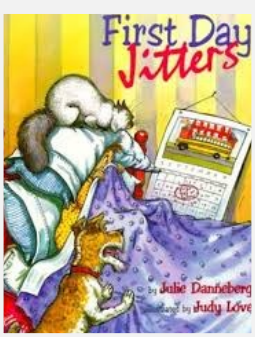
The students got to play with a dog named Dolores, which was a lot of fun. The trip was quite interesting and the students liked seeing all the animals. "I wanted to adopt all the animals!" Gemma said.

I wonder what their class pet will be?



Primary Book of the Month

By Chompel



First Day Jitters is the primary book of the month. We've all known how it feels to start at a new school. Well, it was no different for Sarah. Sarah was awoken by Mr. Hartwell's cheering shouts to get her excited for her first day, but it was already a terrible day for her. Mr. Hartwell was making things worse. Sarah had trouble going to school because she was scared and insecure. Mr. Hartwell explained to Sarah the outcome if she didn't go to school, as well as reassured her it would be fun.

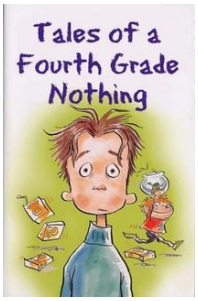
Will Sarah go to school or will she resist? Read it to find out!

Overall this book is a good read for all ages.

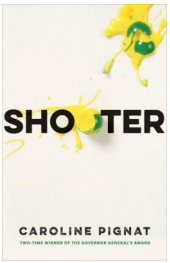
Junior Book of the Month

By Makenna

This month's junior book of the month is Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, written by Judy Blume. This book is about a boy named Peter who is jealous of his little brother Fudge. Everyone thinks he's so amazing, but Peter knows that he's not as sweet as everyone thinks he is. Peter makes trouble all through fourth grade to get attention. As Peter continues to make everyone around him miserable, he tries to find his way out of facing the consequences. Will Peter find a way to get attention without destroying everything in his way? Will Peter give up? Read the book to find out if Peter continues to be rebellious.



Intermediate Book of the Month

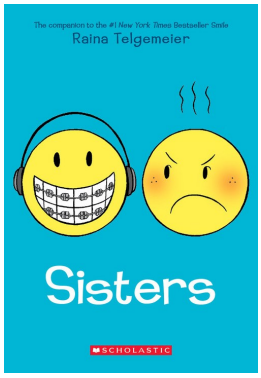


One of the most popular books that are nominated for a Red Maple award this year is Shooter by Caroline Pignat. It's impossible to keep it on the shelves! Shooter is about 5 high school students, from very different social circles, with very different lives, who suddenly find themselves stuck in a bathroom together during a lockdown drill. That is, until they realize that the drill isn't a drill at all– and one of them knows more than they are saying.

Over the course of an hour, the students learn more about each other and more about what's really going on outside than they could have ever imagined. If you like action and suspense, this is definitely the book for you!

Graphic Novel of the Month

By Sowarima



This month's Graphic Novel is Sisters.

Sisters is the second book after Smile, which is written by the same author, Raina Telgemeier. Sisters is about Raina and her younger sister Amara, stuck together for 3 weeks on a road trip to San Francisco. Even though Raina and Amara are sisters, they don't really have a good relationship with each other so they fight a lot. When their little brother Will is born, something between their parents changes. The two sisters quickly start to realize that they must figure out how to get along, especially during this road trip to their family reunion. They are sisters after all. Read the book to find out more!!!



Puzzles

By: Peial

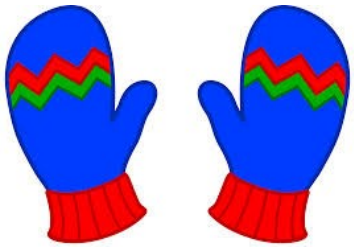


Remember December?

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Instructions: Find each word written below in the scrambled box of words to the left.

BOXING DAY	CHRISTMAS	COLD
DECEMBER	HOCKEY	NEW YEARS EVE
SANTA	SNOW	WINTER



Can you make it to the other side?

