

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

Today our Kindergarten - 6th grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Denver Puppet Theatre to see *African Animal Tales*. We also ended our week long *Safari Book Fair* today. Thank you to Anica McFarlane for organizing this educational event for our school. Next Monday our Junior Kindergarten and JK Explorers will have fun at an on-campus field trip: *Creative Drama Workshop*.

Remember next Tuesday is our monthly Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting at 6 p.m. Childcare is provided for families needing that service. On the second Tuesday of each month our children have an out of uniform day for a \$1.00 donation to PAC and all students enjoy a school wide assembly discussing the Core Virtue of the Month. This month we are learning about the Core Virtue of *Respect*. We hope you will join us for these school events next Tuesday.

Please also remember that November 21st and 22nd are minimal days as we are holding our parent / teacher conferences. Sign-up sheets for progress report card conferences are now in the front foyer near Anica's office. In addition, we will be offering extended day care on November 21st and 22nd for children not in Extended Day already; sign up sheets are in the front foyer near Anica's office. Please come by to reserve a time to meet with your child's teachers and/or to sign up for extended day care beyond noon if you need this service.

Our **Winter Arts Program** is coming soon! On Thursday, December 4th our annual **Winter Arts Program and Silent Auction** will be held at the Mamie Doud Broomfield Library Auditorium at 7 p.m. We ask that families come by 6:30 to prepare for the evening. This is one of our largest events of the year. It is a wonderful time to enjoy the arts, celebrate upcoming winter holidays, and come together as a Broomfield Academy family.

Sincerely, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Extended Day Broomfield Academy

Announcements:

We had a wonderful celebration of Diwali - the Festival of Lights. Children showed a lot of interest, creativity and curiosity while making the clay lamps. Everyone enjoyed coloring and putting

sparkles on the pictures, doing kolam (dot-to-dot drawing), and making rangoli with sand colors. Bangles were also a super hit with the girls. Sincerely, Priya Srinivasan

Upcoming Extended Day Events:

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

Some of the crafts will be making pirate ships, pirate patches, pirate flags, a treasure chest and more.

Parent announcement:

Our lost and found basket is piling up with jackets, lunch boxes and more. If your child is missing any of their belongings, please take a peek through the basket to claim them.

Director of Operations and Facilities Column

This week, numerous new documents (e.g. articles, travel directions, first grade artwork) were posted on the school website (<http://www.broomfieldacademy.com>) and to local news sites. New school brochures were sent to local area preschools. Brochures were provided to parents along with a request to pass them on to others in the community who might be considering private school options. Parents who would like an additional supply of brochures or would like the school to send some to their employer/HR manager should let the front office know. The 2008 winter and 2009 summer camp programs were reviewed.

Preparations were made to make repairs to the west side parking lot, which will be closed from Nov. 11-14. The four sprinkler systems on the property were winterized. Boilers, thermostats and hot water heaters were checked and hoses disconnected. Engineering calculations related to air flow in the pool area were received and will be included in the engineering project to upgrade the pool. Additional work is being done on the engineering plans in preparation for submission to the City of Broomfield for review. Numerous minor repairs and adjustments were made to toilets, sinks and pumps. The basement humidifier was cleaned.

A special thank you to our landscapers who are working hard to keep up with the fall leaves and the general fall cleanup.

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:

Community Presentation: Unique Emotional Lives of the Gifted

Presented by: Dr. Linda Silverman

Intricate thought processes and complex emotions are held in delicate balance in the gifted individual. Idealism, self-doubt, perceptiveness, excruciating sensitivity, moral imperatives, desperate needs for understanding, acceptance, love—all impinge simultaneously. Gifted children develop more asynchronously than others, and often feel unable to relate to age-mates. When they are forced into a mold that doesn't fit, they begin to experience their differences as deficits. All who interact with them must understand their characteristics and

overexcitabilities. Then they can learn to appreciate themselves and develop their own unique paths. We will explore the emotional needs and social realities of gifted children and discuss ways to nurture their full development.

Date: Monday, November 10th ** Time: 7- 8.30 PM Place: Fairview High School, Science Lecture Hall

Cost: No charge (donations accepted) **A snow date is scheduled for the same time and same place on Nov. 12.

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

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:

Girl Scouts: We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45 as long as school is in the regular session for the day. **Our next meeting is December 4th** due to Parent/Teacher conferences on November 20th. 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 as long as school is in regular session for the day. **The upcoming meeting is on November 13th. We will need a parent / family volunteer for this day due to a faculty meeting.**

For information on other clubs including: **Capoeira, Dance Class, Chess Club, Boy Scouts, Spanish Club, 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.