

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Newsletter

Dr. Vanessa Ewing
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We had a terrific week of school, ending with a nice and sunny Friday afternoon for outside recess. The kindergarten - 6th grade students were able to enjoy fun and educational classes at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science this week and the youngest students are getting ready for a fun fieldtrip to Any Think Library next week, not yet open to the general public.

The administration has been busy interviewing final candidates for our 4th/5th grade teaching position as well as beginning the process of reviewing the top candidates for the position of Principal for the 2010-2011 school year. The caliber of candidates has been very impressive. We will be giving updates in the administration newsletter as they occur. I look forward to continuing in my role as part of the administration team as well as serving as one of the teachers for programs such as our Elementary Preparation summer program.

Our school website now has several new additions including: new photos, articles and web links, previous administration newsletters (<http://www.broomfieldacademy.com/code/school.html>), and our bi-annual student paper The Broomfield Banner (<http://www.broomfieldacademy.com/code/broomfieldbanner.html>). In the upcoming months additional changes will be made to our website, so please check often.

Our core virtue for the month of February is Good Judgment. We will be focusing many discussions, readings, student nominations, and our school assembly with Beth Epley on this important virtue. We hope you will be able to join your children for a special evening event with **Beth Epley for our Family Fun Night on Wednesday, February 17th at the Broomfield Library Auditorium** as well. Next week the major school events include a parent support group meeting, our Individualized Student Learning Plan meetings, and our Explorer / JK field trip.

I hope you have a wonderful upcoming weekend.

Kindest regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Operations and Facilities Column

A regular school board meeting was held, during which there was a review of school programs, enrollment trends, staff development, operational and facilities projects and programs and a review of other school business. Enrollment has been strong, to-date, for the summer camp, summer Jr. Kindergarten and summer Elementary Prep classes. Fall 2010 enrollment is running ahead of last

year at this time. **Please remember that current families will be given enrollment priority through Feb. 15, 2010.** After that date, the school will enroll current and new families based on the date a signed contract and applicable fees are received.

The project to return the pool to service, as part of the PE program, continues. The work to refinish and resurface the interior of the pool is complete (including the installation of new drains, a new light, new skimmers, new inlets, etc.). The plumbing around the pool is complete and the pool has been refilled with water. Work in the equipment room has begun and will include the installation of a variety of new pieces of equipment and plumbing. Electrical work will start next week, both in the equipment room and the pool area. Additional HVAC bids were obtained. Feel free to peak through the windows of the pool, either side, if you are curious. Please, no visitors inside the pool building, due to construction.

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

Announcements:

February 2nd -- 1st Tuesdays Parent Support Meetings. 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.

February 4th & 5th -- Parent Individualized Student Learning Plan (ISLP) Conferences and Minimal Days. Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer area. School will end 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 are in the front foyer area.** Students will have a snack but will not have lunch at school unless they are staying for extended day care.

February 10th -- 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 meet for lunch meetings and special event coordination planning throughout the school year. Our second meeting is scheduled for February 10th at noon.

February 11th -- Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet: During our next open house on **Thursday, February 11th from 5-5:45** teachers will be available in their classrooms to meet with parents and answer questions about the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Vanessa Ewing, Anica McFarlane, and Michael Greenberg will be speaking with new and current families about our upcoming school year

and to answer questions also. We are looking forward to talking with you about the programs, units, and activities scheduled for the summer and upcoming school year!

February 22nd Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Silverman - Giftedness- 6:30-8:30 Bell Middle School Auditorium in Golden.

Upper Class - 4th-6th Grade Teaching Position: We are currently in the second phase of our extensive interview process for candidates for our upper grades position. As part of the process, the top candidates meet for a group interview and teaching lesson. Please check with our administration for further questions or details regarding this process.

Principal / Head of School Position: The interview process has started for highly qualified candidates to join our administration team. Please feel free to talk with any of our administrative team (Dr. Ewing, Anica McFarlane, or Michael Greenberg) about this process at any time. We will provide you with continued updates in the administration newsletter throughout the selection process also.

March 2nd -- Meeting Date -- Learning Community Book Club: Tuesday, March 2nd 5 p.m. at Old Chicago's. We will be reading and discussing a variety of literature on social / emotional struggles, including the autobiography *Look Me in the Eye* by John Elder Robison, as well as parts one and two of the text "*Mellow Out,*" *They Say. If I Only Could. Intensities and Sensitivities of the Young and Bright* by: Piechowski and Colangelo.

April 10th -- 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 the office 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.

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.