September 8, 2015

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Welcome to General Brock School! Brock is a small, tightly knit community with an active Parent Action Committee (PAC). The start of kindergarten can be overwhelming for more than just the children so consider this letter a guide to getting started in becoming involved in the school – there are many jobs big and small – and we’d love to get to know you.

**What is a PAC?**

The General Brock Parent Advisory Council exists to support your children's experiences at Brock. Each and every parent and guardian of a Brock student are members of the PAC. We are an open group interested in all parents' ideas and we encourage everyone to participate.

**Brock PAC's mission for the 2015-16 school year is to:**

* Support staff and students at the school with funding and community support;
* Build connections within the school community through effective communications, and by hosting community events linked to the school.

**PAC Fall Meeting Schedule**

Free childcare is provided for all PAC meetings (and the kids have a blast). Scheduled meetings this fall are 6:30 – 8:30 Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 19.

These are the top three reason parents and caregivers come out to PAC meetings.

1. **You want to know what’s going on.** When you ask your kids what they did at school, the most common answer is “nothing”. That just can’t be true, can it? Find out what’s going on with your children – live life in their tiny little library chairs for an hour or two.
2. **You want to know other parents.** You’re going to be with these people for the next 8 years – time to make some friends! Or at least some acquaintances that are going to be going through very similar experiences to you for the foreseeable future. It takes a village – this can be your village.
3. **You want to give back to the school and community.** Volunteerism is growing in Canada faster than the population. In fact, over 13.3 million people did volunteer work in 2010. Volunteering with your child’s school is an excellent way to give back to the community you live in and make a positive permanent difference in the life of your child.

Want to learn more? Put the next meeting in your calendar. Sept 24th, 6:30pm in the library. Childcare and food are provided. And check us out online: <http://www.generalbrockpac.com/>

Here’s to a great school year!

General Brock PAC