



# Around Brown

## News, Events and Celebrations In Our Community

### Winter Arts Extravaganza

Brown International Academy is pleased to present the Winter Arts Extravaganza. The evening will feature a colorful display of music, dance, performance and fun, where the work of students will be highlighted. Presented through a unique collaboration between the school's teachers of art, music, gym/dance, Spanish and library science, the art show will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to see the work of students and teachers in action! Light refreshments will be offered after the show.

**When:** *December 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.*

**Where:** *Auditorium*

### Santa Store Opens Holiday Season

With a Ho Ho Ho the Holiday season will be kicked off in full force. Our Santa Store is the ideal place for your little elf to shop for presents for their loved ones during this season of giving. Items will be priced for a child's allowance, between \$1-\$15. In addition to cheap and cheerful gifts, baked goods and coats will be available for purchase. If you have baked goods that you wish to donate, please deliver them to the front office. Coat donations should be placed in the lobby Coat Karma box. Please volunteer an hour of power to help gift wrap these special presents from the kids.

**When:** *December 10-20, 3:45-4:15 p.m.*

**Where:** *Room 117*

**ETC.:** *Contact Tracy Reynolds to volunteer for gift wrapping 303.257.3359 or e-mail [bluren67@comcast.net](mailto:bluren67@comcast.net)*

### Santa Photo Op

If your idea of a Merry Christmas moment is a photo op with the big red guy (a.k.a. Santa), you are invited to participate in our annual Santa Photo sessions. Each class will be brought to the auditorium for photographs. It is up to every family if you wish for your child to participate. Bring cash to pre-pay for the photos that will be available for pick-up before the Christmas holiday. Orders may be placed until 12/19; however, **in order to have them before Christmas you must pre-pay** on Santa photo day. We are seeking Santa's helpers in the form of parents who can volunteer for a two-hour period during the photo sessions. Please donate your gift of time!

**When:** *December 14, all day*

**Cost:** *\$3.00 for one 4x6; \$5.00 for two*

**Pre-paid pick up:** *December 21, 2007*

**ETC.:** *Contact Sheana at 303.477.2929 or [salyerbull@comcast.net](mailto:salyerbull@comcast.net) to volunteer*



*How do I get into the IB program?*

If you have news you would like to contribute to **Around Brown**, contact Basha Cohen at [bashacohen@aol.com](mailto:bashacohen@aol.com) or 303.362.1724. And be sure to check out our Web site for more info: <http://brown.dpsk12.org>



## **Last Call for Student Directory!**

The PTO is urgently trying to finalize the Brown Student Directory. Please fill out the forms that will be available at all December special events. (Santa Shop, Santa Photos, and the Winter Arts Extravaganza.) There are also forms available in the office. This directory will be a useful tool for helping you locate your children's classmates phone numbers. You must fill out a form to be included. The directory will be published in the beginning of 2008. Please answer this last call!!!

**When: *Deadline December 21, 2007***

**Where: *Deliver consent forms to Sheri Niko in the front office or to your child's teacher.***

## **Helping Hands**

One of our fellow Brown families is having a baby in December and is in need of a few essential baby items. In particular, the family needs a car seat, a crib, and a stroller. If you have these items and are willing to donate them to this deserving family, please leave a message for Jennifer Duncan, who is collecting donations on the family's behalf.

**ETC.: *To donate call 303.609.1989.***

## **Book Worms Unite**

Two literary events are happening at Brown this month. A Book Sale extraordinaire will be hosted daily from 12/11-18. New books, bookmarks, diaries, and other bookworm accessories will be available. It's a great way to shop for Christmas gifts that promote the importance of the written word! Reading is Fundamental (RIF), a special event that gives one free book to every child will be held December 20. Volunteers for both events are needed. Contact Cindy Spruce, Brown's librarian, for details or to volunteer.

**When: *Book Sale; December 11-18  
9:00-12:00 & 3:30-4:30 daily***

***RIF; December 20, all day***

**Where: *Library***

**ETC.: *Call the office to volunteer***

## **Community Garden Update**

The garden committee needs your help to thrive! We continue to seek volunteers and anyone is welcome. Our biggest need for the immediate future is for volunteers for the Santa Photos on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the sale will help us finance our garden efforts. Contact Sheana Bull if you can volunteer for two hours that day. Watch for information about our February groundbreaking and plan to join us early next year as we get the garden officially underway.

**ETC.: *To volunteer contact Sheana Bull at 303.477.2929 or salyerbull@comcast.net***

## **PTO Jingle Bells Breakfast**

Please join us at our next PTO meeting to celebrate our early successes in 2007. Bring a festive spirit and enjoy the good cheer at our PTO holiday party! A special thanks goes to kindergarten parent, Justin Cucci, for his generosity towards purchasing PTO software and hosting this celebration! Merry, Merry!

**When: *December 14, 9:00-10:00 a.m.***

**Where: *Community Room***

## **2008 New Years Resolutions**

Since this will be the last PTO newsletter of the 2007-year, we want to sincerely thank all of the teachers and parents who have helped to make this a wonderful first semester.

Without your ongoing support and commitment we are only a school, with it we become a family, a community and a vision for our children's future. As you make New Years Resolutions consider these things...

- 1. Give an "hour of power" to the school.**
- 2. Connect with Brown in new way by joining the Brown Elementary Families Yahoo group at <http://groups.yahoo.com>.**
- 3. Become informed and advocate on behalf of the IB program at Brown International Academy to bring more families into our school and community.**
- 4. Read and talk with your kids. ENJOY!!!**

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