

The Broomfield Bulletin
Administration Newsletter
Dr. Vanessa Ewing
Week of: October 19th 2009



I hope you will be able to join us for our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Trunk or Treat Friday Family Fun Night tonight - Friday, October 23rd from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. There will be food, games, and prizes for all as well as candy and prizes for children as they go “trunk or treating” on our school blacktop between the Den and main school buildings. We have had many families already RSVP for this event. I look forward to seeing you there! Best wishes, Dr. Vanessa Ewing

PAC Donations At Work in Our School:

Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students were thrilled with the addition of new computers in their classrooms! They are now able to utilize various computer programs to support their language arts and math curriculum. Among the in-class center favorites are Learning to Read Starfall (interactive books and phonics games), FunBrain (math games, web books, and vocabulary builders), and Math Playground (action-packed math site featuring math games, math word problems, math worksheets, logic puzzles, and math videos).

The PAC goal for the current school year is to raise \$7000.00 for the purchase of Promethean SMART boards.

News from PAC

The next PAC meeting will be on Tuesday 10/27 at 3:45 pm. We will meet in Mrs. Mountain's Kindergarten room. If you need childcare for your child (3 and older only), please RSVP to the Front Office.

Thanks! Beth Perez

Operations and Facilities Column

The school had a very strong turnout for the October 14 enrollment open house, with 11 prospective families in attendance. About half of the families touring that day were referrals from current families.

Through the support of PAC, the school purchased and installed seven new PC's. The addition of these new machines completes a project begun two years ago to upgrade or replace all of the computers in all of the classrooms and in the computer lab. The network has also been upgraded to fully serve the new machines. A special thanks to Kevin McFarlane for his hard work to configure and install the computers and to recycle the old machines.

Over the past two weeks a number of facility projects were completed. These include the winterization of the swamp coolers and the sprinkler systems. A new fire alarm panel for the preschool and 2nd grade room was installed and tested, replacing an older unit.

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

Volunteers Needed:

We are still looking for Junior Achievement Volunteers in Explorers 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.

Girl Scouts Volunteers: 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. **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.**

If you have not yet received training and signed our volunteer agreement for the 2009-2010 school year, please schedule a time to stop by and see me.

School Updates:

Yearbook Club begins Wednesday, October 28th. Members meet with Mrs. Horn after school from 3:30 - 4:45. The meetings for the school year will be: 10/28, 11/11, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 4/14, and 4/28.

Wanted - Student poetry, short stories, and research papers for the 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. **All projects can be sent to Dr. Ewing for publication.**

Flu Updates:

- The flu is currently prevalent throughout Colorado communities in many age populations.
- The current flu circulating remains a mild illness for those who are generally young and healthy otherwise.
- Routine testing is not recommended by the local, state, nor national health authorities currently, as the treatment for otherwise healthy individuals is the same regardless of what type of flu they have contracted.
- Please DO NOT send an ill student to school. Please report the student is home with “flu” like symptoms if they have the fever and other symptoms such as cough, runny nose, sore

throat, body/muscle aches, vomiting or diarrhea. We will continue to send students home with these symptoms, so if called please pick them up as soon as possible. If symptoms become worse, please go to your nearest health provider.

- CDC recommends that you keep your ill student home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone (Fever must be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine or you will be called to pick up student.)

Parent and Staff Library: I have a wide variety of video, book, and brochure resources for our school community. You may check out books on topics such as gifted education, discipline, creativity, Core Knowledge, and more.

Updated Meeting Date -- Learning Community Book Club: This book club is intended for our staff and interested families. We will be reading and discussing a variety of books related to education. Our first book club meeting will be at 5:15 at Old Chicago on **Tuesday, November 17th**. Our first book of the year is *Letting go of Perfect* by Dr. Adelson and Dr. Wilson (2009) Prufrock Press Inc.

After Clubs and Programs:

New - Yearbook Club starting 10/28

New - Boy Scouts - information coming home soon

Chess Club

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.