

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



BROOMFIELD ACADEMY

*An Individualized Education
Helping Children to be Exceptional, Accelerated and Creative*



PAC Newsletter for October, 2010

This is the first monthly newsletter communicating the mission and efforts of Broomfield Academy Parents Advisory Council (PAC). PAC is a non-profit service 501(C)3 organization made up of parents and staff that work through out the school year to provide a supporting environment for families, students, and the school. We meet monthly to plan for and allocate resources that supplement the school curriculum and provide enrichment for our children.

PAC's mission is to encourage communication and participation among families, communities, and school that provides an interactive and supporting environment for families, students, and school.

We invite all parents and their families to provide us comments, suggestions and attend the events that PAC puts on to meet other parents and staff. We encourage parents to attend our monthly PAC meetings and/or volunteer for a few of the events that PAC puts on for the benefit of all.

Current PAC Efforts

PAC's has numerous efforts that can be broken down in three areas;

- 1) **Fundraising** - PAC puts on two main events related to fund raising. The first one is in association with the Winter Show, where each class picks a theme and parents are asked to provide items of less than \$10 in value to their child's class that support that theme. The baskets are put together by the class and are auctioned at the Winter Show. In addition, we work with the teachers to put together teacher experiences that are then also auctioned off.

The second event is the Spring Cocktail Party. This is an event that parents buy tickets for and is hosted in one of our parents home. We get to meet other parents, have good food and drink and bid on donated items from local businesses.

Other fundraising activities are the "Out of Uniform events", Box Tops for Education and this year's eBooks effort

- 2) **Community Efforts** - PAC puts on 3 events for parents and their families; first – the Summer Picnic, second, Trunk and Treat and third, a new spring event (TBD). These events help parents and children come together to meet each other in an enjoyable theme based setting.
- 3) **School Support** - PAC has in the past provided computers to Broomfield Academy. We currently support Beth Epley (fun – character education), Teacher Grants and this year's Science Kits for teachers and their classrooms.

This Year's New Direction

In addition to our current efforts (previously outlined), this years PAC's efforts will have the added focus in providing enrichment opportunities for attending children. These opportunities will likely be in the form of on and off-campus events and programs that support the school and our reasons for attending Broomfield academy. Potential examples that are being evaluated are...

Tour of the our Capital and Colorado's legislature
Denver Botanic Gardens Wildlife Experience
The Denver Zoo Anderson Farms

Another area that we are exploring is to provide age-appropriate speakers with positive personal experiences that have resulted from early childhood efforts and/or Colorado base success stories that represent the school's core values and life examples of overcoming obstacles.

This Summers Effort

In July, we put on the Summer Picnic and Pool Party that were well attended by the majority of parents. In August, we kicked off a School Supply Kit program that provided parents the opportunity for PAC to purchase school supplies and have them delivered to the child's classroom. As a result, PAC was able to make amount above the cost of the supplies which was donated to PAC.

In August, PAC provided \$100 grants to core teachers and \$50 grants to specialty teachers to "assist them in their out of pocket expenditures" that they may incur during the school year.

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New Efforts for this year

PAC continues to explore events that provide parents and their families' benefits while providing funds to PAC to support the school and enrich the educational experiences of our children. This year's new efforts include:

School Supply Kits – New this past summer was the School Supply Kit program which provided Parents the ability for PAC to purchase school supplies and have them delivered to the child's classroom. For that effort PAC received from the Parents the cost of the school supplies and a small amount above the cost of the supplies which was donated to PAC.

Online Mall - New for this year is that we will have an online mall where if you purchase items for the holidays online we will be asking everyone to click on one of over 4 dozen retailers like Amazon.com, Target, Barnes & Noble and many others and continue on to do your shopping on those retail sites. By doing so PAC will receive a percentage of what is spent online at no cost to you. This will roll out in the next 30-45 days.

Wine and Dine We will also be putting together through out the year Wine & Dine nights with various restaurants close to you where if you patronize these establishments PAC will receive a percentage of the bill, again at no cost to you. This will roll out in the next 30 days.

Broomfield FISH Food Drive

PAC would like to support local charities in the Broomfield area. This November, PAC in conjunction with Broomfield Academy will be conducting a Food Drive to benefit FISH, Inc.

(www.broomfieldfish.org). PAC will provide you with more information in the next newsletter. We hope that you will support this great local agency.

Volunteers Needed

PAC is posting volunteer signup sheets outside of Anica's office, please review the various efforts and offer your time, if you can. If you can't get to the sign up sheets email sbonneau@gmail.com to express your interest in assisting PAC.

Trunk or Treat – we need participants to decorate their "trunks" for this Halloween event. Please check outside of Anica's office for volunteer & Trunk sign-ups.

For our Wine and Dine, if any parents know any food or retail establishments that would be interested in supporting PAC through promotion and remitting a small percentage of increased sales due to our parents groups patronage, please contact me at sbonneau@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Box Tops for Education – collect these box tops on various food products and turn them in to our child's class for a competition to see which class can raise the most, with the proceeds benefiting PAC and its efforts.



Trunk or Treat – will be held on Friday October 22, between 5:45pm and 7pm. This event will provide participants who decorate their vehicles "trunks" in a Halloween theme and pass out candy and treats. There will be other game booths, face painting, pizza, cookies and drinks in an Autumn and Halloween theme. There will be a \$50.00 prize for the best decorated trunk, \$25 for second place and \$10 for third place (nothing too scary!). Volunteers are needed to assist in the effort and to bring in their decorated car trunks! Please sign up outside Anica's office.

"E" Books – everyone should have received their "E" Books early this week along with a letter outlining the program. We appreciate what you can do to sell or give these "E" books as gifts. The program runs from October 4th through Friday November 26th. This year earnings will go to support PAC's continuing efforts.

Thanks to local businesses

PAC would like to thank Abbotts Frozen Custard for their support of our July fundraiser at their store located at 2205 West 136thAve, Corner of Zuni Street; in the King Scooper Shopping Center. They also provided their great custard at our Summer Picnic and Broomfield Academy's Ice Cream Social. Please support them since they have been great to us.



Next PAC Meeting

The next PAC meeting is on October 12th at 7pm. The meeting will last between 30-45 minutes; childcare will be provided. Please attend to share your suggestions, assist PAC in its efforts, and to support your school.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact Steve Bonneau at sbonneau@gmail.com. Thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter and assist PAC where you can.