

THE BROOMFIELD BULLETIN
ADMINISTRATION NEWSLETTER
DR. VANESSA EWING
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Dear Families,

We are looking forward to all of our school events next week focused on our virtue of the month. Tuesday Beth Epley will join us for our morning school assembly to discuss Courage through storytelling and songs. Tuesday the 13th is also out of uniform day (\$1.00 donation to PAC) and the **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting (7 p.m. in the Den). There will be no childcare provided at this meeting.**

Please remember that **next Friday (10/16) and the following Monday (10/19) we will not be holding classes.** Those dates are scheduled for no school / no services so that our staff may attend on-going professional development opportunities. We will be holding Camp on both days for families that have need of childcare. Sign up sheets are posted outside of the front office as well as in the DEN. Crafts and activities will be focused on the Fall season and on Halloween.

Our website homepage has been updated with our latest newsletter, our upcoming Trunk or Treat Fall Festival on October 23rd event information, and other upcoming events. Please visit our website frequently for updates; **please scroll down on the website to find the link to register for Trunk or Treat.**

As always, please give me a call with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Warm wishes for a wonderful weekend, Dr. Ewing

Operations and Facilities Column:

Last week we held our regular school board meeting during which we reviewed programs, staff development, operational, safety and facilities programs and other school business. Preparations to develop enrollment materials for the 2010-2011 school year began. Plans to accommodate the projected grade 3-6 class size increases over the coming years were discussed. An initial review of the 2010 Summer Enrichment Camp was completed and preliminary program details were discussed.

Over the past two weeks a number of facilities projects were completed. The main parent and staff parking lot was re-stripped for better visibility. Bright yellow paint was put on the back steps and the back gate stop to improve visibility and safety. A landscape border was added near the den to reduce the volume of mulch that needs to be swept from the adjacent sidewalk. Two drainage pipes, one behind the den and one in the playground, were repositioned to minimize any potential trip hazard. All

exterior lighting was checked, to prepare for fall, and a number of lamps were replaced. Some sprinkler repairs were made and the watering schedule was reduced in preparation for cooler weather. The water supply to the swamp coolers was turned off and cables from the old computer network wiring were pulled into the crawl spaces below the building. The annual fire, heat and smoke alarm tests were done in the Den and the main Broomfield Academy buildings. Three emergency lighting units were replaced and all exit signs and emergency lighting bulbs and batteries were checked and/or changed.

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:

Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for **Junior Achievement** volunteers in Explorers, Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten class, and 4th grade. All family members are appreciated for this volunteer program. You need not be a classroom parent to volunteer for our Junior Achievement activities. 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.

If you have not yet received training and signed our volunteer agreement for the 2009-2010 school year, please schedule a time to stop by and see me.

Volunteer Interest / Forms Due to our front office by Monday morning, 10/12.

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

School Updates:

Parent and Staff Library: I have a wide variety of video, book, and brochure resources for our school community. You may check out books on topics such as gifted education, discipline, creativity with children, Core Knowledge, and more.

Learning Community Book Club: This book club is intended for our staff and interested families. We will be reading and discussing a variety of books related to education. Our first book club meeting will be at 5:15 at Old Chicago on Wednesday, November 18th. Our first book of the year is **Letting go of Perfect** by Dr. Adelson and Dr. Wilson (2009) Prufrock Press Inc.

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 next meeting is October 15th. 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.

Wanted - Student poetry, short stories, and research papers for the 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

Mandarin Club

Chess Club

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.