

Around Brown

News, Events and Celebrations In Our Community

February 8, 2008



Literacy Night

Calling all students and families: Throw on your pajamas and come for a night you will not forget! Storytellers, hot cocoa, cookies and more fun to be had! We will play literacy games, enjoy reading activities and hang out with our friends and families.

When: February 28th Thursday, 5:30-6:30pm

The fun will be in the auditorium, gym and cafeteria
Hope to see you there, and don't forget to wear your PJ's!

Wellness at Brown

A small but growing group of parents at Brown is working to create a "Wellness Program," with a goal of creating a school culture that recognizes good nutrition and opportunities for physical activity as vital and important roles in student health and academic achievement. This group is just getting started through initial conversations with the school principal and DPS' Wellness Coordinator, but hopes to get this program off the ground to address several areas of the school environment – potentially including support for staff wellness, parent education, and school meals in line with the Dietary Guidelines, nutrition education, and regular opportunities for physical activity.

If you're interested in doing something to impact positive change at Brown in this particular area, and want to be part of an effort to spearhead the Wellness Program, contact Gina O'Brian at gobrian@denveronline.com.

There is **NO school** on February 18th (President's Day) and February 19th (Planning Day)

Garden Committee

The Garden committee is in full bloom. Mark your calendars for a ground breaking event on Saturday March 15th. Please join us at the cafeteria entrance from 9am-2pm. Volunteers are needed for all areas of this blooming event, and all volunteers are eligible to win door prizes, enjoy food and get priority for a garden plot. Please contact Sheana Bull at 303.477.2929 (salyersbull@comcast.net)



IB NIGHT Recap-

What a big success!! According to the Kaleidoscope representative, it was the largest turnout she's seen in NW Denver for such an event! A BIG thank you to Linda Lidov, Karen Sorenson, Robert Ham, Brooke White, and Hi Howard, without whose hard work this night would not have been so successful. We would also like to recognize the Brown Staff, Amy Highsmith, Barth Queinzer, Katy Gallegos and her maintenance staff, and Suzanne Loughran, thank you for your passion and giving us your time at night. About 60 families showed up to see what Brown and the IB program are all about. A bright spot in the night was the student tour guides, thank you Thalia Acosta, Anthony Brown, Mao Niko, Joel Ramirez, and Amy Vu, you all did an exceptional job showing prospective parents around our school!

CSAP- a good night's rest and a great breakfast and Brown International students will be ready!
Grade 3 reading will be February 21-22.
Grades 3, 4, and 5 will begin testing the week of March 3rd continuing till March 21st



Wondering how you can help at school?

The demands on families are as great as ever; however many families would love the opportunity to help at their schools; no matter the limited time you have there are committees that could use your help.

- ✦ Garden Committee- Volunteers are needed to help publicize the event in the community, engage corporate sponsors, plan refreshments, buy materials, and plan door prizes. Please contact Sheana Bull if you wish to volunteer at 303 477 2929 or salyersbull@comcast.net
- ✦ Valentine’s Day Fundraiser: Baked goods needed contact: Tracy Reynolds 303 257 3359
- ✦ Popcorn Fundraiser- contact Jennifer 303 609 1989
- ✦ Ask your teacher about classroom opportunities.
- ✦ Hour of Power- Drop your name and phone number in the PTO mailbox in the school office and you will be contacted, or join us for the next PTO meeting to learn more. Next meeting scheduled for February 22nd
- ✦ Become informed and advocate on behalf of the IB program at Brown International Academy to bring more families into our school and community.
- ✦ Connect with Brown in a new way by joining the Brown Elementary Families Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com>

We would like to recognize the following students for demonstrating IB attitudes!

ECE	Timi	Kindergarten	Angelina
1 st grade	Benito	2 nd grade	Winston
3 rd grade	Rosa	4 th grade	Chantanece
5 th grade	Thalia		

Helping Hands

A special thanks to committed Kindergarten parents, Susan Reyland, Shannon Radak, Sara Weaver and Brooke White for the hugely successful Helping Hands campaign. We will now be holding a weekly Friday Free Food Table. All parents and children are welcome to come and partake in this generous gift from the community that embodies the wonderful values of our school. All for free. Please take what you need, and stay in the front hallway as to not interfere with classes.

When: Every Friday, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Where: Front Lobby



Valentine’s Day Fundraiser

Sweets for your sweeties! Baked goodies, homemade or store bought will be accepted in the front office on February 12, and 13th. These yummy treats will be available for sale on February 13 and 14th in the front lobby from 3:30-4:00. The money raised will benefit the PTO/BPAC, a great cause, so stop by and bring home a scrumptious dessert.

When: February 13 and 14th

Where: Front Lobby 3:30-4:00

Starting February 6th, we will be offering afternoon snacks! Popcorn and Nachos are back! On Thursday afternoons at 3:30, you will be able to buy bags of popcorn for .50¢ and cheesy nachos for \$1.50. If you would like to volunteer to help Jennifer with this fundraiser please call 303 609 1989, volunteer for one shift, one month’s shift or every Thursday. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated.