



BROCK BULLETIN

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June 25: Grade 8 Graduation 2:00 p.m.

June 26: Grade 8 Grad Luncheon; Recognition Assembly; Report Cards Go Home

June 27: Year End Assembly; Gr 4-6 to Dufferin Grove; Last Day of School! Happy Summer!

Sept 2: Labour Day (no school)

Sept 3: First Day of School! Welcome Back!

A Safe, Caring, and Inclusive Learning Environment

- Supervision **begins at 8:35am** and **ends after school at 3:43pm**.
- Students are *strongly encouraged* to arrive at school **before 8:48am** so as not to miss important information and learning.
- Please keep the office up to date on how to best reach you.
- Doors are locked at 8:00am until 3:43pm. Visitors to Brock PS are asked to use the buzzer at the **main doors, then check in at the office**. The north doors are for daycare visitors.
- Lunch drop off is available in the office. Please bring any late lunches by 11:20am.
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Happy Summer!



Another busy year has come to an end! There were so many fun events and celebrations such as the Terry Fox Run, Halloween, Move-a Thon, countless sports teams, Talent Show, Forest of Reading, Day of Pink, Play Day, just to name a few. We were also so fortunate to be able to participate in the Adopt a School program where we got

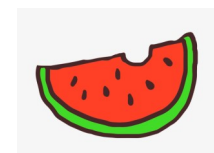


about 1000 new books for our library. Lastly, our intermediate slo-pitch team brought back a banner and two of our athletes competed in the track and field city finals!

We'd like to thank our long-term occasional teachers Ms. Lamovsek, Ms. Mehta, Ms. Sale, and Mr. Eloi for their hard work and dedication. Though they were only with us this year, they will have long-lasting impacts on both our students and staff.

We would also like to thank Ms. Fyffe, Mr. Clement and Ms. Meneses for their contributions to Brock this year. We wish them all the very best at their new schools and will miss them in September!

On behalf of all the staff at Brock, we wish all our families a safe and restful summer! May you spend the days making lots of good memories with loved ones. We will see you back at school on Tuesday September 3, 2019!



hello
SUMMER

**BUILD CHARACTER
BUILD SUCCESS**

June's Theme:

Perseverance

By Rayan

What is Perseverance ?

- Never giving up
- Staying focused
- Continuing after failure
- Pursuing a goal
- Getting better
- Working hard
- Sticking to a task
- Wanting to continue

Quotations

"I've failed over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." (Michael Jordan)

"Fall seven times, stand up eight." (Japanese Proverb)

"Practice is the best of all instructors" (Publius Syrius)

Perseverance is continuing with something that is difficult. Perseverance is never giving up. Perseverance is working hard. Perseverance is sticking to a task. Perseverance is pursuing a goal. Perseverance is failing at the beginning and succeeding at the end .



June Birthdays

By Dinis

We wish a very happy birthday to the following students at Brock PS:

JK: Luci, Sharlet, Ben

SK: Harrison, Eli, Vanessa

Grade 1: Zooney, Sofia, Annika, Halyn

Grade 2: Eli

Grade 5: Eric, Jahmar, Alexander

Grade 6: Ava, Bessie

Grade 7: Emily, Karthik, Beatriz

Grade 8: Percy



We hope you have a good rest of the year and congratulations on your special day!



July Birthdays

By Dinis



We wish a very happy birthday to the following students at Brock Public School:

SK: Keylin, Tatyana, Mikko, Jessica, Carson

Grade 1: Oliver, Michael

Grade 2: Oscar, Lucca, Esme

Grade 3: Wyatt, Arlo

Grade 4: Bavishan, Mateo, Athavan

Grade 5: Juliet, Argho, Kelly

Grade 7: Adele, Frida

Grade 8: Mohammad, Tara, Harley

Congratulations on your special day and we hope you have a fantastic year!

August Birthdays

Happy birthday to these amazing people who are celebrating in August!

Enjoy your day in the sun and warm weather!

