

THE BROOMFIELD BULLETIN
ADMINISTRATION NEWSLETTER
DR. VANESSA EWING
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BROOMFIELD
ACADEMY

Dear Families,

This past week was filled with fun, learning, and new adventures. **I hope you will be able to join us tonight for our first Friday Family Fun Night from 6-8 p.m. This will be our fourth annual potluck and game night event for new and returning families.** Suggested potluck items include: Family Last Names A-I: bring a side dish; J-Q: bring a main dish; R-Z: bring a dessert. The school will provide drinks, napkins, plates, cups, and utensils. You may also bring your favorite outdoor games or board games to share.

Last weekend we had a lot of fun in the Broomfield Days Parade as well. It is such a fun event for the community to enjoy. If you were unable to join us this year, I hope that date will work next year for all our families. This week our kindergarten through sixth grade students also enjoyed their first field trip at Miller Farms. I hope you enjoyed the fresh vegetables that came home!

Next week, we will be hosting **Pink and Purple Day** on Wednesday to benefit the Gabby Krause Foundation. The Gabby Krause Foundation is a network of caring people who want to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses. The signature project of the foundation is *Bags of Fun*. *Bags of Fun* are filled with educational interactive and silly toys that give a child a better day, a smile and something to focus on other than their illness. The bags also give parents the reassurance that someone understands. We ask for a minimum of a \$2 donation in cash or checks may be made payable to the foundation directly. Children can wear pink, purple, black (with some pink or purple on it), and jeans with a donation to this important charity. This is a fun annual project for our school. We will also discuss more about the foundation with our students.

Warm wishes for a wonderful upcoming weekend, Dr. Ewing

Operations and Facilities Column

Noting that it is a challenge to get a stroller down the steps from the church parking lot, please feel free to access the school buildings, when needed, from the west or south side. If you need stroller or wheelchair access, or are with someone for whom the steps are a challenge, please park along Emerald Street (on the west side of the property) and enter via the south front entrance (along 120th Ave.). You can also access the blacktop area directly by parking along Emerald St. and entering through the gate next to the large trash bins to the north. The school facility is handicap accessible and we have a number of ADA-compliant bathrooms, ramps and same floor options for those with limited mobility.

Over the past few weeks, we have completed a number of facility projects, some related to heating systems, a repair to the walk-in cooler and some gate and fence repairs. We also added additional mulch in the playground areas, under the slides, swings and in the beds just to the west of the main building.

Considerable work has been done to advertise and raise community awareness of the upcoming talk by Colorado former First Lady, Dottie Lamm and author of "Daddy On Board: Parenting Roles for the 21st Century," to be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Auditorium. We hope you will attend. Feel free to invite others who might be interested.

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

Michael Greenberg, Director of Operations

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

Parent Volunteers: If you have not yet received training and signed our volunteer agreement, please schedule a time to stop by and see me. **We are looking for volunteers** to present **Junior Achievement** in Explorers, Junior Kindergarten classes, Kindergarten classes, and 4th grade. This is a wonderful program that teaches children about economics at their level. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please let me know. We always welcome **parent volunteers to assist during our lunch times** also. Give us a call if you would like to assist during this fun and (hopefully) nourishing time of day.

CU Reading Research Opportunity - grades 2nd and higher: Dr. Alice Healy from the CU Department of Psychology is leading a 10-session study that is available for 1/2 hour after school in a classroom for 2 days each week for 5 successive weeks. Dr. Hiromi Sumiya will be conducting the study. Children will read stories at or one level above their reading level. These stories for some students will be written in a special format that provide the normal English spelling along with the pronunciation of each word using an alphabetic notation that should be easily understood by children. The study aims to determine whether this special format will be helpful for students in improving their reading ability. If you would like a permission and consent form or would like to learn further information, please stop by my office. *For children younger than 2nd grade, please contact Dr. Healy to discuss participation at alice.healy@colorado.edu.

Broomfield Academy Distinguished Speaker Series - Dottie Lamm to Speak on Parenting Roles for the 21st Century

Broomfield Academy families and their friends are invited to attend a talk by Dottie Lamm, author of "Daddy On Board: Parenting Roles for the 21st Century," on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Broomfield Auditorium. Dottie Lamm is the former first lady of Colorado, the mother of two and grandmother of three. She writes of a cultural shift in the U.S. that has seen fathers play an increased role in families and how parents balance the new roles. She will talk about her book and how parenting has changed since she and former Gov. Dick Lamm were raising two kids — and running a state. Her book provides an in-depth look at how today's couples share parenting roles. She will discuss questions such as: Why do the mommy wars still rage? Are men natural nurturers? How does increased daddy involvement benefit the kids? What are the biggest problems couples have in negotiating their parenting roles? And, how has the recent economic downturn affected parenting challenges?

Please join us for this interesting and informative look at parenting roles. Please forward this information to others who might be interested. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (303) 469-6449 or visit www.broomfieldacademy.com.

Kid's Pages - recommended by Colorado State Publications Library-

www.coloradohistory.org/kids/kidspage.htm
www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/kids/
www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/kids/
<http://wildlife.state.co.us/education/StudentActivities/KidsPage/>
<http://mining.state.co.us/kids/dmgkids.htm>
www.sos.sate.co.us/pubs/info_center/kids.htm

School Updates:

October 16th and 19th - Staff Development Days. If parents are interested in childcare for Friday and Monday, please email Anica McFarlane at amcfarlane@broomfieldacademy.com to RSVP.

Presentations: Each year, as part of our community outreach effort, we make ourselves available to mom's groups, preschools or other groups of parents interested in learning how best to meet the social and emotional needs of young children. We will set aside some dates for these talks at Broomfield Academy as well. If you are aware of any groups (MOPS, MOMS, play groups, preschools, etc.) that might be interested in having a speaker or holding a meeting at Broomfield Academy, please let the front office know.

After Clubs and Programs:

Girl Scouts: Girls 5 (close to 5) and older may participate. This year our other meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:45 - 4:45. Our first regular meeting will be October 1st. We are looking for additional troop leaders, assistants, and volunteers this year also as Girl Scouts continues to be a popular group at our school.

Broomfield Banner: Students in grades 2 and up may participate in this student-focused newspaper. Projects focus on writing short stories, poems, and other writing projects for the month. **All projects can be sent to Dr. Ewing for publication.**

You may go to the foyer area of the school for additional information and fliers regarding:

Capoeira - Brazilian Martial Arts

Private music lessons

Dance Class

Spanish Club and Mandarin Club

Show your school spirit by putting a Broomfield Academy license plate frame on your vehicle.

Stop by the front office to pick one up...or two!

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.

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- GKF was founded in 2004 by the friends and family of Gabby Krause to fulfill her wish that every child fighting cancer have their own *Bag of Fun*.
- The Gabby Krause Foundation delivers over 350 *Bags of Fun* per year in Colorado
- The average cost of a *Bag of Fun* is \$350.00-\$400.00
- A *Bag of Fun* is large Samsonite backpack filled with age-specific games, toys and activities practical for a hospital setting. *Bags of Fun* contain high-end toys, such as Game Boys, MP3 players, and portable DVD players.
- Each Bag of Fun is filled with 16-18 toys that meet stringent guidelines. Bags are required to include educational, manipulative, and interactive toys based on age and appropriateness for a hospital setting.
- Every week *Bags of Fun* are distributed to newly diagnosed oncology patients at The Children's Hospital, PSL and Littleton Hospitals. *Bags of Fun* are also distributed to patients undergoing or waiting for transplants at Children's hospital.
- Gabby Krause Foundation donors include: Samsonite, Maggianos, Heritage Hills Liquor, California Café, Cain Travel, Nestle, Brakes Plus, 9 News, John Holly's, Park Meadows, and Pterodactyl Toys.
- Major Corporate sponsors: Castle Pines Capital, Axiom Solutions, Lincoln Financial.
- GKF has over 40 Volunteers, 15 are certified through the Children's Hospital to deliver bags and help with other patient needs. Our volunteers help to assemble the bags as well.
- Tatum's Bags of Fun is an LLC of GKF delivers approx 300 *Bags of Fun* annually to children in Indiana.
- GKF partners with The Nicholas Colby fund to deliver Bags of Fun to children at Oakland Children's in California
- The long-range goal of GKF is to continue to successfully expand the BOF program to Children's hospitals in other cities.

GKF's *Bags of Fun* make a difference in the lives of children and families when they need it most.