

**The Broomfield Bulletin**  
**Administration Newsletter**  
Dr. Vanessa Ewing  
Week of: February 1st, 2010



Dear Families:

We enjoyed seeing you during conferences this week. It is exciting to see all that the children have accomplished thus far as well as their new academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Next week, we will continue learning about Good Judgment with Beth Epley during the school-wide presentation on Tuesday. It is also out of uniform day and the monthly Parent Advisory Council meeting will be in the evening.

Next Friday (2/12) and the following Monday (Presidents' Day on 2/15) we will not have school. Families can contact the front office to enroll in our camp program if interested. Our staff will be at an in-service covering science and geography methods / techniques to enjoy with students in the classroom.

You are invited to attend and participate in a fun and interactive Family Event for The Young (ages 3-12) and for The Young At Heart (all ages) on Wednesday, February 17th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Broomfield Library Auditorium. Parents and family members are encouraged to attend.

I hope you have a wonderful upcoming weekend.  
Kindest regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

**Operations and Facilities Column**

The project to return the pool to service, as part of the PE program, continues. The plumbing in the equipment room is complete and the electrical work to connect a variety of new control devices is about 75% complete. The system we are installing is a salt system, replacing the traditional system of adding chlorine and chemicals. A small amount of salt, the same kind that is in a water softener, is added to the pool. The amount of salt in the pool will be quite low, a fraction of what you get in the ocean. The advantages are many (kind to the skin, eyes, hair, swimsuits, etc.). Some of the benefits and features are explained in a short video that you can see at [http://www.freepoolquotes.com/video\\_saltwater\\_pools.asp](http://www.freepoolquotes.com/video_saltwater_pools.asp). Broomfield Academy will have the first 'public' salt water pool in Broomfield.

There is still quite a lot of work to do to complete the pool project (add system of deck drains, HVAC, more electrical work, concrete, etc.); weekly updates will be included in this section of the Principal's newsletter. Feel free to peak through the windows of the pool, either side, if you are curious. 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 all your comments. A link to my email address can be found on the 'School' page of our website. Michael Greenberg, Director of Operations

**Announcements:**

**2/9 - Out of Uniform; Beth Epley Character Education; Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**2/11 -- Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet:** During our next open house on **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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 available to speak with new and current families about our upcoming school year and to answer any questions. We are looking forward to talking with you about the programs, units, and activities scheduled for the summer and upcoming school year!

**2/19 - Beyond Giftedness Conference – Arvada Arts Center.** 8:30-4:30 sessions. Keynote speaker: Susan Winebrenner. Registration: \$129 - including continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. If you have any questions - Dorothy@openspacecomm.com.

**2/22 Guest Speaker: Dr. Linda Silverman – Giftedness** 6:30 - 8:30 Bell Middle School Auditorium in Golden.

**3/2 -- Meeting Date -- Learning Community Book Club:** Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.