

THE BROOMFIELD BULLETIN
ADMINISTRATION NEWSLETTER
DR. VANESSA EWING
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Dear Families,

I enjoyed talking with our students this week about our service learning projects and core virtues. In addition to reading and talking this week about how we can help children that are ill, we did an amazing job of raising a total of almost \$900.00 through Hats on Day and our Pink and Purple Day for children with cancer and serious medical illnesses while having fun. We also honored students that were nominated by their peers for doing an outstanding job of showing fairness. Our winners for the month of September included: Jack, Aaron, Reed, and Nandita in Explorers; Terran, Max, Sophie, and Mackenzie in Junior Kindergarten; Charlize, Zachary, Eirwin, Natalie, and Elisa in Kindergarten; Ilan, Murray, Ava, Jacob, and Fatu in 1st grade; Dawson, Dylan, Ben, Drew, Samar, and Riley in 2nd grade; Kamryn, Sydney, and Gabrielle from 3rd grade; and Holden from 6th grade. Great job Broomfield Academy students. For the month of October we will be discussing the virtue of courage.

As a reminder, next Wednesday is out of uniform for picture day. All students will have their picture taken and families will have the option to purchase pictures should they choose to. These pictures are wonderful for our yearbook and remind us of the big growth occurring in each of our students between fall and spring each year.

As always, please give me a call with any questions, comments, or concerns. Warm wishes for a wonderful weekend, Dr. Ewing

Operations and Facilities Column:

On Thursday, October 1, as part of the Broomfield Academy Distinguished Speaker Series, former first lady of Colorado Dottie Lamm talked on the changing roles of parents in this economy. She outlined a number of examples from her book "Daddy On Board: Parenting Roles for the 21st Century," and outlined how the increased involvement in the role of the father in parenting, while positive, has changed the family dynamic and created the need to successfully negotiate a wide range of parenting responsibilities. The change in parenting roles, Lamm said, has accelerated too with the slowing of the economy, Lamm said. Men have lost 80 percent of the jobs, and 30 percent of women now make more than their husbands, she noted. Lamm's talk was the first in the 2009-2010 Broomfield Academy Distinguished Speaker Series. The second is planned for spring and will focus on the educational, social and emotional needs of gifted and talented students.

Broomfield Academy is pleased to announce that it is now authorized to admit international and exchange students through the International Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) program. While the school has had international students in the past, their stay was limited. Under the SEVP program, the school is able to issue the paperwork and visa authorizations required for an international student to remain at the school for the entire school year. If you or your company work with any international or exchange organizations for which this program would be of interest, please contact the front office and we can provide you (or the organization directly) with materials describing Broomfield Academy Programs and the SEVP process.

Extended Day:

Before and After School has been a lot of fun. Our theme for October is Halloween. We have been making Halloween crafts in the Den after school each day. A list of our craft projects is for families to review also at the sign-in / sign-out station in the Den.

We will continue to celebrate TGIF (Thanks Goodness It's Friday) each week. Students are nominated for selecting our TGIF snack and activity by receiving respect tickets during the previous week. Respect tickets are given to students that do an excellent job of exhibiting that virtue during

We offer a wide-variety of after school snacks for our students throughout each month. If your child does not like the snack listed for after school, please pack them an alternative snack as well. A list of our snacks can be provided to parents.

As a reminder, we will be holding camp on Friday October 16th and on Monday October 19th. During camp we will decorate the school for Halloween, have face painting, and decorating pumpkins to take home. Sign up sheets for the camp are located by Ms. Anica's office.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come speak with me or send me an email.

Brittany Ruybal, Extended Day Program Director

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

Parent Volunteers: If you have not yet received training and signed our volunteer agreement, please schedule a time to stop by and see me. **We are still looking for Junior Achievement volunteers** in Explorers, our Junior Kindergarten classes, Ms. Mountain's Kindergarten class, and 4th grade. All family members are appreciated for this volunteer program. You need not be a classroom parent to volunteer for our Junior Achievement activities. This is a wonderful program that teaches children about economics at their level. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please let me know. We always welcome **parent volunteers to assist during our lunch times** also. Give us a call if you would like to assist during this fun and (hopefully) nourishing time of day.

CU Reading Research Opportunity- grades 2nd and higher*: Dr. Alice Healy from the CU Department of Psychology is leading a 10-session study that is available for 1/2 hour after school in a classroom for 2 days each week for 5 successive weeks. Dr. Hiromi Sumiya will be conducting

the study. Children will read stories at or one level above their reading level. These stories for some students will be written in a special format that provide the normal English spelling along with the pronunciation of each word using an alphabetic notation that should be easily understood by children. The study aims to determine whether this special format will be helpful for students in improving their reading ability. If you would like a permission and consent form or would like to learn further information, please stop by my office. *For children younger than 2nd grade, please contact Dr. Healy to discuss participation at alice.healy@colorado.edu

Kid's Pages- recommended by Colorado State Publications Library-

www.coloradohistory.org/kids/kidspage.htm

www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/kids/

www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/kids/

<http://wildlife.state.co.us/education/StudentActivities/KidsPage/>

<http://mining.state.co.us/kids/dmgkids.htm>

www.sos.sate.co.us/pubs/info_center/kids.htm

School Updates:

October 16th and 19th - Staff Development Days. If parents are interested in childcare for Friday and Monday, please email Anica McFarlane at amcfarlane@broomfieldacademy.com to RSVP.

Presentations: Each year, as part of our community outreach effort, we make ourselves available to mom's groups, preschools or other groups of parents interested in learning how best to meet the social and emotional needs of young children. We will set aside some dates for these talks at Broomfield Academy as well. If you are aware of any groups (MOPS, MOMS, play groups, preschools, etc.) that might be interested in having a speaker or holding a meeting at Broomfield Academy, please let the front office know.

After Clubs and Programs:

Girl Scouts: Girls 5 (close to 5) and older may participate. This year our other meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 3:45-4:45. Our first regular meeting will be October 1st. We are looking for additional troop leaders, assistants, and volunteers this year also as Girl Scouts continues to be a popular group at our school.

Broomfield Banner: Students in grades 2 and up may participate in this student-focused newspaper. Projects focus on writing short stories, poems, and other writing projects for the month. **All projects can be sent to Dr. Ewing for publication.**

You may go to the foyer area of the school for additional information and fliers regarding:

***Capoeira- Brazilian Martial Arts**

***Private music lessons**

***Dance Class**

***Spanish Club and Mandarin Club**

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 receive. 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.