

**The Broomfield Bulletin**  
**Administration Newsletter**  
Dr. Vanessa Ewing  
Week of: March 15th, 2010



Dear Families:

Today, the students finished the week with a very fun Crazy Hair (and crazy snow) Spirit Day. Earlier this week, all of the students thoroughly enjoyed participating in our annual Multicultural Day Celebration and St. Patrick's Day celebrations. The younger students enjoyed trying to catch a sneaky Leprechaun in our school. Prior to the snow storm all students also enjoyed extra time with an outdoor picnic for Multicultural Day this Wednesday. I look forward to seeing you after spring break.

Have a wonderful spring break!  
Kind regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

**Extended Day / Spring Break Camp:**

Next week some of our students enrolled for Spring Break Camp. Our theme for spring camp is **Trip Around the World**. We will be doing activities each day related to learning about our world cultures (sampling foods, learning about daily life for children, and famous landmarks).

**Monday:** Russia; **Wheel Day (bring your wheels, helmet, and a signed waiver)**

**Tuesday:** Costa Rica; **outdoor picnic** (weather permitting)

**Wednesday:** Egypt; **Bowling**

**Thursday:** France; **Tech Lab Games**

**Friday:** Sydney, Australia; **Roller-skating**

**Operations and Facilities:**

In anticipation of Dr. Ewing's shift to part-time work this fall, our project to hire a new full-time Principal is well under way. The job posting attracted 27 qualified applicants. Face-to-face interviews were held with seven candidates and meetings will be held over the next few weeks to identify the top 3 or 4 candidates.

The project to return the pool to service, as part of the PE program, continues, with a goal of placing the pool back in service before summer. We ran into a snag with two minor plumbing issues, which has added a two-week delay to the project. The pool itself is ready, plumbing in the equipment room is 95% complete and HVAC work is 90% complete. Salt was added to the pool to adjust the salinity to the correct level (3200-3400 ppm). This level is only about one-tenth the salinity of

seawater (actually a little less) and will be very pleasant for swimming (instead of chlorine). We will be working to further balance the pool water over the next few weeks (to adjust the pH, water hardness, calcium, etc.). The next big project will be to re-pour the concrete deck around the pool. Concrete work, overall, is 40% complete.

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

### **Events / Reminders:**

#### **Box Tops for Education: Winning Class Announced**

The winning class will have a lunch party and can choose a spirit day for our school. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will enjoy a special treat also. **1<sup>st</sup> place goes to Ms. Cosbey's class**, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Mrs. Parrill's class, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Ms. Essig 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and Jacobsen's Explorers! Awesome job! Please continue to collect box tops as we will host another contest in the future. It is a terrific way to raise funds for school programs.

#### **4/6 5:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **Each month we will choose a topic / theme for discussion. For March, our theme topic of discussion is Self Esteem. Readings include:** [http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/2005-02-15-self-esteem\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/2005-02-15-self-esteem_x.htm)  
[http://www.sengifted.org/articles\\_social/Silverman\\_PromotingPositiveSocialDevelopment.shtml](http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Silverman_PromotingPositiveSocialDevelopment.shtml)  
We will also be watching part of a video of a talk given by Judy Galbraith regarding the importance of self-esteem for our children.

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



#### **4/9 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sock Hop Friday Family Fun from 6:30-8:00.**

Come join us for food, costume contests, dancing, and games! **Updated Location Information: Church Fellowship Hall.** Needed: volunteers to help with decorating, clean up, food, and supervision.

#### **4/13 Parent Advisory Council at 6 pm Focus of meeting: Teacher Appreciation Week planning and Spring Cocktail Event discussion.**

Please join us as we plan these important events to show our staff and school community how much we care.

**4/13 4:30 Learning Community Book Club at Old Chicago's.** We will be reading and discussing a variety of literature on social / emotional struggles, including finishing our discussion of the autobiography *Look Me in the Eye* by John Elder Robison, the first half of the autobiography *Only a Mother could love Him* by Ben Polis, 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* – chapter 13 on *Emotional Aliveness* and chapter 15 on *Fears* by: Piechowski and Colangelo.

**4/15 Spring Arts Festival Program at Broomfield Library Auditorium.** \*More information to be coming shortly regarding arrival times necessary for our evening event.

**4/16 Staff Development Day. No School / No Services.** \*Staff will be: observing / shadowing at area schools and/or attending the Colorado Association for Educators of Young Children.

**Upper Class 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teaching Position:** Please join me in welcoming Ms. Aryn Fleegler to our staff. She will be here to visit with students and parents after school on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Her biography is posted on our school website 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 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.