



# Brown International Elementary School

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## Calendar Reminders!



January 17<sup>th</sup> IB Community Night

January 21<sup>st</sup> Martin Luther King  
Birthday Observance  
NO SCHOOL

February 28<sup>th</sup> Spring Pictures

## Third Quarter Session Offerings - Lights On Before and After School Classes

Engineering Thursdays 4-5 pm

Yoga K-2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 8-8:55 am

Yoga 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 8-8:55 am

Leap Frog Math Specific grades only!  
All days 7:30 - 8:30 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade on Mondays  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade on Tuesdays  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade on Wednesdays  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade on Thursdays  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade on Fridays

**Attendance Line - 720-424-9303**

## Remember!

1<sup>st</sup> Round School of Choice begins  
January 8<sup>th</sup> thru Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Pick up your form in the office.

All Day Kindergarten applications are  
also available now. ECE applications  
will be available beginning January 28  
thru February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Student Council Mondays 7:30-8:30 am  
(1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades only)

Newspaper Tuesdays 4-5:00 pm

### **ECE News -**

**Mrs. Carolyn Nelson, Room 110**

**Mrs. Anna Archuleta**

Welcome Back! I am so glad to be back and to see all of you again! This month, we will be starting an IB Unit on songs, called Music and Lyrics. We will be learning all about how songs are used to tell stories and give information. We are also working hard on our first and last names (they look great)! We will not be having a parent meeting next Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> as originally planned. Mrs. Anna and I are to attend training all day. Happy New Year!

### **Kindergarten News -**

**Ms. Danielle Paille, Ms. Wendy White, Room 108**

**Mrs. Meg Torres, Mrs. Sara Weaver, Room 109**

**Mrs. Jessica Frazier, Room 107**

Kindergarten is beginning a new unit on transportation. We will begin the unit with a broad idea of transportation around the world. We will explore the time line and evolution of transportation depending on the region. We will narrow the focus of our inquiry toward a mode of transportation that is relevant to our student, BICYCLES! Learning to ride a bike is a right of passage for most 5 and 6 year olds. It is their first mode of transportation that they can do on their own.

Open Court/Writing Alive - In our reading program, we are beginning a unit called "Stick To It" which portrays the IB attitude of commitment. Students are listening to stories about people and animals that must overcome obstacles to attain a goal. In our writing program we are crafting stories around the

### **Second Grade News -**

**Ms. Heidi Hokensen, Room 111**

**Mrs. Diane Guerrero-Even, Room 112**

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing Winter Break! We want to thank all of our chaperons who attended the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Company's performance of "Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum". The performance was amazing and the children really got into the show. We were even lucky enough to get our picture taken with the

performers after the show. We are getting ready to wrap up on our third Unit of Inquiry. Everybody Dance Now. For the next few weeks, the students will be creating dances from their personal narrative stories. We will be letting you know when the students will be performing, so you will have change to see them dance. Just to let you know that we are getting ready for our next Unity of Inquiry, To the Core. In this unit the students will be investigating and inquiring into rocks and to the center of the earth.

### **Third Grade News -**

**Ms. Julie Weathers, Room 205**

**Mrs. Kristin Decker, Room 211**

**Mrs. Angela Simmering, Room 206**

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a very safe and relaxing winter break. We are in the process of completing our third IB Unit of Inquiry on Poetry. The students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are putting together an anthology of poems they have written themselves. It is amazing to see their creativity and how enthusiastic they have been about this unit. We are also beginning to discuss our 4<sup>th</sup> unit called Pure Energy. This is responsibility when it comes to energy conservation and human responsibility when it comes to energy. Another important event coming up in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is Reading CSAP. We are continuing to prepare our students to take this test for the first time. It is very important for them to be at school on time every day now more than ever. We want our students to feel confident and successful when they take the test. All of the students at Brown are setting attendance goals of their own so this should be a great motivator for them. Thank you for all that you do at home to support your child and ensure their success in school.