

THE BROOMFIELD BULLETIN:
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DR. VANESSA EWING
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Dear Families,

Many of our students participated in a fun writing contest held through our Broomfield Banner Student Newspaper. As a result of this fun event, participating students received special awards and prizes. Two student winners were also chosen to be Principal for part of the day on Tuesday and Wednesday, so they will be able to add some fun elements to the school day and assist with morning announcements, telling others about our school programs, and writing part of next week's newsletter.

Other student winners were able to choose special themes for **Spirit Days** at school. Next week we have **Sports Day on Tuesday and Pajama Day on Wednesday**. Next **Wednesday from 5:00-5:30** is also our **Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet** in our classrooms. This is a chance to get to know your child's teacher for next year a bit better, learn about what special projects, discuss expectations and programming for the following school year. Please RSVP if you need childcare. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best wishes for a good weekend. Kind regards, Dr. Ewing

A special thank you to the PAC which arranged for the donation of 6 additional computers from Sun Microsystems.

Newsletters:

We are sending both an electronic and paper copy of the newsletter this week to ensure everyone has been receiving them. **If you have not received weekly administration and classroom teacher newsletters, please contact the front office to provide your current email address.** Administration newsletters are also found on our school website. We want to make sure you are provided with timely and important updates regarding our school.

Extended Day:

We have built a library area in the den that the students have enjoyed using. We continue to enjoy outside play, crafts, and our Friday celebrations. This week we are having cake and a movie for our special Friday. Next week we will continue our Critter Week crafts and activities.

Much fun, Miss. Liz (Kaplan)

Operations and Facilities Column

Broomfield Academy had a good number of visits and tours from potential new families at the Feb. 10th open house and throughout the past two weeks. There were a number of families in attendance with JK and K-aged children, as well as families with children who would start in 1st-6th grades in the fall. Fall 2009 enrollment in JK, K and first grades remains solid, with each of these classes filling fast. Fall enrollment for the upper grades is also progressing well, and second grade will likely move to a larger room next year (among other potential adjustments). Enrollment is running ahead of last year, despite the poor state of the national and local economy. In the past 2 weeks, there has also been an increase in the number of inquiries for the summer programs also. The school remains committed to its philosophy of small class sizes and

individualized learning plans for all students. Despite all of the talk of growth in enrollment, we will not overfill any class. Over the coming years, we expect our upper grade classes to continue to grow. The goal, over the coming years, is to grow the current enrollment of 85 to levels of around 100-105, which will allow the school to fully develop staff capabilities, facilities and programs as planned.

Last week we held our regular school board meeting during which we reviewed programs, staff development, operational and facilities programs and other school business.

Recent facilities upgrades include a significant improvement to the church parking lot lighting (done by the school), the adjustment of the gate latch on the gate from the church parking lot (thanks to the parent who suggested it!) and the addition of a doorbell on the second den door. A safety check of the smoke alarms and fire pull stations in the den was performed and the backup battery in that system was replaced. Exit signs were checked throughout the school. A number of exterior lights around the blacktop area were repaired as well.

As always, please feel free to contact me (or the front office) with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have.

Michael Greenberg

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, February 25th from 5-5:30 p.m. Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet. Come and visit with the 2009-2010 school year teacher for your grade level to learn more about their classroom, special projects, and themes to look forward to. If you have not yet had a chance to talk with your child's teacher for next school year, this is a wonderful opportunity to start developing that relationship. Please contact the teacher or front office to schedule another time if this does not work for your schedule.

Announcements

Book Area Volunteer Librarian- We have a new book area in our den that we would love to have assistance with organizing and planning. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Ewing.

Volunteers Wanted: If you would like to volunteer, please email tkbuller@aol.com or call Kathy at 720-425-0429.

After Clubs and Programs:

Staff and Family Book Club - *The Knowledge Deficit* by E.D. Hirsch, one of the founders of Core Knowledge. Upcoming Book Club Date - February 27th at 5 pm at Old Chicago's to discuss the first half of the book.

Girl Scouts: We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45 as long as school is in the regular session for the day. Dates: 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7 (5/7 is our Girl Scout graduation, badge, and bridging ceremony). The dates and times for our camping event for Brownies and Juniors, as well as our outing for our Daisies will be coming in the next week.

For information on other clubs including: **Capoeira, Dance Class, Chess Club, Boy Scouts, Spanish Club, or Chinese Club** please contact the front office.

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.