

**The Broomfield Bulletin**  
**Administration Newsletter**  
Dr. Vanessa Ewing  
Week of: February 15th, 2010



Dear Families:

We had a wonderful Family Fun Night: Color the Earth with Beth Epley. It was good to see so many of you at the Broomfield Library Auditorium on Wednesday. Thank you to the Girl Scouts for helping host this fun and educational event. **For interested families, Girl Scout Cookies are still available through next week.** Please contact Marie Beilfuss at [marie\\_beilfuss@hotmail.com](mailto:marie_beilfuss@hotmail.com) if you would like to place an order. The proceeds from the cookie sales will go toward our year-end Girl Scout ceremony, special program for the younger girls, and a camping trip for the older scouts.

**Next Friday, sign-up sheets will be posted in the front foyer area for the final scheduled parent/teacher conferences of the 2009-2010 school year.** After this final conference, your last set of formal paperwork for this school year will include final trimester grades and Individualized Student Learning Plan information at the end of May.

In addition to all of our terrific upcoming spring field trips and events, we are now working ahead on all of the Summer Enrichment Camp, Junior Kindergarten, and Elementary Prep programs, as well as enrollment and plans for the 2010-2011 academic year. As always, please feel free to contact Anica McFarlane or myself regarding any of our programs, future school plans, or events.

Kindest regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

**Operations and Facilities Column**

The open enrollment period, during which current families are given first priority for the fall of 2010 ended this Monday. Enrollment priority will now be determined by the date contracts and deposits are received. Thank you to the families who have already turned in their paperwork for the fall. If you have any questions about enrollment for the fall, or have a special situation you wish to discuss, please contact the Principal or the front office.

Turnout at this week's Color The Earth program at the Broomfield Auditorium was very good. Beth Epley, Dr. Laura Ganus and Dr. Ewing provided a very fun, entertaining and educational program that was well received by over 100 people including school families and other visitors from the community.

Over the past few months, a new school website has been in development. The new site is up and can be seen at <http://www.broomfieldacademy.com>. It employs a menu system for improved navigation, uses additional and more recent photographs, includes a considerable amount of new information and, hopefully, is more attractive and professional. Your comments on the site are welcome and encouraged. Please let us know if you see any further opportunities for improvement.

The project to return the pool to service, as part of the PE program, continues, with a goal of placing the pool back in service before summer. The work to refinish and resurface the interior of the pool is complete (including the installation of new drains, a new light, new skimmers, new inlets, etc.). The plumbing in the equipment room is 95% complete and the electrical work to connect a variety of new control devices is about 90% complete. Last week we cleaned the roof of the pool, as well as possible. This week, work focused on grading of the area surrounding the pool and on the preparation of the new drain system. HVAC and electrical work is scheduled for the next few weeks. 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:

#### Box Tops for Education: Contest now through March 16th

The school Box Top competition was a great success this past fall. We are looking forward to the spring competition over the next weeks. This is a great way to support our school, with each box top providing money to support additional programs and materials. All Box Tops are due on March 16<sup>th</sup>. After the contest, please continue saving them for future contests. The winning class will have a lunch party and can choose a spirit day for our school. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will enjoy a special treat also.

2/19 -- Beyond Giftedness Conference. 8:30-4:30 sessions. Keynote speaker: Susan Winebrenner. Registration: \$129- including continental breakfast, lunch, and materials. Email all questions: Dorothy@openspacecomm.com

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

3/2 -- Meeting Date -- 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.

3/2 -- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays Parent Support Meetings- SAE- Social, Academic, and Emotional Needs of Gifted and Creative Students. \*\*\*Children do not need to be identified for families to join our group. If our topics / support group are of interest to you, please join us. 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

Sensitivity

Questioning Authority

Obsessions

Peer Group Struggles

Motivational Struggles

Attention Struggles

Excessive Energy

Fears / Worries

Each month we will choose a topic / theme for discussion. For March, our theme topic of discussion is Intensity. Readings include:

[http://www.sengifted.org/articles\\_social/Sword\\_EmotionalIntensityInGiftedChildren.pdf](http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Sword_EmotionalIntensityInGiftedChildren.pdf)

[http://www.sengifted.org/articles\\_social/Lind\\_OverexcitabilityAndTheGifted.pdf](http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Lind_OverexcitabilityAndTheGifted.pdf)

[http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10240.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10240.aspx)

As part of our group, an email list of members for family resources, questions, or discussion topics will continue to develop as a secondary resource.

Meetings will be held in Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten classroom from 5:30-6:30 unless stated otherwise. Feel free to bring foods / beverages to share while meeting together. Our first meeting in February was well attended. We hope to see you at our March meeting.

**3/16 -- Noon meeting -- 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teaching Position:** We have received hundreds of applications for this position. We are currently finishing our final interviews with top candidates within our extensive interview process for our upper grades position. Please check with our administration for further questions or details regarding this process. Final details will be available in the upcoming weeks.

**Principal / Head of School Position:** We are now reviewing applications for highly qualified candidates to join our administration team. Please feel free to talk with any of our administrative team (Dr. Ewing, Anica McFarlane, or Michael Greenberg) about this process at any time. We will provide you with continued updates in the administration newsletter throughout the selection process also.

**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 received. 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.