

THE BROOMFIELD BULLETIN
ADMINISTRATION NEWSLETTER
DR. VANESSA EWING
WEEK OF: OCTOBER 27TH 2008



Dear Families,

This week was a wonderful display of our study of world cultures as a school. On Wednesday our students participated in our Au-athon, doing cartwheels, singing and dancing. This event was for our service learning project for October to raise money for the arts for children in Brazil. Several of our after school Capoeira students performed for us during this event. Some students also studied about Diwali- also referred to as the festival of lights. This is a traditional Hindu holiday that we were able to discuss in our classes. As part of our Spanish classes this week, Ms. Varani also taught the children about the Day of the Dead holiday that many Catholic and Aztec Spanish speaking people celebrate. We ended our week celebrating the big American tradition of Halloween parties in our classes. We always enjoy coming together as a school for our parade, then returning to individual classrooms for our celebrations.

Our 6th graders were able to enjoy another important tradition for children in the United States. They were able to attend their first middle school dance with students from the Bridge School. I had the honor of being their chaperone and enjoyed being with them for this important event in their school year.

Our Core Virtue for the month of October was Courage. Staff and students may nominate those that show courage throughout the month. Each nominee receives recognition in our morning announcements and receives a certificate from Dr. Ewing. The winners included Alyssa W., Ethan A., Alex H., Dawson W., Katie I., Ben K., Lily E., Drew K., and Caitlin M.! Congratulations to our student winners!

Our sign-up sheets for our progress report card conferences on November 21st and 22nd are now in the front foyer near Anica's office. Please come by to reserve a time to meet with your child's teachers. This is a terrific time to meet and collaborate with one another as we continue developing individualized plans and goals for your child's academic school year.

Enjoy your upcoming weekend,

Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Extended Day Broomfield Academy

Announcements:

We had lots of fun celebrating Halloween. There was very good participation in making pumpkin crafts, and the skeleton with Halloween costume while some enjoyed doing candy corn crafts and masks.

Next week: We will be celebrating the Asian Indian festival Diwali – The festival of lights.

*Sincerely,
Priya Srinivasan*

Upcoming Extended Day Events:

*Next week's theme will be projects based on **Diwali**.*

Some of the crafts will be making diyas (lamps), rangoli, bangles and much more.

Parent announcement:

As a reminder, we request that parents sign in and sign out your child(ren) while dropping off and picking them up. It is a state law and a very important safety issue. The sign in and sign out book is on the table in front of the green shelf. We appreciate your cooperation.

P.S: If you have any plastic disposable bottles, please leave them in the den for our project next week.

Director of Operations and Facilities Column

This week we held our regular school board meeting during which we reviewed programs, staff development, operational and facilities programs, the Broomfield Days event and other marketing. Winter camp program details were finalized and time lines were set. The planning process for the 2009 summer camp program was reviewed, as was progress on program development. The status of the new math and science curriculum was reviewed, as were developments and improvements to the before/after school and the lunch program. A project to review the potential of offering a summer 2009 Kindergarten prep program was started. The swamp coolers were winterized. The broken basketball backboard was replaced, the other basketball hoop was lowered and safety checks were made on both basketball sets.

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:

Wanted:

We are currently seeking the donation of a pair of stereo speakers for use during talent shows and other programs at the school.

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

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.

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.