



## Message from the Head of School

*"Life is all about timing... the unreachable becomes reachable, the unavailable become available, the unattainable...attainable. Have the patience, wait it out, it's all about timing."*

The Brockton Community has been extremely supportive and patient this term during the construction of our new classrooms. Whenever anyone has asked me about completion dates I have replied "two weeks!" At last night's Board meeting I received some very good news and hopefully I will never have to say "two weeks" again. We are anticipating the final electrical inspection to take place on Monday and the District of North Vancouver final inspection on Tuesday. If all goes well we will have the occupation permit for Wednesday ...yippee! Thank you for your patience, the end is in sight! We may need some assistance in the moving and set up of the new classrooms; if you are able to help on Wednesday please drop me an email.

Our Open House today has been very successful. We are getting lots of interest in Kindergarten and other grades for next September. Brockton is a wonderful, thriving school that is providing a fantastic educational experience for our students. Please continue your 'marketing conversations' with your friends, work colleagues etc. and encourage them to come and see Brockton as the place to bring their children for an exceptional IB educational experience in a small caring community.

The strategic planning meetings have provided a wealth of data regarding the future of Brockton School. It is exciting to see so many people passionate about the school and willing to spend time to discuss its future. Another decision regarding the future of the school was made at the Board meeting last night, but I will leave the Board of Directors to share that with you in their communication to you tomorrow.

The Fall General Meeting will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> in the new classroom block. Please find time to come and celebrate with us the progress that we have made and the future of our wonderful school.

*Mrs. Wall*





## Scholastic Book Fair



Countdown to Book Fair! Only 12 days to the Scholastic Book Fair. We hope to see you all there!

*Mrs. Brun*

## Grizzlies



Basketball for Grades 4 and 5 (boys and girls) is starting this week. Practices are Wednesdays at lunchtime and Fridays afterschool from 3:15 – 4:15.

Interhouse Soccer for grades 2 and 3 will take place next Monday & Tuesday at lunchtime in the gym. Sign up for your house team outside the grades 2 and 3 classrooms. This event has been organized by Sean Ghaeli in grade 5!

## Grade 8 Science

Yesterday the Grade 8 Science class had a visit from Dr. Shajani and his assistant, from Lynn Valley Optometry. This visit was to support their learning and understanding in the unit Optics. The students experienced what happens to contact lenses when they dry out, learned about the parts of the eye and eye health, how eye glasses (which are really many lenses) work, and what is involved in becoming an optometrist.

The students were very engaged in the presentation and asked many interesting and relevant questions. Dr. Shajani and his assistant seemed to enjoy the visit too!



*Mrs. Mills*



## Kidsafe Project Society

The KidSafe Project Society was launched in 1993 in response to a brutal tragedy that left an 8 year old child brutally beaten, then abandoned in a vacant east side apartment. The community was outraged by the tragedy, then galvanized into action: They were united in their vision to provide vulnerable children with a safe place to go

when school is out.

Programs are offered for children from the ages of 5 to 13 for the two months of summer vacation, for spring break, winter break, and for some after school programs as well.

KidSafe runs free of charge to families and continues to operate on community support and the generous contributions of individuals, corporations, government, foundations, and in-kind donors.

KidSafe offers a familiar place of safety, nutritious meals, emotional support, and positive activity alternatives aimed at helping children build confidence and self-esteem, while providing them with opportunities for social development. A one-to-ten ratio of trained staff and child support workers are provided to help these children cope with their exposure to a wide range of hurtful influences, including substance abuse, neglect, hunger, the enticement and dangers of street life, domestic violence, or family instability. KidSafe offers core outreach programming in the areas of Leadership, Arts and Culture, Literacy, Physical Health and Wellbeing, and Science and Nature. These programs are enhanced through out-trips providing children access to activities they would not be able to participate in otherwise.

**Please help our grade one class raise money through purchasing your Christmas cards from us!!! We are selling Christmas cards (3 patterns per pack, see left) as well as "anytime" cards (1 pattern per pack, see right).**



**100% of proceeds will go straight to the Kidsafe Project Society. Samples are available for viewing at the office. Please fill out the form attached and give to the office or your homeroom teacher.**



**Please make cheques payable to Kidsafe**



On Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 18<sup>th</sup> the Compassionate Deeds class is hosting a bake sale to raise money for a care package for the homeless. We are selling items such as banana break, fruit, granola bars, oatmeal cookies, yogurt, popcorn, pretzels and blueberry muffins. The cost for each item will be \$1.00.

