

# SIR ISAAC BROCK SCHOOL

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# Principal's Corner



Dear Parents and Guardians:

The spring has been a very exciting time with students being involved in so many co-curricular programs and activities. Students have seen a great deal of success through their participation in largescale school events, in particular: Planetarium trip, Jump Rope for Heart, Special Olympics, Chase the Future 2041, and Healthy Dragons lunchtime presentation. Upcoming happenings include: EQAO testing for our Grade 3 students May 25th - June 2nd, Water Festival trip (Grade 4/5's), Children's Museum trip (1/2's, 2/3's, and 3/4's), and end-ofyear celebration events for Grade 5 and FDK, among others. A note to parents, look at the end of this newsletter for a complete list of events at SIB!

ON A PERSONAL NOTE: I will be leaving Sir Isaac Brock School at the end of this year. I have been placed at Strathcona School in Hamilton starting in September. I would like to thank all the students, staff, and parents that have made my two years at Sir Isaac Brock School very engaging and enjoyable. I look forward to taking on this new challenge and wish everyone at Sir Isaac Brock well in the future. The new principal at Sir Isaac Brock will be announced shortly.

Mr. Tye

Principal

# Sir Isaac Brock Awards

Ms. Corbett's Class (JK / SK) Willow B., Isaac C Jacob L., Brody W.

Mr. McDermid's Class (JK / SK) Ayan A. and Rasmanreet K. for learning the letters of the alphabet

Miss Williams' Class (JK / SK) Gurjot B., JJ W.

Ms. Orr's Class (Grades 1 / 2) Keerti K., Alisha T., Trey W.

Ms. Redden's Class (Grades 1 / 2) Jasleen D., Japjot P., Evan W.

Miss Cianciolo's Class (Grades 2 / 3) Avery B., John Luke F., Chase W.

Ms. Tomic's Class (Grades 2 / 3) Dylan S.

Mrs. Grybas' Class (Grades 3 / 4) Aatif H. for always being kind to his peers, Mikail M. for improving work habits; Laila W. for taking risks with her learning

Mr. Crouch's Class (Grades 4 / 5) Anmol G., Delecia H., Balraj P.

Mrs. Platis' Class (Grades 4 / 5) Tania D. for Sincerity; Hailey L. for Sincerity; and Sejal P. for Balance in life

Mrs. Ross' French Class Shamus C., Maehakpreet K., Alishba Z.



**Butterflies - Learning About** The Life Cycle The kindergarten classes watched as their caterpillars formed in to a chrysalis then emerged into a beautiful butterfly.



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curiosity.

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possibility.



English as a Second Language (ESL) Display at the Kindergarten Orientation (May 24th) The display included information on the benefits of reading in first language, math tips for home support, heritage language classes available at HWDSB, and a dual language book display.

#### Health and Safety During a Heat Event

A heat event occurs when the forecast calls for one or more days with a 40 or higher humidex reading. The City of Hamilton Public Health Department monitors weather forecasts closely and notifies the media and community partners of a heat event. Once HWDSB has been notified of a heat event, information will be posted on our website and the following precautionary steps will be taken for students:

- Limit outdoor activities
- Ensure access to water
- Close drapes and blinds



- Move students through cooler areas of the school
- Monitor students for symptoms f heat stress

For more information, or steps you can take to reduce risks during heat events, please visit the following websites:

City of Hamilton

www.hamilton.ca/healthandsocialservices/publichealth http://bit.ly/nB4ZQp

Health Canada

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/climat/index-eng.php

# SPRING CLEANING Children & Chores

Here are some hints and suggestions for chores that can be done at home to help teach cooperation, responsibility, and teamwork.

> Chores for children ages 2 to 3: Put toys away Wipe up spills

Chores for children ages 4 to 5: Make their bed Use hand-held vacuum to pick up crumbs

> Chores for children ages 6 to 7: Sort laundry Set and clear table

Chores for children ages 8 to 9: Help make dinner Put away own laundry

Chores for children ages 10 and older: Cook simple meal with supervision

# **Report Cards**

Report cards will be sent home on Tuesday, June 27th. Please take time to celebrate the



achievements of your child and to look toward goal setting for the future. Ask your child what they are most proud of, and where they will continue to improve with your support.

#### Staff Returns / Changes

It is with mixed emotions we let our school community know that Mr. Crouch will be officially retiring from our school board and the teaching profession at the end of this school year. He has been a dedicated and supportive educator for some twenty-nine (29) years. His good sense of humour and engaging spirit will be greatly missed.

*Sir Isaac Brock* is proud to welcome back Mrs. Maggio (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Chanthankone (French-Library, May 29) from their leaves, returning as full-time staff members.

Other staff changes include Miss Williams moving from Kindergarten to our recently vacated Grade 4/5 classroom and, Ms. Radonicich from *Gatestone School* to our Grade 1/2 classroom. Two new DECE (early childhood educators) will be hired shortly, as well as a new Kindergarten teacher to join the existing team.

I know our whole school community would like to thank Mrs. Seeley and Mrs. Guyatt-Dunne for their time at *Sir Isaac Brock*. Both will be moving on to a new experience at other schools with our school board.

