

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Newsletter
Dr. Vanessa Ewing
Week of: March 8th, 2010



Dear Families:

We look forward to seeing you for our conferences tomorrow and Friday. As a reminder, on conference days we have minimal school days ending at noon. Children should still bring a morning snack though will not stay for lunch unless they are registered for extended day.

We are in need of parent volunteers for Multicultural Day to bring in food samples to share, as well as to help decorate, set up, and take down our decorations. Next Wednesday (March 17th) we will be hosting our annual Multicultural Day Celebration from 9:30-11:00 with songs, dances, and stories at the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. At our **regularly scheduled lunch times** children will also be able to sample foods from around the world **in the Den**. 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 aloud).

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

The school will hold its monthly open house for prospective families on Thursday, March 11th at 9 AM and again at 5 PM. If you know of families that might be interested in learning about Broomfield Academy and its programs, please encourage them to attend our open house. Childcare and refreshments provided.

Have a terrific upcoming weekend.

Kind regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Operations and Facilities:

In anticipation of Dr. Ewing's shift to part-time work after this school year, our project to hire a new full-time Principal is well under way. The job posting attracted 27 qualified applicants. Work has been done to separate this group into four tiers and one round of phone interviews is complete. As we work to identify the leading candidates, face-to-face interviews will take place over the next few weeks.

Broomfield Academy, as part of its agreement with TLC, The Learning Center, has assumed responsibility for two rooms on the south end of the western building housed by the preschool. These rooms will be used for the science fair and for other activities associated with Broomfield Academy. Work will be done this summer for further refresh and upgrade these rooms for use in

the fall as the school grows. The specific use of these rooms has yet to be determined. The school configuration for the fall will depend on anticipated enrollment.

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 100% complete (including the installation of new drains, a new light, new skimmers, new inlets, etc.). The plumbing in the equipment room is 98% complete and the electrical work is 100% complete. HVAC work is 90% done. The next big project will be to re-pour the concrete deck around the pool. Concrete work, overall, is 40% complete. We also started to add salt and other stabilizers to the water this week to properly adjust the water chemistry for the new equipment. 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.

As a reminder to parents, please be advised that all buildings and facilities have been thoroughly tested for the presence of radon and asbestos. All areas are well within the required limits. Radon testing results have been reported to the State of Colorado, as part of their school safety program, and are on file with the City of Broomfield Health Department. Radon test results are available in the front office to all interested parties with an affiliation to the school.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that all schools 1) perform inspections to identify asbestos-containing materials 2) develop, implement and update asbestos management plans 3) take appropriate response actions 4) safely maintain asbestos-containing building materials 5) comply with AHERA's recordkeeping requirements. Notification about inspections, re-inspections, abatements, periodic surveillances, and the location and availability of the management plan is required annually. This serves as Broomfield Academy's annual notification.

Broomfield Academy's asbestos management plan contains the original inspection, sample results, all subsequent re-inspections, periodic surveillances, and notifications. This management plan is available to all interested parties with an affiliation to the school. Please feel free to request to view the management plan at the front office of the school. Notifications regarding the existence of these plans will occur on an annual basis. Following the initial inspection, a re-inspection is done at least once every three years following. In between the re-inspections, a periodic surveillance takes place every six months to ensure that all ACM has remained unchanged.

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

Events / Reminders:

3/16 Student Ambassador Program – noon meeting: 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.

Spring Break Camp: The school will be running a Spring Break Camp. The theme is “Passport Around the World”. The field trips will be bowling on Wednesday and roller-skating on Friday. Please notify the front office if you need childcare during spring break.

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 16th 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 2nd 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.

4/6 5:30 1st 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.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.

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



4/9 5th Annual Sock Hop - Friday Family Fun from 6:30 - 8:00.

Come join us for food, costume contests, dancing, and games! Location: blue/white building adjacent to the 2nd grade classroom / west side of the pool (follow signs). Needed: volunteers to help with decorating, clean up, food, and supervision.

4/13 Parent Advisory Council at 6 p.m.—Focus of meeting: Teacher Appreciation Week planning and Spring Cocktail Event discussion. Please join us as we plan these important events to show our staff and school community how much we care.

4/13 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.

4/15 Spring Arts Festival Program at Broomfield Library Auditorium. *More information to be coming shortly regarding arrival times necessary for our evening event.

4/16 Staff Development Day. No School / No Services. *Staff will be: observing / shadowing at area schools and/or attending the Colorado Association for Educators of Young Children.

Upper Class- 4th-6th Grade Teaching Position: We will be announcing our top candidate soon.

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.