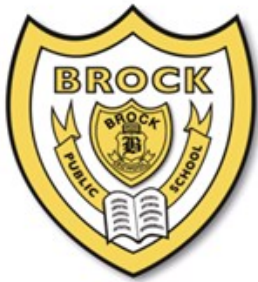




BROCK BULLETIN

September 2018



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Principal's Message

Welcome back, Brock families! It is hard to believe how quickly the summer months flew by. If you are new to Brock, we are delighted that you have chosen to join our learning community.



Brock Public School is a vibrant, active community that prides itself on excellence, hard work, and involvement. We have a team of knowledgeable and caring staff who make every effort to deliver a high quality, inclusive program, in a kind, caring and active learning environment.

We all take pride in the meaningful partnership that exists between the parents and the staff. Brock teachers and support staff work in partnership with parents and community agencies to assist our students.

Opportunities are provided for students to apply their learning, not only in the classroom but also in different areas within the school. We offer many clubs, sports teams, and special activities that students are encouraged to participate in. Students are encouraged to become involved, follow through on their responsibilities, act as good role models, and above all, adopt a positive attitude towards learning. Parents, we encourage you to collaborate with your child's teacher to ensure your child's success.

We would like to welcome several new staff to the Brock family. Alice Rivers joins us in FDK, Becky Beairsto in grade 4/5 (LTO), and Sarah Fischer, Adam Clement, and Brianna Kortje in grade 7/8. We also welcome Monica Navia as a Special Needs Assistant.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Curriculum Night on *Wednesday September 26, 2018 from 6 pm to 7 pm.*

Thank you for your support and dedication to our school.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Yasmin Buhariwalla
Principal



"Have a wonderful day of learning at Brock.

Remember to work hard, play hard, work smart and work together."



*****Note: This will be the only paper copy of the newsletter that will be sent home. All future editions will be posted on our school website.*****

Important Policies and Information



Reorganization: Due to increased registration, class reorganization is possible. We hope to provide families an update in late September.

September Forms: Please review the September package that was sent home the first day carefully. The white pages are information for you. All forms on coloured paper need be completed and each section must be signed. Completed forms should be returned to the school by **Friday, September 14, 2018** at the latest. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call our office at 416-393-9245 or contact your child's teacher.

Nut Free Policy: Also in the package that was sent home, we ask parents to report any severe allergies that your child has. If your child requires an Epi-Pen, please ensure that you provide the classroom/office with one that we may use in case of an emergency. **This is also a reminder to all parents that foods that contain nuts or nut products are strictly prohibited.**



Drop off and Pick Up: A friendly reminder that all parents are asked not to wait indoors with their children or walk them to their classroom during any time of the day. Parents should also not wait in the hallways/stairwells at the end of the day. This will greatly assist in reducing congestion, which helps us to ensure the safety of our students. If you need to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment with them through the office or use the method of communication shared by your child's teacher.

Supervision: We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that teacher supervision of students in the playground begins at 8:35 a.m. in the mornings and lasts until 3:43 p.m. in the afternoon. Please ensure that a parent/guardian is present with your child before and after these times. All students must leave school grounds at the end of the day, unless they are supervised by a parent or adult.

Safe Arrival: Please phone the office at 416-393-9245 if your child is going to be absent. If your child is late to school, they must come to the office to receive a late slip. We encourage everyone to be at school on time to maximize learning and avoid disruptions to the class. Parents are also reminded to please visit the office first when dropping off lunches, picking students up for appointments, etc. Thank you for your support!

Attendance Policy: Once students have enrolled in school, the expectation is that they will be at school and on time each day. There is a strong positive correlation between regular school attendance and both academic and social success at school. If there is a pattern of lates or absences, expect a call from the teacher and/or the office. For lates or absences exceeding 15 days, it is the board policy to send an attendance letter home, potentially followed by an 'attendance referral' which is initiated with the school's Social Worker. You are encouraged to contact the Principal if there are circumstances preventing your child from being at school regularly and/or on time.

Emergency Procedures: We are required to have six practice Fire Drills (three in the Fall, three in the Spring) and two practice Lockdown drills each year.

Communication: Classroom teachers often have active classroom websites and/or communicate through classroom newsletters and student agendas (grades 1-8). The school office also sends home important notices. Please read everything carefully.

Process for Communicating Concerns:

1. **Speak with the Classroom Teacher** (academic, social, program questions/concerns- a discussion and plan to address the concern should take place (parent & teacher)
2. **Re-Visit with Teacher**- revisit if plan is not working and revise plan together
3. **Talk to Admin**- request administrator (Principal) meeting (admin & parent/guardian)
4. **Teacher + Admin + Parent**- parent/guardian, teacher, admin, possibly support staff)



This is intended to be a "positive-solutions based" process. It requires that you know what your goal is going into the communication. Everyone (students, parents, staff) wants to be successful and feel supported.

School Hours 2018-2019

Please make sure your children arrive to school on time. Instruction time is precious and key to student success. Students should line up at their designated doors in a quiet and orderly manner. They should not enter via the front door, except when they are late and must get a late slip.

Lunchtime will occur between 11:35 AM and 12:33 PM.

Full Day Kindergarten

8:47	Supervision Begins
9:02	Classes Begin
11:35	Lunch
12:33	Entry Bell
12:35	Classes Begin
3:13	School Day Ends
3:28	Supervision Ends



Grades 1 to 6

***Students who go home for lunch should not return until teacher supervision begins at 12:20.**

8:35	Supervision Begins
8:48	Entry Bell
8:50	Classes Begin
10:10-10:25	Recess
11:35-12:33	Lunch
12:33	Entry Bell
12:35	Classes Begin
1:55-2:10	Recess
3:28	School Day Ends
3:43	Supervision Ends



Grades 7 to 8

***Students who go out for lunch should not return until teacher supervision begins at 12:20.**

***No AM or PM Recess**

8:35	Supervision Begins
8:48	Entry Bell
8:50	Classes Begin
11:25-12:33	Lunch
12:33	Entry Bell
12:35	Classes Begin
3:18	School Day Ends
3:33	Supervision Ends



Important Dates

Please note: there is no school for students on the dates listed below.

*October 5, 2018
PA Day*

*October 8, 2018
Thanksgiving*

*November 16, 2018
PA Day*

*December 7, 2018
PA Day*

*December 24, 2018 –
January 4, 2019
Winter Holidays*

*January 18, 2019
PA Day*

*February 15, 2019
PA Day*

*February 18, 2019
Family Day*

*March 11 – 15, 2019
March Break*

*April 19, 2019/April 22, 2019
Good Friday/Easter Monday*

*May 20, 2019
Victoria Day*

*June 7, 2019
PA Day*

*June 27, 2019
Last Day of Classes*

*June 28, 2019
PA Day*

School wide special event dates will be listed in our monthly newsletters and on our school website's home page.

Welcome Back to School!

Can you find all these words?



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- EXCITED
- GYM
- PAPER
- PRINCIPAL
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- LIBRARY
- TEACHERS
- BACKPACK
- FRIENDS
- LEARNING
- PENCIL
- SCHOOL
- FUN
- PLAYGROUND



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