It is important that we thank Miss Corbett, Miss Cianciolo, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Roossien, Miss Matthews, Miss Cornelius, and Mrs Kivell for their support and guidance of our students in their Long Term Occasional positions here at *Sir Isaac Brock*. We wish them well in their future endeavours!



**No School (PA Day)** Friday, June 9th





Transportation concerns? Call Hamilton Wentworth Transportation Services (HWTS) at (905) 523-2318.

## Are You Moving?

If you already know you will be moving, or your child will not be coming to *Sir Isaac Brock School* in September, please email tdrage@hwdsb.on.ca,



or call and leave a voicemail message at (905) 561-0223. We are planning for next year, and appreciate your assistance in letting us know if your child will not be attending our school.

#### **Before and After School**

Earlier this year the Board offered an opportunity to complete a survey to assess families' needs for a before and after-school program. Board staff and community partners have reviewed the surveys submitted for our school and have determined that there are not enough parents wanting a program at this time. This may be because parents don't require before and after care, children are attending a program in the community, or parents are utilizing home child care options. Our school will be surveyed annually and if needs change, a program will be started at our school.

We understand that some families may require a program outside of school hours, and we would suggest you connect with the City of Hamilton's child care registry to learn about options for your family <u>https:// onehsn.com/hamilton</u>. If you require information on the City of Hamilton's child care subsidy program you can call (905) 546-4870 or check their website <u>https://www.hamilton.ca/social-services/early-years-</u> <u>and-child-care-services/applying-child-care-fee-</u> <u>subsidy</u>.

If you have any questions about the survey, or the outcome of the survey you can reach the Board's Early Years department at (905) 527-5092 x 2333.



#### September Bus Information

Information about the bus stop location, bus number, and departure / arrival times will be mailed to you from the Transportation Department in August. If you do not receive your



letter by the end of August, please contact the Transportation Department at (905) 523-2318.



# **School Council Thanks**

Members of our School Council extend a huge thank you for supporting the many events and fundraisers in support of our *Sir Isaac Brock School* students. Our warmest thanks!

#### School Organization and Class Building for September

Our school organization is the result of careful consideration and planning to best meet the needs of our students. School organization is always tentative until the end of September. Numbers may increase or decrease over the summer and into September. At that time, there is always a possibility of change. During the month of June, the process of class building is underway for September. When creating classrooms, our teachers group children so that all classrooms are balanced and all learning and social needs are considered. When teachers meet to discuss the needs of each student, some of the

issues discussed and considered are: balancing student abilities, interests, talents, learning styles, and academic needs. We also consider di-



versity within each classroom along with social and positive learning groups. Our staff is very skilled in this area and it takes hours of discussion, reflection, revision, and consideration of alternatives to arrive at the best organization for our school. At the end of the process, our goal is to create classrooms that we believe represent our students' best chances for success. We strive to develop classes that will maximize opportunities for each child to learn and be successful. We appreciate your trust in our professional judgment in balancing the considerations mentioned above. If you have further information regarding your child's learning needs, you are welcome to discuss the specifics with your child's teacher. However, please be reminded that parental requests for specific teachers or specific classmates are possible, but there is no guarantee to accommodate in this matter.

		<b>JUNE 20</b>	17	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 (Day 3)	2 (Day 4)
			EQAO Testing (Grade 3)	EQAO Testing (Grade 3)
5 (Day 5)	6 (Day 1) Grade 4 / 5 Trip Music Champions	7 (Day 2)	8 (Day 3) All Library Books Are Due Back Glen Brae Transition	9
EQAO Testing (Grade 3)	EQAO Testing (Grade 3)	<b>Grade 3</b> Swim to Survive	Meeting for Grade 5 Students Grade 3 Swim to Survive	PĂ Day (no school)
12 (Day 4)	13 (Day 5)	14 (Day 1)	15 (Day 2)	16 (Day 3)
<b>Grade 3</b> Swim to Survive	<b>Grade 5 Tour</b> of Glen Brae			Monthly Assembly
19 (Day 4) Grade 2/3 and 3/4 Children's Museum Father's Day	20 (Day 5) <b>Grade 1/2</b> Children's Museum	21 (Day 1)	22 (Day 2) HWDSB Track and Field (Grade 3, 4, and 5)	23 (Day 3) SK Graduation 9:15 a.m.
26 (Day 4) Grade 5 Graduation 9:15 a.m. HWDSB Track and	27 (Day 5) Report Cards Are Sent Home	28 (Day 1)	29 (Day 2)	30 PA Day (no school)
Please join out wish then	5 Parents / Guardian to join us for ou DE 5 GRAD onday, June 26th at 9 Sir Isaac Brock Gymi r 2016 - 2017 graduating class n continued success at Glen B de 5 student only brings four (4	THE School.	Tuesday, Sep The school will be mer and will re-oper Monday Thursday	First Day Back to School otember 5th, 2017 closed through the sum- o the week prior to school tarting: August 28 <sup>th</sup> to y September 1 <sup>st</sup> until 2:00 p.m.