

THE BROOMFIELD BULLETIN:
ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

DR. VANESSA EWING
WEEK OF: JANUARY 12TH 2009



Dear Parents,

This has been the busiest week I can remember for all the right reasons. I was able to enjoy our second grade presentations of their simple machines in the den. Many students, staff, and parents were able to join us at this event. We were all impressed by the terrific and creative projects our students shared with us. Our students read about Martin Luther King Jr. this week to honor his work and recognize our upcoming holiday on Monday. Our younger students also enjoyed "Celebrate a Dragon Day" today, reading stories and doing activities about dragons.

We have also had a large number of touring families, phone inquiries, and student visits this week. The front office staff has been happily working to meet these increased needs from the community. We have also had a terrific response from current families with returns of commitment letters. If you have not already returned your form or need additional information from the front office, please contact us. Some of our younger classes are now nearly full. We are currently expecting to move second grade to a larger room in the fall to better accommodate the size of the class. Depending on enrollment, there is a possibility we might move the first grade to a larger room as well.

We will not have school on Monday since it is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Miss Liz (Kaplan) will be joining Miss Courtney in our Extended Day program next Tuesday as Miss Priya takes a leave of absence. Our staff and students said good-bye to Miss Priya this week and thanked her for her contribution. We welcome Miss Liz to the extended day staff. When you come back next Tuesday please also remember to bring a sack lunch for our kindergarten through sixth grade field trip to Wildlife Experience. As we enter the last two weeks of January, we also want to thank you for your donations of school supplies for our service-learning project this month. With the inauguration quickly approaching and all the excitement building up regarding change, we are going to offer another way that you can help also. By sending in your loose change to school, we will be able to purchase additional much needed school supplies. Thank you again for your contribution and support.

I hope you will enjoy your upcoming extended weekend. I look forward to seeing you again next week. Kind regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Extended Day Announcements

We had a good week with the theme "Zoo pals". The children had fun making monkey mask, collage, and paper bowl turtles. They showed a lot of creativity making bunnies, pandas, and teddy bears with CD's.

Sincerely, Priya Srinivasan

Upcoming Extended Day Events:

Next week's theme will be projects based on Chinese New Year. Some of the projects include plum blossoms, dragon, Ox, red envelope and much more.

Parent announcement

I would like to let you know that I will be going on a leave of absence for some time. While I am at home enjoying my children I surely will miss being at BA, teaching and having fun with the children. I will be visiting them whenever it is possible. I am closing my note with a hope to come back soon. Thank you all for your support in helping me with craft supplies, books and your smiles.

Kind regards,
Priya Srinivasan

Operations and Facilities Column

Work to finalize the summer program materials was completed. The 2009 summer camp "Broomfield Marketplace" brochure, mini-class schedule, calendar and sign up sheets were sent out this week. The school will be offering a fun and educational camp this summer, and expect to have somewhere between 30 and 50 children attending at various times during the summer. Additionally, Broomfield Academy will be offering a Junior Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten class this summer. Space will be limited, with current families having a chance to enroll before we open these classes up to new families. Information will be sent to families by the end of January.

Strategic plans to increase community awareness of the school are progressing well. Media coverage of school events, student accomplishments and program offerings has increased significantly. Work to build relationships with local news reporters and local business leaders has yielded positive results. Efforts to be more visible in local publications have significantly increased levels of attendance at open houses, increased the number of inquiries and increased enrollment. Website upgrades implemented in 2008 have generated an increase in traffic and improved the visibility and search-ability of the site. In 2009, we plan to continue the community awareness effort.

A number of items in the strategic plan have been completed (e.g. adding a new play structure for younger children) and the remaining items are on track. Later this spring, I will conduct a survey of families to better understand the demand and key factors in potentially offering a 7th and 8th grade in the future.

Pool engineering plans and documents required for re-submission to The City of Broomfield are near completion. We hope to resubmit plans to the City this month and will continue to work with the city to determine the engineering feasibility of the upgrade project under the new regulations. At that time, a financial review of the project will determine whether we proceed with the pool upgrades or not. It remains unclear if we will have use of the pool this summer. Contingency plans have been built into the summer camp program to assure that there is a good amount of water play and trips to local pools, in the event we do not reopen our pool this summer.