JK: Cameron, Tristan, Zelda, Vera, Loic SK: Francis, Manuela, Zara

Grade 1: Dalena, Danisa

Grade 2: Addyson

Grade 3: Rita, Mercedes

Grade 4: Sophia, Josue, Nathan

Grade 5: Victoria

Grade 6: Jessica Anik

Grade 7: Blerta, Julie, Molly, Theo, Jordayne, Gage

Grade 8: Joel, Melanie, Emma





Grade 7/8 Reel Abilities Trip

By Julie

On May 28th the students in grade 7 and 8 went to the Reel Abilities Film Festival. This event/trip took place at

Innis College at the University of Toronto.

On that day, the weather wasn't the best because it was cold and slightly raining but the students still had a great time during the trip. The grade 7s and 8s had the chance to watch a few films that were based on disabilities such as being deaf.

A special thing about this trip was how they had an interpreter for deaf people. The students met someone whose name was Lazylegs. He doesn't have many muscles in his legs which made him lose the ability to walk without crutches. Lazylegs is a famous hip-hop dancer who inspired us to think that we can do anything once we believe.

The people who were interviewed definitely enjoyed the trip. Sasha in grade 7 said, "knowing that people with disabilities can get through life is inspirational." Olivia in grade 7 said, "meeting Lazylegs was my favorite part because even though he doesn't have enough muscles in his legs, he is still able to do what he loves".

We would like to thank all the grade 7/8 teachers who organized the Reel Abilities Trip for the grade 7s and 8s.

FDK Zoo Trip

By Theo & Alex

On May 30th the kindergarteners went on an exciting trip to the zoo.

The kids went to the zoo to see and learn about the animals there. The students certainly had a thrilling time at the zoo.

On the trip, the children saw a variety of different animals. For example they saw penguins, peacocks, tigers, polar bears, gorillas, rhinos, and giraffes. The students also attended a show about animals. Overall the students loved the trip and certainly want to go back.

The students we interviewed said that the trip was "a lot of fun" and "was nice." The trip was a great experience for the kids. The final outcome was a success and the children can't wait for more trips like this one. We would like to thank all the parents and teachers who organized and attended the event. We would also like to thank the students who attended the trip and who did a great job at cooperating. What a good day!



Track and Field

By Ryan and Ian

On May 3 the grade 4-8 students participated in track and field at Varsity Stadium, however, the weather wasn't on anyone's side. It was cold and rainy but Brock persevered with 15 people advancing to the next round. Our students participated in long jump, triple jump, 1500m race and more. In the 400m race Quinn W. advanced to the conference finals with a time of 1 min 22 sec and in the conference finals he beat his time with 1 min 19 sec. In long jump Emerson advanced with a solid 3.58 jump and in the conference finals she jumped 4.40m.

Those interviewed all had similar experiences, like the weather was challenging to face and that the snack bar was closed. Quinn C, Emerson, Quinn W, Johnny, Genelynn, Emily, Leslie, Sophia, Asha, Victoria, Kelly, Jessica, Julia, Sunny and Lilian all qualifying for the conference finals. Congratulations, everyone!

We would also like to congratulate Emerson for coming in 10th in the entire city at the City Finals and to Leslie for jumping a personal best 8.34 m to come in the top 15 in the city!

Thank you to Ms. Samuel, Ms. Rivers, and all the other coaches for coaching our team!

P.S. We hope the grade 2-3 had a great time at the run jump and throw event as well, that happened on June 12.



Junior Frisbee Tournament

By Yugesh



The junior ultimate Frisbee team went to play a tournament against the other teams at Givins Shaw on May 14. During the tournament it started raining

which made it hard for our team to play since the ground turned to mud. The other teams were stronger and faster than us.

One of our players most favourite part was playing the sport against other players but one of their least favourite parts was the muddy field.

Thank you to all the teachers that helped organize this event and the students that tried their hardest to win for Brock. We wish you good luck for next season!

