

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



Dear Families:

Next week we have many events to share with our families. Children are bringing in their science fair projects on Monday to share in their classrooms. On Tuesday we have an out of uniform day and our monthly Parent Advisory Council meeting (6 pm). Wednesday we host our Science Fair during the afternoon from 1:30-3:00. Thursday and Friday are minimal days for our last Parent / Teacher Conferences of the year.

On Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our annual Multicultural Day Celebration from 9:30-11:00 with songs, dances, and stories. At our regularly scheduled lunch times children will also be able to sample foods from around the world. If you have not yet turned in a permission slip for sampling foods or would like to contribute something to share, please contact the front office. Children, family members, and staff can wear traditional clothing from world cultures during this celebration also (no jeans or caps allowed).

Our next school spirit day is *Crazy Hair Day* on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> right before our spring break. This will be a fun way to enjoy our last day together before our spring break on the 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

Have a terrific upcoming weekend.

Kind regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

**Events / Reminders:**

**4/13 at 4:30 -- Learning Community Book Club at Old Chicago's.** We will be reading and discussing a variety of literature on social / emotional struggles, including finishing our discussion of the autobiography *Look Me in the Eye* by John Elder Robison, the first half of the autobiography *Only a Mother could love Him* by Ben Polis, 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* – chapter 13 on *Emotional Aliveness* and chapter 15 on *Fears* by: Piechowski and Colangelo.

**5:30—4/6-- 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.

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

[http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/2005-02-15-self-esteem\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/life/lifestyle/2005-02-15-self-esteem_x.htm)

[http://www.sengifted.org/articles\\_social/Silverman\\_PromotingPositiveSocialDevelopment.shtml](http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Silverman_PromotingPositiveSocialDevelopment.shtml)

We will also be watching part of a video of a talk given by Judy Galbraith regarding the importance of self-esteem for our children.

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.

**3/9- Out of Uniform; Beth Epley assembly- Responsibility; Parent Advisory Council – PAC Meeting-time TBD**

**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.

**Box Tops for Education:**  
**Now through March 16th**

Our school Box Top competition was a great success this past fall. We are looking forward to our 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. March 16<sup>th</sup> all Box Tops are due (though continue saving them for future contests). The winning class will have a lunch party and can choose a spirit day for our school. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners will enjoy a special treat also. Currently Mrs. Cosbey's class is in the lead, followed by Mrs. Parrill's class, and Mrs. Rajala's class.

**Upper Class- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teaching Position:** We are finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews and lesson demonstrations with our top candidates for this position currently.

**Principal / Head of School Position:** We have started the interview process 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.