

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Updates

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**BROOMFIELD
ACADEMY**



Box Tops for Education:
Now through March 16th

The school-wide Box Top competition was a great success this past fall. We are looking forward to our spring competition over the next weeks. This is a great way to support our school, with each box top providing money to support additional programs and materials. **All Box Tops are due on March 16th**. Please continue saving box tops for future contests). The winning class will have a lunch party and can choose a spirit day for our school. Our 2nd place winners will enjoy a special treat also.

No School - Friday, February 12th & Monday, February 15th:

Teachers are attending an in-service covering science and geography methods/techniques to enhance their work with our children. **(Camp services for those that are registered)**

Family Fun Night: Color The Earth

Wednesday, 2/17 6:30 - 8 at the Broomfield Library Auditorium

We hope you can attend and participate in our fun and interactive Family Event for The Young (ages 3-12) and for The Young At Heart (all ages) on Wednesday, February 17th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Broomfield Library Auditorium. We will enjoy songs, stories, and crafts with Beth Epley related to the topics of respect and recycling. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

2/19 - Beyond Giftedness Conference – Arvada Center for the Arts. 8:30 -4:30 sessions. Keynote speaker: Susan Winebrenner. Registration: \$129 - including continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. For questions please email: Dorothy@openspacecomm.com.

2/22 Dr. Linda Silverman – Speaking on Giftedness 6:30 - 8:30 Bell Middle School Auditorium - Golden.

3/2 -- 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.

3/2 -- First Tuesdays Parent Support Meetings – SAE: Social, Academic, and Emotional Needs of Gifted and Creative Students. Children do not need to be identified for families to join our group. If our topics / support group are of interest to you, please join us. 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

Each month we will choose a topic / theme for discussion. For March, our theme topic of discussion is Intensity. Readings include:

http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Sword_EmotionalIntensityInGiftedChildren.pdf

http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Lind_OverexcitabilityAndTheGifted.pdf

http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10240.aspx

As part of our group, an email list of members for family resources, questions, or discussion topics will continue to develop as a secondary resource.

Meetings will be held in Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten classroom from 5:30-6:30 unless stated otherwise. Feel free to bring foods / beverages to share while meeting together. Our first meeting in February was well attended. We hope to see you at our March meeting.

3/16 - Noon meeting--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.

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

Principal / Head of School Position: We are now reviewing applications 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.

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 received. 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.