Red Maple Awards

By Ava and Adele

On May 14, grade 6-8 students went to the Harbourfront Center for the Red Maple Awards.

It was a chilly and cloudy day. It was also a hectic day with many students who love to read. There were many activities, workshops and a wonderful award ceremony. Four grade 7 girls were chosen to take part in the awards. Adele was a sign carrier for Marsha Skrypuch.

Ava, Raquel, and Genelynn got to present the authors E. Latimer, Pam Withers, and Eric Walters! They all did an amazing job!

Everyone had so much fun at the ceremony. Ava liked "getting to present such an amazing author, E. Latimer and getting to meet all the other amazing authors was such a great experience." Jessica in grade 6 said that "the whole ceremony was an amazing experience" especially since Wesley King's book, *A World Below*, was the winner!

This trip was an amazing experience! A special thanks to Ms. Kondo and Ms. da Silva for organizing this trip and to Ms. Jen for coming and helping us. We are looking forward to next year already!



Silver Birch Awards

Interviews by Sasha and Olivia

On May 15, 26 enthusiastic grade 4-6 readers went with

Ms. Kondo and Ms. da Silva to the Silver Birch Awards. Everyone was so excited to see who would win.

We were all so excited that Emerson and Victoria were chosen to be author presenters for Ammi-Joan Paquette (*The Train of Lost Things*) and Heather Smith (Ebb and



Flow). The cheers were deafening as we watched the awards and our two students on stage. Chase by Linwood Barclay was the big winner. If you haven't read it yet, you definitely should!

For the rest of the day, we met lots of amazing authors, like Eric Walters, Deborah Ellis, and Terry Lynn Johnson, attended author workshops, played games, and won free books. Emily said she "liked the food truck, free books, and meeting authors" and Aubrey said that one of the highlights for him was the awards ceremony.

It was such a fun day, we didn't want it to end! Thank you to all the amazing readers and authors, and Ms. Kondo, and Ms. da Silva for another amazing year and for "fueling kids' imaginations towards reading" according to two grade 7s.



Grade 5/6 Warren Park Trip

By Peter and Karthik

On May 23rd, Ms. Givelos's class went to Warren Park.

While the grade 5/6s were at Warren Park, they got to do many events such as a Scavenger Hunt, learning how to make fire, learning how to make natural medication, making tea using tea leaves, building a shelter and using a map to navigate around. Unfortunately during the morning, it was partially raining which the students did not enjoy. However, we still hope that they had a great time.

A highlight from Anik was, "Everyone was complimenting the tea that they had made". Overall, we think they all learned quite a few new skills during their visit.



Thank you to Ms. Givelos for taking the students to Warren Park. We hope you enjoyed the trip and we hope you get to go again in the near future!



Talent Show

By Evelyn



On Friday May 10th, Brock hosted its 2019 Brock Talent Show, also known as Brock's Got Talent. Many brave students from all grades and ages came out and auditioned to get a spot in the show.



During practices, when someone was going up to perform we always cheered them on and tried being supportive of each other. During dress rehearsal everyone really tried their best. We worked together to stay on track as we transitioned from one

act to another.

After our dress rehearsal it was time for the real deal. Some of the talented acts you saw at the show were stand up comedy by Oliver; Heart Attack sung by the fantastic trio of Ella, Karina, and Beatrice; Don't You Worry About a Thing, powerfully sung by Genelynn; Wyatt playing See You Again on piano; and the grade 7 dance club with their strong dancing to Young Blood. There were many other acts but these were just some of them. Everyone did amazing. Thank you to all our teachers who gave up their time so students both big and small could show off their talents. And thank you to all the performers, stage crew, and those who auditioned. May Brock's Talent Show be even better next time!



Play Day By Calvin and Brigid



On May, 17th the grade 12 students from Bloor Collegiate Institute's leadership class came to Brock to provide us with a very exciting Play Day. Play Day began with an assembly in the gym explaining the events and how many events we had to take part in to get a delicious freezie.



