

# GENERAL BROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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January 7, 2021

Good afternoon Brock Families,

I wish to share some details with you about how we are preparing to welcome all students back to school on Monday, January 10. As you know, the Vancouver District and Brock Elementary have worked closely with our public health officials and carefully followed their guidance since the beginning of the pandemic. The health, safety and well-being of students, you as families and staff remains our priority.

Here at Brock Elementary, we have implemented health and safety measures as advised by public health, and carefully followed the [Communicable Disease Prevention Plan](#) to reduce the risk of COVID transmission in schools. A few of these measures include:

- Purchased and distributed reusable [masks](#) and three-ply disposable masks for all staff and students
- Updated and modified [ventilation systems](#) to upgrade filters and maximize air exchange
- Ensured frequent and regular cleaning including daily cleaning of high touch surfaces
- Reminded staff and students to conduct daily self-health checks and to stay home if ill
- Limited visitor access to schools
- Upgraded taps and installed new sinks and hand sanitization stations
- Shared information with students and staff in our school about hand and respiratory hygiene, proper mask use and spacing out as much as possible.

This past week staff at Brock Elementary have taken time to review our health and safety measures and I want to highlight some key items for you as we prepare for Monday:

### Entering/Exiting to the building:

In order to reduce crowding at pick-up and drop-off times at Brock Elementary, we will continue following the same drop off and pick up procedures we have had in place since September 2021. All students are reminded to line up at the pink lines (as some of the pink markers are no longer adhering to the concrete due to the cold weather, children are reminded to distance when lining up. Please review with your child what physical distancing looks like). We thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support.

- **Ms. Jung, Division 9 – Kindergarten**  
 Students enter via the East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk by the staff parking lot and line up outside the A building to the South\_side of the stairs. For pick up, parents wait on the grass field/outdoor classroom area.
- **Ms. Zallen, Division 8, Kindergarten**  
 Students enter via the East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk by the staff parking lot and line up outside the A building to the North\_side of the stairs. For pick up, parents wait at the outdoor classroom area.
- **Ms. King/Ms. Matelich, Division 6, Grade ½**  
 Students enter from chained driveway off of Main Street and line up undercover. Dismissal from the driveway area. Parents wait outside the chain linked area.
- **Ms. Ansley, Division 7, Grade 1**  
 Students enter from chained driveway off of Main Street and line up outside the gym exterior wall. Dismissal from the driveway area. Parents wait outside the chain linked area.
- **Ms. Surilla, Division 5, Grade 2/3**  
 Students enter via the East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk by the staff parking lot and line up at the back of the A building to the South\_side of the stairs. Dismissal from primary playground area. Parents wait outside the fence area near the staff parking lot.
- **Ms. Dionne, Division 4, Grade 2/3**  
 Students enter via the East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk by the staff parking lot and line up at the back of the A building to the North\_side of the stairs. Dismissal from the primary playground area. Parents wait outside the fence area near the staff parking lot.
- **Mr. Butcher, Division 3, Grade ¾**  
 Students enter from chained driveway off of Main Street and line up in the undercover area outside the C building. Dismissal from the driveway area. Parents wait for their children outside the chain linked area.
- **Mr. Mitchell, Division 2, Grade 5**  
 Students enter off of Main Street via the entrance to the Intermediate playground (behind the C building – Office) and line up against the wall (outside the library and across from the intermediate playground). Dismissal same route.
- **Ms. Jekubik, Division 1, Grade 6**  
 Students enter off of Main Street via the entrance to the Intermediate playground (behind the C building – Office) and line up outside their classroom exterior door. Dismissal same route.
- **Ms. Pankratz, Division 10, IF 6**  
 Students enter off of Main Street via the entrance to the Intermediate playground (behind the C building – Office) and line up against the wall (across from the C building and in front of the Intermediate playground). Dismissal same route.

- **Mr. Orange, Division 11, IF 7**  
Students enter off of Main Street via the entrance to the Intermediate playground (behind the C building – Office) and line up on the blacktop below the bike racks. Dismissal same route.
- **Mr. Cruz, Division 12, LSP**  
Students enter from the East 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue sidewalk and line up outside their exterior classroom door. Dismissal same route.

### Recess/Lunch Time

We will continue following the same procedure and schedule that we have had in place since September 2021. Students will continue to eat their recess snack and lunch in their classrooms. In the morning, please send your child to school with a healthy snack and lunch and a water bottle (this will reduce the need for them to use the water fountain). We request families not to drop off lunches or items throughout the day and appreciate your cooperation as we work to keep our community safe.

Recess and lunch playtime continues to be outside, rain or shine. Please ensure your child comes to school **dressed for the weather** (warm and waterproof jacket, rain boots, etc) and send a change of clothes in the event that your child is very wet or muddy. All items, including clothing, should be labeled with your child’s name and division number on it.

Classes have designated entry and exit routes and staggered times to avoid congestion during break times.

### Masks

- Please ensure your child comes to school with at least a 3-ply mask as mentioned above. Many masks that were purchased at the beginning of the pandemic are 2-ply and are no longer the approved mask-type to protect against COVID. If your child did not receive the newest 3-ply mask or the mask is lost or damaged, please ask and we will provide new ones as soon as possible.
- Please review with your child the correct way to wear their mask and practice this with them this weekend. Masks that are loose, drop down below the nose or have gaps in them are not effective and put your child and others at higher risk.

**Wearing it Right:**

- 3 ply minimum
- No exhalation valves permitted

**Fit Matters:**

- Cover breathing zone: chin to nose
- Double mask can enhance fit
  - disposable mask under well-fitted cloth mask

**Exemptions:**

- Reinforce other prevention measures (distancing, use masks when working face to face with others, in hallways only, etc)

2 disposable masks are not more protective than 1

It is possible that at some point, a school may need to temporarily close because of the impacts of the Omicron variant. While we hope that there will not be a need for a temporary functional closure, we want to ensure we support everyone who is impacted during such a time.

This week, staff spent time planning how to respond should the school need to temporarily close in the coming weeks. The decision will be made by the District and will only occur if there is a shortage of available staff, due to illness, and we are unable to keep the school open for in-person learning and safely supervise students. In the event of a functional closure we will notify families as soon as possible. During a functional closure, we will shift to providing remote learning opportunities for students to ensure continuity of learning and course completion. Also, as we did this week, we will make every effort to continue to provide in-person support during a functional closure for students with additional needs, such as students with special needs and children of essential workers.

We know these days are challenging in many ways. You can continue to count on us to keep you informed and do everything we can to meet students' needs. If you have any questions, please contact me. We look forward to welcoming your children back to Brock Elementary as together we navigate the upcoming weeks.

Sincerely,

Nancy Paget  
School Principal