

**The Broomfield Bulletin**  
Administration Updates  
Dr. Vanessa Ewing  
Week of: October 12th 2009



**Announcements:**

Please remember that **this Friday and the following Monday 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 signed up for that service in the front office. Our crafts and activities will be focused on the Fall season and on Halloween. Camp hours are 7:30 am – 6 pm. The cost is \$55 per day.

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**School Updates:**

**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. **All projects can be sent to Dr. Ewing for publication.**

## **Flu Updates:**

- The flu is currently prevalent throughout Colorado communities in many age populations.
- The current flu circulating remains a mild illness for those who are generally young and healthy otherwise.
- Currently routine testing is not recommended by the local, state, nor national health authorities, as the treatment for otherwise healthy individuals is the same regardless of what type of flu they have contracted.
- Please DO NOT send an ill student to school. Please report the student is home with “flu” like symptoms if they have the fever and other symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore throat, body/muscle aches, vomiting or diarrhea. We will continue to send students home with these symptoms, so if called please pick them up as soon as possible. If symptoms become worse, please go to your nearest health provider.
- CDC recommends that you keep your ill student home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone (Fever must be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine or you will be called to pick up student.)

**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, 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.

## **After Clubs and Programs:**

**Chess Club**

**Capoeira- Brazilian Martial Arts**

**Private music lessons**

**Dance Class**

**Spanish Club and Mandarin 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 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.

From Randi Leeson – our Box Tops coordinator.

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Thank you to all of our families for your volunteer efforts in the classroom, on our field trips, through fundraising efforts and events. I am impressed by the dedication and commitment of our children, staff, and parents at Broomfield Academy.

Thank you also to our parents that have volunteered for Junior Achievement, the Girl Scout program, and for the wonderful donation of additional bike helmets for our extended day students.

Thank you for your donation of time as well as all the other efforts made by PAC. This year, the PAC has made possible such things as: additional computers and technology for our students, Beth Epley Character Education events, Friday Family Fun Nights, and additional educational programs.

Much thanks, Dr. Ewing

### **PAC Donations At Work in Our School:**

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students were thrilled with the addition of new computers in their classrooms! They are now able to utilize various computer programs to support their language arts and math curriculum. Among the in-class center favorites are Learning to Read Starfall - a website to teach children to read that contains exciting interactive books and phonics games. FunBrain is also popular and contains math games, web books, and vocabulary builders.

Finally, we use Math Playground, an action-packed math site featuring math games, math word problems, math worksheets, logic puzzles, and math videos. As their typing skills advance, students may type journal entries or spelling words in Microsoft Word. Through a combination of different computer programs, students develop fine motor and typing skills as they support their learning through the use of technology in the classroom.

### **Parent Advisory Council- Volunteer Opportunities:**

The PAC had a wonderful and productive meeting on Tuesday. Thank you to all of the families that are involved with our volunteer efforts on behalf of our school and children. We will continue meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month after school. Times will vary so that all of our families can find time to participate. We will send home another notice prior to November 10<sup>th</sup> regarding our meeting time.

We are still in need of volunteers for our upcoming Friday Family Fun Night Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please register on our website if you are attending, volunteering, or would like more information at <http://www.broomfieldpac.com/fallfest/register.php>

Thank you.

### **Kiwanis International- Service Learning- Volunteer Information Meeting :**

The world's premier service organization is coming to the Broomfield community. Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanis and its youth-oriented Service Leadership Programs serve communities in more than 70 countries and geographic areas. Kiwanis promotes service leadership at every stage of life through service to communities and the world. Tens of thousands of service projects; millions of lives touched. Help one child and you help the world. One can make a difference. Are you the one?

Please join us for an informational gathering on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Broomfield Auditorium. Every Kiwanis club/chapter has a unique personality. Our vision for this Kiwanis group is one that develops and

encourages service minded individuals and families. We believe that giving someone the opportunity to leave their community and their world better than when they found it, is a wonderful gift! We hope to see you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

If you have questions or would like immediate information please contact Kelly Steck-James, Governor – Rocky Mountain District, Kiwanis International at 720.244.4483 or [kellysteck@comcast.net](mailto:kellysteck@comcast.net).

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