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ADMINISTRATION NEWSLETTER
DR. VANESSA EWING
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Dear Families,

We had a wonderful week filled with fun, learning, and new adventures. Last weekend we had a lot of fun in the Broomfield Days Parade. We enjoyed seeing many past and present families during such an enjoyable event. Our JK-6ht grade children also enjoyed a wonderful first field trip to Miller Farm today. Our JK Explorers were treated to an on campus field trip with Mr. Shine. They were able to sing, play games, and listen to stories with Mr. Shine.

As a reminder, students will no longer be allowed to wear shorts beginning October 1st through May 1st unless the weather is 75 degrees or higher. We will continue to have our monthly out of uniform days on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to coincide with our Service Learning projects, Beth Epley Character Education assemblies, and 6 p.m. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meetings.

We are excited to share our new service-learning project for the month of October with you next week. Ms. Kleinsteiber and Ms. Varani will be leading us in this important arts based project for children that have less resources than we are lucky enough to have.

Kindest Regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Broomfield Academy Goes Pink and Purple to Help Kids with Leukemia for their 2008 September Service Learning Project

By: Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Broomfield Academy continued its annual tradition by going pink and purple once each week throughout the month of September for their Service Learning Project. This year they raised over \$725.00 for children with leukemia. The money raised will go directly to The Gabby Krause Foundation's "Bags of Fun" program. To increase awareness of the fundraising challenge, students and staff were allowed to wear pink and purple each day they brought in their donation. Some kids wore pink or purple clothes. Others went wild with pink or purple hair and jewelry. This year students also tied pink and purple ribbons throughout the campus as a reminder to others about this important cause.

Tammy Krause started the "Bags of Fun" program after her daughter Gabby was diagnosed with leukemia. Gabby brought a bag of fun stuff with her to the hospital and shared it with other kids who were receiving treatment. "The 'Bags of Fun' program really touched our daughter while she was in the hospital. She received a backpack full of fun games, crafts and other activities that really helped her to keep

her spirit up and to keep her learning during her treatment" commented Broomfield Academy teacher Liz Kaplan.

"Each month, we focus on a different aspect of character development such as honesty, integrity or respect. In addition, our staff and students choose projects to help others in the community each month," commented Dr. Vanessa Ewing, school principal. "We could not be more proud of our students and the things they do for others." Broomfield Academy is still accepting donations for this program to benefit children being treated for leukemia and other diseases. To contribute, call the school at (303) 469-6449 or you may make donations directly to the Gabby Krause Foundation at www.bagsoffun.org.



Photo Caption: Broomfield Academy Students and Staff Dress in Pink and Purple to Raise Money for Children with Leukemia

You can also visit us and rate our story on [yourhub.com](http://denver.yourhub.com/Broomfield/Stories/Education/Elementary/Story~525739.aspx) for Broomfield under the education section:

Extended Day Broomfield Academy

Announcements:

*We had a great week doing a lot of **door hangers**. We extended our craft time on door hangers since many children showed a lot of interest in it. We are glad to see the children sharing new ideas and getting creative.*

*Children enjoyed planting some **tulips** in our garden. We are proud to be a part in adding beauty to our garden. Since we are investing lot more time in homework, we do not have much time left to finish up our projects as planned, but we try our best to keep ourselves busy and creative.*

*Sincerely,
Priya Srinivasan*

Parent's Announcements:

If you have any egg cartons or plastic yogurt lids, please leave them in the den for our project next week.

Upcoming Extended Day Events:

*Next week's theme will be projects related to **transportation**.*

Director of Operations Column

Due to recent parent requests, Broomfield Academy has increased the number of ways in which the school is communicating with families. The Principal will continue her weekly newsletter, and it will be e-mailed to all parents who provide the school with a valid e-mail address. We hope that by using e-mail, you will be better informed about activities, events and developments at Broomfield Academy. As noted in the newsletter a couple weeks ago, I will contribute to the Principals newsletter from time to time to keep you updated on issues not directly related to teaching and/or education. We have added a movable yellow parent announcement board, which will be placed near the sidewalk or building as needed. It will carry specific reminders for families.

This week we added a small wooden bridge to the playground, between the new play structure and the swings. This will improve the traffic pattern in the play area, and help assure both fun and safe exercise for the children. With the help of parent volunteers, the teaching/learning garden is now in use. The beds and drainage systems have been prepared and bulbs have been planted. We added three additional fire extinguishers in classrooms and had all 18 units dismantled and serviced (this is done every 6 years). Bushes, branches and trees have been trimmed or removed in many areas of our campus. Additional weed control applications have been made and will continue to be made as we work to improve the landscaping.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have. My email address is on the school website, in the 'school' section. Michael

School Updates and Announcements:

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, and creativity with children, Core Knowledge, and more.

Learning Community Book Club: This year I have started a book club with staff and interested families. We will be reading and discussing a variety of books related to education. Our first book club meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1st at 4 p.m. at the Starbucks in Safeway. We will be discussing the first half of *The Myth of Laziness* by Dr. Mel Levine. If you are interested in joining our book club or would like to simply read the books that many of our staff are reviewing you are more than welcome.

October 17th and 20th - Staff Development Days. ***If parents are interested in childcare for Friday and Monday, please email Anica McFarlane at amcfarlane@broomfieldacademy.com to RSVP. *****We will be here from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on these days.**

After Clubs and Programs:

Chinese Club: On Tuesdays after school students may study the Chinese language and culture in more depth. Please contact the front office or Mrs. Li if interested.

Spanish Club: Every Friday with Ms. Varani 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. **Meetings begin in October.** 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.**

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming **Open House** Date: October 14th **from 9-10 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.** If you know of interested families, please have them call the front office at 303 469 6449 to reserve a space.

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.