After the assembly, the grade 8s went to their assigned stations to help the Bloor CI students with the games. Some of the grade 7 students went off to guide the kindergarten students while every other student went off with their friends on their epic quests to get a freezie. Some of them said exciting events included the Three Legged Race, Hot Potato, Musical Chairs, Bottle Flip and Face Paint.



Here are some thoughts from students about this event. Evelyn from grade 7 said "I liked eating the cold freezie on the hot spring day." Kyle from grade 2 said "my favourite part was face painting." Ivy in grade 2 stated "I learned how to eat a freezie." Aroon thinks "getting all the stamps was challenging."



Thank you to all teachers for supervising. Thank you Bloor CI students for organizing the event. Thank you grade 8s and 7s for helping the Bloor CI and Brock students and thank you Ms. Sale for supervising the freezies. We all had a great time and can't wait until next year!



Intermediate Slo-Pitch Games

By Sunny and Dilini

On May 21, the Intermediate Girls slo-pitch team went to Queen Victoria Public School to have a slo-pitch tournament. They played against Ryerson PS and Queen Victoria PS. The game with Ryerson was 7:9. The game with Queen Victoria was a tie. Sunny in grade 8 said: "My favourite part was when I got points for my team." The girls played an amazing game with the other two schools and the scores were really close.

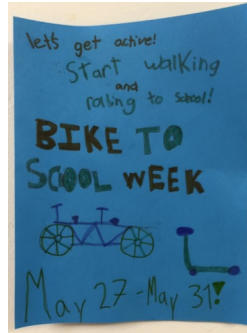
On May 22, the Intermediate Boys slo-pitch team went to Annette Public School to have a slo-pitch tournament. They played against Annette PS and Humewood PS. The star players were Henry and Ian. Ryan in grade 8 said: "My favourite part was coming back to school after winning the games." The boys played very well, and they advanced to the next round!

Thank you to Ms. Moreiro and Ms. Kortje who coached the teams. Thank you to the parents who attended. Good luck to the slo-pitch teams next year!



Bike, Roll, Walk to School Week

By Laurence



For the last week of May, the Eco Club hosted Walk, Roll and Bike to school week. Eco Club did this to try and reduce the pollution coming from cars. To encourage the students to participate, the Eco Club gave popsicle sticks to those who either walked, rolled or biked to school to enter the raffle for a chance

to receive a prize.

There were 4 people who won and they received a bell for their bike. Congratulations to Gerardo, Lily, Quinn C. and Harvey. Sophia said that the event was very fun and enjoyable. Jaxon enjoyed riding his scooter to school. Thomas liked the fact that he was able to arrive to school on time.

I would like to thank the Eco Team for hosting this event as well as all the students that participated. I hope that everyone will continue to walk, roll or bike to school regardless of the prizes in an effort to reduce pollution from cars. Thank you Ms. Givelos and the Eco Team for all your hard work!



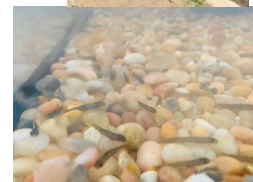
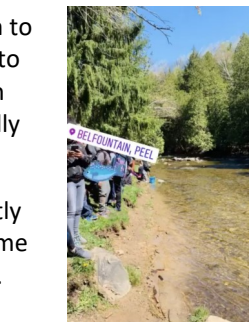
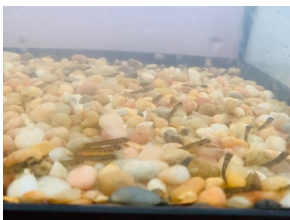
Grade 4-6 Salmon Release

By Jackson and Ali with some assistance

For a few months now, the students in Ms. Givelos's class have been hatching and raising salmon to help the eco-system. On May 24th, it was time to release them. They invited the grade 4/5 class to come with them to add the salmon to a local lake and river. Pollution is ruining the waters, which affects the salmon habitats and population. This way, they can get a good head start and hopefully more will survive.

