

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Newsletter

Dr. Vanessa Ewing
Week of: April 5th, 2010



**BROOMFIELD
ACADEMY**

Dear Families:

I hope you will be able to join us this evening for our largest Friday Family Fun Night of the year - our Annual Sock Hop for the 5th year. There will be contests for best costume, the cakewalk, and hula-hoops. We will enjoy dancing, treats, and fun from 6:30 - 8:00 at the church fellowship hall adjacent to our main family parking lot.

Next Tuesday is an out of uniform day, and we will welcome Beth Epley for a school assembly focused on perseverance the core virtue for the month of April. This is a terrific time of year for us to discuss this virtue as our students complete many year-end assessments and projects. Next Tuesday is also our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting. We hope you can attend as we plan and prepare for Teacher Appreciation Week and discuss our upcoming Spring Cocktail Event.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your family!

Kind regards, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

Operations and Facilities Column:

Enrollment has been strong for all the summer programs: camp, Jr. Kindergarten and the Elementary Prep classes. Fall 2010 enrollment is running significantly ahead of last year at this time. **Please note that the school will enroll current and new families based on the date a signed contract and applicable fees are received.** The 'return rate' of our current families, those who have returned signed contracts and registration fees, is up sharply this year and the number of new families to the school continues to grow. We will be adding two additional classrooms and full-time teachers in the fall and are continuing to develop plans to add additional space.

U.S. Lawns, Broomfield Academy's new landscaping company, started the spring cleanup work this week. They aerated, fertilized and began to clean up leaves and other debris that accumulated over the wintertime. Work was done to prepare for an insurance review and renewal. Teacher contracts for the 2010-2011 school year were finalized. The April open house was well attended by a good number of new families, many referred by our current families (thank you) at all grade levels.

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 by the summer. A snag with two minor plumbing issues was resolved, but added a three-week delay to the project. The pool itself is 98% done (only missing the installation of new ladder and handrail), and plumbing in the equipment room is 95% complete. The HVAC

work is 100% complete. The next big project will be to re-pour the concrete deck around the pool. Concrete work, overall, is 40% complete.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions you might have. I welcome any and all comments. A link to my email address can be found on the 'School' page of our website.

Michael Greenberg, Director of Operations



Events / Reminders:

5th Annual Sock Hop - Friday Family Fun 6:30 - 8:00.

Join us for food, costume contests, dancing, and games! **Updated Location Information: Church Fellowship Hall.** Needed: volunteers to help with decorating, clean up, food, and supervision. **Tickets will be available for the Cocktail Party Fundraiser hosted by the PAC.**

4/12 12:00pm Student Ambassadors meeting

We will be enjoying our monthly lunch meeting, discussing our core virtue and role as ambassadors with our visiting students.

4/13 4:30pm 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.

4/13 5:30pm Boy Scouts Information Meeting.

For boys that will be in 1st - 6th grade in Fall 2010. Location: Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten classroom.

4/13 6:00pm Parent Advisory Council

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.

4/15 6:45pm Spring Arts Festival Program

Broomfield Library Auditorium. **Students to arrive at 6:45** to prepare for our 7 p.m. program.

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.

4/19 - 4/21—5th / 6th Grade Outdoor Education Lab - Rocky Mountain Estes YMCA.

4/22 School Spirit Day- Costume Day. Students may come to school in a costume of their choice, similar to Halloween. ****No costumes with violent themes or weapons allowed.****

5/4 5:30pm 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 May, we are going to spend time as a whole group with children and parents.** We have chosen Monkey Bizness (Orchard town center 14693 orchard pkwy Westminster, co 80023 303-252-9999) so children can run, play, and have fun during our last meeting. The fee is \$5 on Tuesdays for children (parents are free). We will plan to officially start at 5:30, though they will be open from 5-8.

Readings and events of note include:

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/hg_at_home.htm

Bobbi Gilman Information: *Optimizing Gifted Advocacy by Parents and Schools: How to Ensure Meaningful Options, Even in Difficult Times*

Monday, April 26th, 6 - 8:30pm at Lafayette Public Library (meeting room) 775 W. Baseline Rd. Lafayette, CO There is a small fee for this presentation to cover costs. **To register or purchase book visit:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HGJQ5D5> or write to: BoulderGPS@yahoo.com

Staff News:

This is the time of year when we welcome new staff to our team in preparation for our summer programs and the 2010-2011 school year. At this time our new staff are busy assisting in the school in a variety of roles, doing classroom observations, and preparing for their summer and 2010-2011 positions.

Ms. Aryn Fleegler -- 4th & 5th Grade Teacher

She is a licensed elementary teacher with a MS who has worked in private schools in Colorado and abroad. She will be here on and off throughout the next couple of months and will work on getting her classroom set up this summer. Her biography is posted on our school website also.

Mr. Curtis Griffin – Long-term substitute and co-teacher / Summer Programs

He is a licensed elementary teacher with a MA who has worked in BVSD. He has also worked as a coach for poetry workshops and a variety of sport programs.

Mrs. Melissa Judd – Substitute / Extended Day / Summer Programs

She is a licensed elementary teacher with a MFA currently working in an International Baccalaureate school.

Ms. Whitney Taylor – Substitute / Extended Day / Summer Programs

She is a licensed elementary teacher with a BA working in BVSD and at several private elementary schools.