

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

Thank you to our new and returning families for their energy and efforts on behalf of our students. We have seen tremendous growth in the number of families volunteering their time. I am very proud to be a part of such a dedicated and committed group of parents, staff, and students.

Our staff learned a great deal at our professional development conferences. These experiences are a wonderful way for us to gain new ideas and resources for our students. I hope you enjoyed our camps or some extra time with your family.

As a reminder, be sure that you are supervising your child(ren) once you are on campus after school. Our students know our safety rules including swinging the correct way, not throwing sand or other objects, and using walkways to get from one end of the playground to the other. Please help us keep our students safe by reinforcing these rules as well. If you have questions about playground rules, they are posted in the den and near my office. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns also.

Tonight our Friday Family Event is my public talk on The Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted, Talented, and Creative Students. Common struggles for these children include emotional sensitivity, perfectionism, a short attention span, and peer group struggles. I will be presenting information on strategies and resources for these students. All Broomfield Academy families and outside community members are invited to attend. It will be from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in Mrs. Mountain's classroom. If you need childcare, let us know. The children will be able to play games and do crafts in the den with staff.

Best wishes for a wonderful upcoming weekend,

Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Extended Day Broomfield Academy

Announcements:

The week went by very quickly. We changed our plan for the week to a bugs theme. Children enjoyed drawing bugs, making cut-outs and puppets. Our camp went very well also. Children had fun bowling, painting ceramic candy dishes, doing the huge pumpkin, and candy corn crafts.
Sincerely, Priya Srinivasan

Upcoming Extended Day Events:

Next week's theme will be projects based on Halloween.

Some of the crafts will be scarecrows, spiders, painting pumpkins and much more.

Director of Operations and Facilities Column

New swings were installed this week. The mulch under and around the swings was redistributed to increase depth where needed. All three sand boxes were refilled. Playground mulch was added around the new play structure. Children should be reminded that throwing sand is dangerous and that they should try to keep it in the sand box whenever possible. Also, children are being reminded to use the paths between the various play structures rather than cutting across the large rocks, which are placed to discourage traffic.

The flagpoles were repainted for improved appearance and to prevent rust. Additional insulation was blown into the ceiling in the 3rd-6th grade building. In preparation for the colder weather, the swamp cooler water lines were drained.

New school brochures were printed and received. Please check with the front office if you would like a supply for your friends or co-workers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have. My email address can be found on the school website. Michael

School Updates and Announcements:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Book Fair Volunteers

11/3 - 11/7/08 From 3 - 5 pm to assist with book sales

11/7/08 From 3 - 5 pm to help pack up books

Lunch Volunteers

Thursdays and Fridays from 11:00 - 12:00

This is a great way to spend time with your child.

If you have any questions, please email tkbuller@aol.com or call Kathy at 720-425-0429.

Parents Advisory Council (PAC) is meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided for families needing this service. Please contact Edward Settle, PAC Chair, at e.settle@renewableinvestments.net to learn more about how you can be involved.

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 year we have started a book club with staff and interested families. We will be reading and discussing a variety of books related to education. Our next book club meeting will be at 5:15 at Old Chicago on December 10th. We will finish discussing the book *The Myth of Laziness* by Dr. Mel Levine. Our second book of the year will be *The Knowledge Deficit* by E.D. Hirsch, one of the founders of Core Knowledge.

Upcoming Open House Date: November 11th **from 9-10 a.m.** If you know of interested families, please have them call the front office at 303 469 6449 to reserve a space.

Wanted: We are currently accepting donations of digital cameras with rechargeable batteries.

After Clubs and Programs:

Spanish Club: Every Friday from 3:45-4:45pm. Please contact the front office or Ms. Varani if interested.

Girl Scouts: This year our meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45. If you need more information, contact Dr. Ewing.

Broomfield Banner: Students in grades 2 and up may participate in this student led newspaper. Projects focus on writing short stories, poems, and other writing projects for the month. **This year our meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45.**

For information on other clubs including: **Capoeira, Dance Class, Chess Club, Boy Scouts, or Chinese Club** please contact the front office.

Broomfield Academy Enrollment Referral Program: Broomfield Academy families receive a \$500 academic tuition credit* for each family they refer (and who attend the school for the majority of the academic school year). *The amount of free tuition earned is spread out over the course of the academic school year.