The grade 4-6 students walked down to the river to let go of some salmon. The weather was partly cloudy but still sunny and the water was calm, making it the perfect day to release these fish. Some of the students said that their favorite parts were walking and hiking. They learned about the life cycle of salmon and how they live. Some said their least favorite thing was crossing the bridge because of the height.

Thank you to all of the teachers, staff, eco team, and parents that made this trip possible. We are proud of the hard work you did to help the salmon population!

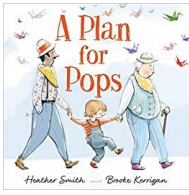


Primary Book of the Month

By Margo

June's primary book of month is *A Plan for Pops*, written and illustrated by Heather Smith and Brooke Kerrigan. This lovely picture book follows Granddad and Pops, the caring grandparents of Lou. With Granddad and Pops being complete opposites of each other, it's the perfect combination for Lou. Granddad and Pops see Lou every Saturday. Their days are filled with exciting adventures like machine building and walks to the library. However one Saturday isn't like the rest. Pops has a fall on the way to the library. When he returns from the hospital he can no longer walk and must use a wheelchair. Pops is upset and won't get out of bed. But Lou and Granddad have a plan!

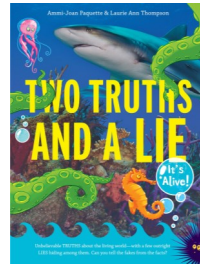
A Plan for Pops is the perfect picture book. With an engaging storyline, loveable characters and a positive ending, *A Plan*



for Pops is a great read for anyone in kindergarten to grade 4! Will Granddad's and Lou's plan finally get Pops out of bed? Next time you're in the library be sure to read it and find out!

Junior Book of the Month

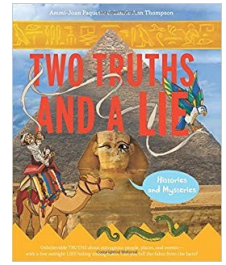
There are two junior books of the month for June. They are *Two Truths and a Lie: Histories and Mysteries* and *Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!* Both books are by Ammi-Joan Paquette, who also wrote the popular Silver



Birch nominated book, *The Train of Lost Things*.

These books are similar to the popular game, where each chapter has three stories, two that are true and one that is made up. Readers have to guess which one is the lie. The stories are lots of fun, such as a micro nation with only 6 people, a tree that has been in jail for over a hundred years, and a small number of people who have x-ray vision thanks to a medical procedure.

These books are so much fun to read while also giving you a ton of interesting information. We recommend them for anyone in grade 3 and up. Happy guessing!

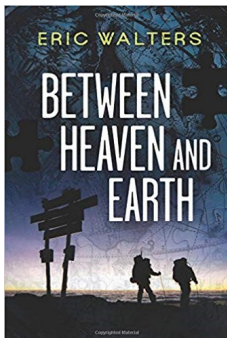


Intermediate Book of the Month

By Mohammad

The Intermediate book of the month this month is *Between Heaven and Earth* by Eric Walters. The main characters are David McLean: The Grandfather, and his 7 grandsons. However, this book focuses on DJ.

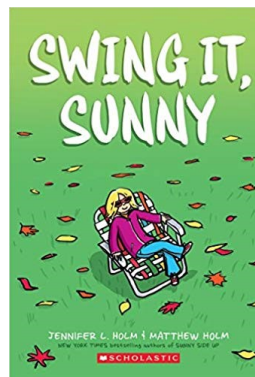
At the beginning of the story, the grandfather's family is called to a room in the lawyer's office after the loss of the grandfather. There, a video is revealed of the grandfather's final message to his family. After the grandfather passes away each of the grandsons is given a task to complete. They each get an extremely difficult task that uncovers their grandfather's past. In this book, DJ has to travel to Africa to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.



Others should read this book because it is mysterious, adventurous, and suspenseful. I would recommend this book to people in grades 7-12. Middle schoolers or even high schoolers would enjoy this amazing novel. Take out this amazing book from either our school library or the public library to find out what happens, then read the other books to find out about the other tasks!