## From the office



### Reserved Parking - clarification

Please note – two reserved parking spots have been purchased through the auction at the Gala. One reserved spot has 'reserved' painted in the spot. The other is directly to the left and the paint has worn off . These two spots are closest to the school building and are to be used **ONLY** by the families who were the successful bidders at the Gala.

Thank you for respecting these parking spaces!



## Student Absences & Late arrivals

With the season of illness upon us, we just want to remind parents of the protocol for reporting student absences and late arrivals. There are a few different options; please feel free to use whichever method works best for you:

- Send an email to the teacher **and** to [info@brocktonschool.com](mailto:info@brocktonschool.com) *daily*
- Call the office at 604-929-9201 *daily*
- Complete a 'student absence form' located outside the office on the bulletin board. Submit this to the office

**Please note, the office must be notified daily of any absences.**

When your child arrives late at school (even a few minutes), please ensure they sign-in at the office and take a late slip to their teacher.

Prompt notification assists us in keeping our records current which is especially important in case of emergency situations.

Thank you for your assistance.

## Lost and Found

Remi Lombard is missing his jacket. His name is labeled inside, so please check the jackets your kids have brought home to see if they have his by mistake. There is another jacket in the lost and found without a name – perhaps this belongs to the person who has Remi's?

There is also a 'Medium' jacket – unmarked, that went missing from Grade 5. We have a 'Small' in its place. Is your jacket suddenly too big?

There are also many other items in the lost and found. Please make point of coming in to the school to see if anything looks familiar!



## Short-term volunteering opportunity - *Still available*



We are looking for a handy person to build some new frames for our large Open House signs. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Dagmar at the office.

Thank you!

## Upcoming events:



November 17<sup>th</sup> – Open House 10 – 12 noon, 6-8 pm  
November 28<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Professional Development Day **No School**  
December 8<sup>th</sup> – Winter Feast  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – Winter Concert 6:30pm  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – First day of winter holiday

## Ongoing:

### Basketball

Wednesday lunchtime 12:25-12:55 Grades 4/5  
Friday afterschool 3:1-4:15 Grades 4/5

### Soccer

Thursday lunchtime 12:25-12:55 Grade 3-10 **GIRLS**

### Cross Country (Sept-Oct)

Monday lunchtime 12:25-12:55pm Grades 7-10  
Thursday 3:15 – 4:15pm Grades 2-6

### Archery (Sept – Dec) **Class is FULL**

Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm Grades 3-10

### Gymnastics (Sept – Dec)

Wednesday 3:15 – 4:00pm Grades K-2

### Fencing (Sept – Dec) **Class is FULL**

Thursday 3:15 – 4:15pm Grades 5

### Chess (Oct – Dec)

Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15 (all ages)  
[chan\\_james17@hotmail.com](mailto:chan_james17@hotmail.com) for more info

### Lego Robotics (Oct – Dec)

Wednesday 3:30 – 5:30 (Grades 1-6)  
[www.buildbots.com](http://www.buildbots.com) for more info



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## Local elections November 19<sup>th</sup> - School Trustees

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, we all have an opportunity to vote for School Trustees (4 in the District of North Vancouver, and 3 in the City of North Vancouver). Candidate profiles are available at the following links:

<http://www.cnv.org//server.aspx?c=1&i=473#dorais>

<http://www.dnv.org/article.asp?a=5166&c=764>

School trustees play an important role in our communities and, in recent years, Brockton has focused on establishing a good relationship with both the North Vancouver School District and the Board of Trustees. To help make sure this relationship continues, please take an opportunity to review the profiles of the various candidates, and use your vote wisely. The information on the candidates is quite limited, and it's worth approaching them directly via email to ask relevant questions - eg., their views on independent schools, and their support for the leasing and sale of school properties and land. This is clearly relevant to Brockton, with our vision being to eventually own our School!

Further information is available in these recent local media articles:

CNV: <http://www.northshoreoutlook.com/news/133103118.html>

DNV: <http://www.northshoreoutlook.com/news/133100928.html>

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