

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Newsletter

Dr. Vanessa Ewing

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ACADEMY**

Dear Families,

Our next Distinguished Speaker Series event is: **Color the Earth** with Beth Epley. We chose this event as a Family Fun Night program for all to enjoy. It is a terrific way for parents to get to meet Beth, the wonderful educator that shares Character Education stories with us each month at Broomfield Academy. Please also tell others about this event. We will use interactive songs, stories, and art, as we wiggle, giggle, and discover the joy of respecting yourself, others and the world around you. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 17th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Broomfield Library Auditorium.

We have many fun upcoming events to share in our administration newsletter. Chasen (grade 3), our guest Principal last Friday also wrote a short piece on her experience. While she was Principal, students enjoyed Pajama Day and extra recess. Chasen was able to take attendance, assist in a tour, do some office work, meet with our selected Students of the Week / Friday Lunch Buddies, and assist in a Junior Achievement lesson during her time as Principal. She was a popular leader. ☺

Over the next two weeks, students will be going on field trips to the Nature and Science Museum (2nd - 6th graders on 1/26 and K - 1st graders on 1/27) and the new AnyThink Library part of the Rangeview Library (Explorers and Junior Kindergarteners on 2/4). These experiences are wonderful extended connections to science and literacy studies happening each week in our classrooms also.

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing upcoming weekend.

Kindest regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Guest Principal Message: Last Friday Chasen M (me) was principal for the day. What I learned was it is a lot of work being principal. You have to eat little portions at a time because you have so many lunches on Fridays! You also have lots to do. You especially must watch the clock. If you don't you won't have enough time for everything. There is a lot to do when you're principal (and a lot to learn). As you can see, principals have lots to do. So that's what I learned.

Operations and Facilities Column

The project to return the pool to service, as part of the PE program, continues. Additional HVAC bids were obtained and will be refined. A second drain was added to the pool, a new light cavity was installed, the skimmers were replaced and the interior of the pool was sanded, re-coated and re-painted. One new water inlet was added. The underground plumbing around the pool was installed and inspected.

If you are curious, feel free to peak through the windows of the pool, either side. Due to construction, please, no visitors inside the pool building.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have. I welcome your comments. A link to my email address can be found on the 'School' page of our website. Michael Greenberg, Director of Operations

Announcements:

2/2 -- 1st Tuesdays Parent Support Meetings - Beginning Tuesday, February 2nd.

SAE- Social, Academic, and Emotional Needs of Gifted and Creative Students.

Come to meet with and join other parents in our school to share our stories, strategies, and resources in a confidential and supportive group to discuss topics such as:

Perfectionism

Obsessions

Attention Struggles

*****And more!**

Sensitivity

Peer Group Struggles

Excessive Energy

Questioning Authority

Motivational Struggles

Fears / Worries

Meetings will be held in Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten classroom from 5:30 - 6:30 unless stated otherwise.

February 4th and 5th: Parent Individualized Student Learning Plan (ISLP) Conferences and Minimal Days. Sign-up sheets are in the front foyer area. School will end at noon on 2/4 and 2/5 due to Parent / Teacher conferences. If you would like your child to register for extended day, **sign-up sheets are in the front foyer area.** Students will have a snack but will not have lunch at school unless they are staying for extended day care.

2/10 -- Student Ambassador Program: This program is for student leaders in each class that will serve as role models for other students through service learning, supporting and welcoming new or struggling students, and helping each class focus on the virtue of the month. We meet for lunch meetings and special event coordination planning throughout the school year. Our second meeting is scheduled for February 10th at noon.

2/11 -- Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet: During our next open house on **Thursday, February 11th from 5-5:45** teachers will be available in their classrooms to meet with parents and answer questions about the 2010-2011 school year. Dr. Vanessa Ewing, Anica McFarlane, and Michael Greenberg will be speaking with new and current families about our upcoming school year and to

answer questions also. We are looking forward to talking with you about the programs, units, and activities scheduled for the summer and upcoming school year!

3/2 Learning Community Book Club: Tuesday, March 2nd 5 p.m. at Old Chicago's. We will be reading and discussing a variety of literature on social / emotional struggles, including the autobiography *Look Me in the Eye* by John Elder Robison, as well as parts one and two of the text "*Mellow Out,*" *They Say. If I Only Could. Intensities and Sensitivities of the Young and Bright* by: Piechowski and Colangelo. Additional short articles and readings will also be discussed in our 2nd book club meeting related to social / emotional struggles of children (date/time and additional readings- TBD in April).

4/10 Cognitive Assessment / Test: On Saturday, April 10th 2010 (times to be determined by student grade levels / # registered), Broomfield Academy will be offering the CogAT test.

The *Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT)* measures students' learned reasoning abilities in the three areas most linked to academic success in school: Verbal, Quantitative and Nonverbal. Its primary goal is to assess students' reasoning abilities. This test is not required for our students and is being offered to families who are interested in better understanding their child's abilities and potential needs. The test will be offered to interested families with children in Kindergarten-6th Grade during a Saturday session on campus. There is a \$20 fee per child for this test. **Please contact Dr. Ewing if you would like to register for this testing by February 1st or to ask any additional questions.**

Upper Class - 4th-6th Grade Teaching Position: We are currently in the second phase of our extensive interview process for candidates for our upper grades position. As part of the process, our top candidates meet for a group interview and teaching lesson with us prior to our selection. Please check with our administration for further questions or details regarding this process. We are very pleased with the high quality and caliber of the applicants we have met with thus far for this position.

Principal / Head of School Position: The interview process has started for highly qualified candidates to join our administration team. Please feel free to talk with any of our administrative team about this process at any time. We will provide you with continued updates in the administration newsletter throughout the selection process also.

1st - 6th Grade Stanford Achievement Test: during the month of April all students 1st - 6th grade will take the Stanford Achievement Test with their classroom teachers. More information will be coming home regarding this assessment later from your child's teacher.

Broomfield Academy Enrollment Referral Program: Broomfield Academy families earn a \$500 academic tuition credit for each family they refer, and who subsequently attend the school for the majority of the academic school year. There is no limit to the number of credits each family can receive. The \$500 credit, per family referred, is applied equally to all remaining payments or can be carried as a credit towards future charges and fees.