Graphic Novel of the Month

By Tara



The month's graphic novel is called *Swing it, Sunny* and is a sequel to *Sunny Side Up*. Both books are by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. The story follows Sunny, her parents, her brothers, her grandfather, and her best friend Deb.

The story continues after Sunny comes home from spending her summer in Florida with her grandfather, but someone or something is missing. Maybe it's why Sunny spent the summer with her grandfather, or maybe it has something to do with her boring school. Either way, you should read the book to find out what's going on with her.

I think anyone from the ages of 9 to 13 will enjoy this book. My reasoning is because *Sunny* is between these ages so the story may feel relatable as there is some light hearted comedy moments but also some depressing moments.

So read the book *Swing it, Sunny* to find out who Sunny meets that helps her overcome some family issues...with a new hobby. You won't regret it!



Have an amazing summer! Remember to keep reading!



Here are some books you might like:

Kindergarten to Grade 3

- Princess Puffybottom and Darryl by Susin Nielsen
- The Worst Book Ever by Elise Gravel
- Sarai Book Series by Sarai Gonzalez and Monica Brown
- Explorers of the Wild by Cale Atkinson
- I'm Bored by Michael Ian Black and Debbie Ridpath Ohi
- The Pigeon Has to Go to School by Mo Willems
- Surfer Dog by Eric Walters

Grade 4-6

- The Rise of Winter by Alex Lyttle
- Clara Voyant by Rachelle Delaney
- Almost Epic Squad: Super Sketchy by Lesley Livingston
- Inkling by Kenneth Oppel
- Escape by Linwood Barclay
- Sweep; The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier
- The Unteachables by Gordon Korman
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- Megabat #1 by Anna Humphrey
- Stories for Kids Who Dare to be Different by Ben Brooks

Grade 7-8

- A World Below by Wesley King
- All That Was by Karen Rivers
- The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali by Sabrina Khan
- No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen
- Love from A to Z by S.K. Ali
- Those Who Run in the Sky by Aviaq Johnston
- Stories for Kids Who Dare to be Different by Ben Brooks
- Andreo's Race by Pam Withers

Grade 8 Ottawa Trip

By Raquel & Sloane

From June 4-6, the grade 8s from Brock went on their graduation trip. They travelled a long 6 hours to Ottawa.

When they arrived in Ottawa at 2 p.m. they went to do geocaching. They had to navigate to the key points around the nation's capital.

Next they had a guided tour of Rideau Hall. At 5:30 they went on a tour and explored the historical landmarks in the capital. Finally they had dinner at Dunn's Famous Deli.

Over the next few days they continued to explore the city and they even went to the Supreme Court and had a few rounds of laser tag. Dominic in grade 8 told us that his favourite part was when they went to the Supreme Court. Janet in grade 8 said she liked the scavenger hunt.

Thanks to Ms. Fisher, Mr. Crifo, and Mr. Clement who took the grade 8s to Ottawa and organized the amazing adventure.

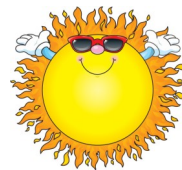
Happy graduation!



OTTAWA

Happy Summer!

It's hard to believe the year is over already. On behalf of the grade 7/8s in room 20, Ms. da Silva, and Ms. Kondo, we hope you enjoyed reading these newsletters each month. We also hope that you have a wonderful summer filled with lots



of fun, sunshine, and good memories!

For now, here are some safety tips for the summer that you might find useful:

- * *Always wear lots of sunscreen! Practise good skin care...it's important!*
- * *Always make sure your parents know where you are at all times*
- * *Dress appropriately for the weather*
- * *Be careful when swimming or around water. Don't swim alone or in a place that is not supervised.*
- * *Be aware of your surroundings when crossing the street or when out and about.*

We hope everyone enjoys these next two months off and comes back refreshed and ready to go in September!

