

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Newsletter

Dr. Vanessa Ewing
Week of: January 4, 2010



Dear Families:

Welcome to 2010! It was wonderful to see all of our students again this week, with their fun holiday stories and adventures to share upon their return. We were also excited to welcome 6 new students to our school over the past month as well.

Over the break, we had fun in the Winter Camp with students including enjoying fun field trips to a candy factory and swimming. We also worked on the school grounds, including new signage, some blacktop work, and work on the pool area. Be sure to review Michael Greenberg's section below for additional information on the facility updates.

For the month of January, Broomfield Academy students will be doing extra projects and class activities related to Kindness, the Core Virtue of the Month. **Tuesday is out of uniform day (\$1 donation to PAC), Beth Epley and the PAC meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the Den. On Friday is School Spirit Day: Pajama Day for students only.** We will also be collecting new and gently used coats and jackets for those less fortunate during this very chilly time of the year. More information will be coming home soon regarding when to bring your items in to the school.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2010, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Operations and Facilities Column

Over the past two weeks, the blacktop area was swept and cleaned. The blacktop area was also re-stripped. Three new four-square courts, two hopscotch courts, a basketball court, tricycle / scooter parking area, etc. were added. Students have been especially excited for recess and PE this week! The west and north parking areas were also re-stripped and remarked.

New exterior and interior directional and identifying signage was added throughout the campus. These signs were designed to help visitors find the school from the west and south as well as to better identify each classroom and building. The Jr. Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers told me on Tuesday that the students are enjoying reading the many new signs that are on every door inside the school.

The project to return the pool to service, as part of the PE program, has been restarted. New bids and permits are being obtained with a goal of placing the pool back in service in 2010. Initial work to remove the existing concrete deck was done over Winter Break and has been completed. The large pile of concrete on the blacktop was hauled away. Excavation around the pool to replace original plumbing was started.

New indoor and outdoor mats were placed throughout the school. With all of the snow and ice we have had this winter, the new mats are a welcome new addition.

Admission information, the computer curriculum and a list of after-school activities were added to the school website, as were a number of new photos. Work will continue on the website, with the goal of significantly improving the look and organization of the site.

Current family contracts were completed before winter break and sent to families together with enrollment and registration materials for the 2010-2011 school year, the 2010 Broomfield Academy Summer Enrichment Camp, the summer 2010 Junior Kindergarten Program and the summer 2010 Elementary Prep Program. JK Explorers packets will be sent out next week. A number of new family enrollments have been accepted for the summer and for the fall as well.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have. I welcome your comments. A link to my email address can be found on the 'School' page of our website. Michael Greenberg, Director of Operations

Extended Day Updates

We have been having a lot of fun in the Den, with winter crafts and playing indoor games. Winter Camp: Survivor was full of adventure and fun. January snack menus and craft schedules are available in the den. We will be making a zoo full of heart shaped animals for Valentine's Day. We are continuing to have TGIF Fridays. TGIF days are developed by a student who is chosen for their respectful behavior. They choose a fun Friday snack and activity for all of the extended day children. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me at any time.

Enjoy your weekend, Brittany Ruybal

Announcements:

Meeting Date -- Learning Community Book Club: We will be reading and discussing a variety of books related to education. Our 2nd book club meeting will cover chapters 7-12 and will be at 5:00 at Old Chicago on **Wednesday, January 13th**. Our book is *Letting go of Perfect* by Dr. Adelson and Dr. Wilson (2009) Prufrock Press Inc.

February 4th & 5th: Individualized Student Learning Plan (ISLP) Conferences and Minimal Days. Sign-up sheets will be available in the front foyer area beginning January 20th. School will be dismissed at noon on 2/4 and 2/5 due to Parent / Teacher conferences. If you would like your child to register for extended day, sign-up sheets will be in the front foyer beginning 1/20. Students will have a snack but will not have lunch at school unless they are staying for extended day care.

1st Tuesdays Parent Support Meetings - Beginning Tuesday, February 2nd. SAE - Social, Academic, and Emotional Needs of Gifted and Creative Students. Come to meet with and join other parents in our school to share our stories, strategies, and resources in a confidential and supportive group to discuss topics such as:

**Perfectionism
Obsessions
Attention Struggles
And more!**

**Sensitivity
Peer Group Struggles
Excessive Energy**

**Questioning Authority
Motivational Struggles
Fears / Worries**

Meetings will be held in Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten classroom from 5:30-6:30 unless stated otherwise.

Student Ambassador Program: This program is for student leaders in each class that will serve as role models for other students through service learning, supporting and welcoming new or struggling students, and helping each class focus on the virtue of the month. We will have lunch meetings and special event coordination planning throughout the school year. Our second meeting is scheduled for February 10th at noon.

Cognitive Assessment / Test: On Saturday, April 10th 2010 (times to be determined by student grade levels / # registered), Broomfield Academy will be offering the CogAT test. The *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* measures students' learned reasoning abilities in the three areas most linked to academic success in school: Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal. Its primary goal is to assess students' reasoning abilities. This test is not required for our students and is being offered to families who are interested in better understanding their child's abilities and potential needs. The test will be offered to interested families with children in Kindergarten - 6th grade during a Saturday session on campus. There is a \$20 fee per child for this test. Please contact Dr. Ewing if you would like to register for this testing by February 1st or to ask any additional questions.

1st - 6th Grade Stanford Achievement Test: during the month of April all students 1st-6th grade will take the Stanford Achievement Test with their classroom teachers. More information will be coming home regarding this assessment later from your child's teacher.

Spring Semester Club Sessions (call the front office for more information):

Chess Club

Girl Scouts

Yearbook Club

Spanish Club

Mandarin Club

Student Ambassadors

Capoeira

Dance

Recycle for the Rainforest

Bring in your empty inkjet/laser printer cartridges and old cell phones to school! This will help save up to 500 sq. feet of rainforest per cartridge or cell phone that is collected and will earn the school from \$1 to \$15 per item collected. Bring them in from home, the office or in from friends or family.

Broomfield Academy Enrollment Referral Program: Broomfield Academy families earn a \$500 academic tuition credit for each family they refer, and who subsequently attend the school for the majority of the academic school year. There is no limit to the number of credits each family can receive. The \$500 credit, per family referred, is applied equally to all remaining payments or can be carried as a credit towards future charges and fees.