As always, please feel free to contact me or the front office with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have.

Michael Greenberg

Announcements:

A special thanks to parents for donating two PC's to the school. We still have a need for 2 more. They need not be state-of-the art. They need to be able to support the basic current Microsoft Office and Internet Explorer applications.

Broomfield Chamber Event: Broomfield Academy is being showcased, as part of the "Stories of Survival" series, by the Broomfield Chamber at their annual dinner. The event will be on on January 22, 2009 at 6 PM at

the Renaissance Suites, 500 Flatiron Blvd., Broomfield, CO 80021. We will be telling the story of the school and our return to enrollment growth. For more details

see http://www.broomfieldchamber.com/event_detail.php?PK_Events_ID=514

Our story was a featured article in Broomfield Enterprise for the Chamber Event also at: <http://www.broomfieldenterprise.com/news/2009/jan/15/b-usiness-chamber-salutes-business-survivors/>

Volunteers Wanted: If you would like to volunteer, please email tkbuller@aol.com or call Kathy at 720-425-0429.

Parents Advisory Council (PAC) is meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. **Our next meeting in February 10th.** Childcare is provided for families needing this service. Please contact Edward Settle, PAC Chair, at e.settle@renewableinvestments.net to learn more about how you can be involved.

Open House and School Visit Day Date: February 10th at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. parents may schedule a tour to visit our school, philosophy, and programming. Students may schedule a half-day visit to our school on this day also. Students will be able to experience being a part of Broomfield Academy as we help families determine placement for the 2009-2010 school year. If you know of interested families, please have them call the front office at 303 469 6449 to reserve a space.

After Clubs and Programs:

Chess Club

Students may register for our Spring Semester Chess Club through the front office or by contacting Michael Mulyar at mmulyar@milehighchess.com / 303 438 5626.

"Math from Many Cultures" 8 Classes, \$12/class -- \$96/session

Tuesdays, 3:30-5:15 p.m. (1st 15 minutes for transition/snack time)

This hands-on, math problem-solving class is designed for students (8-11 years old) who like fun challenges and enjoy exploring different ways to solve puzzles. We'll play strategy games, figure out logic & spatial puzzles, look at some ancient number systems, and try other problem-solving activities from different cultures around the world. These "brainteaser" activities come from many places, including: Ancient Egypt & China, Europe, various African countries, and of course America, including Native American cultures. Your child will end up with a game folder full of activities that can be played at home with family and friends!

I have an extensive elementary teaching background. I've been teaching math problem-solving (and some science) classes through CU's Science Discovery Program for the past 13 –1/2 years. I taught 2nd-4th graders at Rocky Mountain School for the Gifted & Creative in Boulder for 7 years. Prior to that I worked at various public elementary schools for many years. I look forward to working with you.

Nancy Wigington

If interested, please e-mail me at: wigfam@earthlink.net (Class will begin in late January; minimum of 4 students. I will contact you directly.)

Staff and Family Book Club-The Knowledge Deficit by E.D. Hirsch, one of the founders of Core Knowledge. Upcoming Book Club Date- mid-February, date TBD.

Girl Scouts: We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45 as long as school is in the regular session for the day. Dates: 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7 (5/7 is our Girl Scout graduation, badge, and

bridging ceremony). The dates and times for our camping event for Brownies and Juniors, as well as our outing for our Daisies will be coming soon.

Broomfield Banner: Students in grades 2 and up may participate in this student led newspaper. Our meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45 as long as school is in regular session for the day.

For information on other clubs including: **Capoeira, Dance Class, Chess Club, Boy Scouts, Spanish Club, or Chinese Club** please contact the front office.

Broomfield Academy Enrollment Referral Program: Broomfield Academy families receive a \$500 academic tuition credit* for each family they refer (and who attend the school for the majority of the academic school year). *The amount of free tuition earned is spread out over the course of the academic school year.