



# Brown International

## Elementary School

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### Calendar Reminders!



April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Workshop and Breakfast
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	SPRING FESTIVAL 4:00 - 7:00 PM
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO SCHOOL
May 9-15 <sup>th</sup>	Scholastic Book Fair
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Shakespeare Festival
May 12-15 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Arts Extravaganza
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	FIELD DAY
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Continuation Last Day of School For Kindergarten
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Continuation Last Day of School Early Dismissal 12:00

Attendance Line - 720-424-9303

**Colorado Rockies tickets are on sale for the May 17<sup>th</sup> 6:05 PM Game - See the Office to Purchase tickets.**

**\$1.00 for rock pile seats. \$10.00 for lower level seats. Please pick up order forms in the school office - GO ROCKIES!!**

**Please help us in welcoming our new computer teacher in the computer lab! Her name is Mrs. Jacqueline Lewis. Please stop by and introduce yourself.**

## **ECE News – Room 110**

**Mrs. Carolyn Nelson**  
**Mrs. Anna Archuleta**

We are going to begin our new IB unit on pets (Born To Be Wild) next week with our trip to the zoo! As a reminder, the trip is next Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please arrive at school by 9:15 so that we can be ready for our 9:45 bus pick-up. We have been working so hard on learning our middle names, and most of us can spell ours! We are counting past 30 out loud and recognizing many numbers up to 20! Thank you for your work at home with our students. It shows!

## **Kindergarten News –**

**Mrs. Meg Torres, Room 109**  
**Ms. Sara Weaver, Room 109**  
**Ms. Danielle Paille, Room 108**  
**Mrs. Kim Alire, Room 108**  
**Mrs. Jessica Frazier, Room 107**

The time has come for our kindergarten students to move on to 1<sup>st</sup> grade! We are very excited to announce all three kindergarten classes will have their continuation ceremony on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am till 10:30 am. The continuation ceremony will be in the auditorium followed by a potluck lunch on the kindergarten playground. Students should come to their classroom on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> as usual. Parents should proceed to the auditorium and wait for the children. Teachers will bring their students to the auditorium at 9:15 am. All three kindergarten classes will have their ceremony together at 9:30 am. At the end of the ceremony students will return to class with their teachers for a celebration. All parents are welcome to stay and encouraged to bring an item for our potluck lunch. There are about 55 students in all three classes. We would love to have at least one parent volunteer from each classroom to help with the decorations and set up/take down. There will be a volunteer sheet in the hallway between the three kindergarten classrooms. Please sign up to bring a food dish and indicate if you can help supply decorations, set up, take down, or help iron gowns for the ceremony.

Also, the last day of school for kindergarten is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **First Grade News –**

**Mrs. Sarah Bernauer, Room 104**  
**Ms. Bobbi Shanahan, Room 105**  
**Ms. Hilary Slade, Room 106**

The first grade IB unit of inquiry is maps and globes. We have been studying maps of the world, neighborhoods, and classrooms. We mapped routes from Brown to Sloan's Lake and back, and walked our routes. This week, we will be starting to make globes out of paper mache and we will paint on the oceans and continents.

We are finishing up Unit 8 in math, and we have been working on counting money, making change, and exchanging coins. The up-coming unit will study addition and subtraction of tens, 2-digit numbers, and fractional parts of a whole. We started learning how to write creative stories and students are showing their great imaginations!

Parents, please get involved with your child's classroom. Feel free to stop in anytime and if you're able to volunteer in the classroom, please let us know. We appreciate your support! We are looking forward to a busy last six weeks of school!

## **Second Grade News –**

**Ms. Heidi Hokenson, Room 111**  
**Mrs. Diane Even-Guerrero, Room 112**

We would love to thank all of the parent volunteers that came with us to the zoo! We appreciate the support and it made our field trip memorable.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Second Annual Brown International Spring Festival. Second grade will be sponsoring the country of Japan., We will be making Japanese headbands called Hachimaki and we will also be selling edamame (soy bean pods). We have had a few parents express their interest in helping out and/or donating goods but we are still in need of all the parent support we can get. Any help would be appreciated.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders continue to grow and amaze us. It is very hard to believe that there are only 6 weeks left. There will be many more end-of-year activities to come, so please keep an eye out. Thank you all for a successful school year!

### **Third Grade News -**

**Mrs. Angela Simmering, Room 206**

**Ms. Julie Weathers, Room 205**

**Mrs. Kristen Decker, Room 211**

As the school year winds down, their grade has a lot of exciting things happening. This week, students are working on their final project for our unit of inquiry, "Back in Time". Students are choosing an invention from an ancient civilization that we studied and creating a diorama or poster to show its use in both the ancient and modern world. Please help your student with any additional materials, like a box from home. Next week we will be starting our final unit of inquiry, "I Need a Hero", where we will be inquiring about how heroes define us as individuals. We will be studying and writing biographies throughout the unit. Join us for some of the fun festivities in April and May!

### **Fourth Grade News -**

**Ms. Amanda Rumfelt, Room 207**

**Mr. Kevin Netzel, Room 210**

Greetings! We are having a great third trimester and have some exciting things going on. Our current PYP unit of inquiry is on Revolutions. Our kids are in the beginning processes of finding out what a revolution is and why, how, and when it has surfaced over the course in history. We just wrapped up our PYP unit of inquiry on Immigration. Four our final projects, the kids produced quality, collaborative, creative writing stories about being immigrants on Ellis Island. Look for those to come home soon, they are outstanding! Look for permission slips to come home soon to attend our class picnic and other fun end of the year activities for your student. Overall, we have had a phenomenal year so far and look to a strong ending to this 4<sup>th</sup> grade journey.

### **Fifth Grade News -**

**Mrs. Suzy O'dorisio, Room 204**

**Mrs. Gretchen Rech, Room 213**

**Mrs. Trevor Morris, Room 213**

5<sup>th</sup> graders have been hard at work! We have a very busy last month and a half of school with many fun and exciting events occurring. In the next few weeks, we will be visiting Lake Middle School and Skinner Middle School. This will give students a change to tour their prospective schools and get the feel of what middle school is about. They also have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about the different programs that are offered. We have been working on our final unit of inquiry titled "Something to Believe In". In this unit we will be inquiring into how belief systems and values define human character and influence life choices. During these last weeks of school, we will also be working on our PYP Exhibition. The exhibition is a culminating unit that only 5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in to showcase all of the skills they have learned as a PYP student. For our exhibition students will be inquiring into how poverty impedes human potential. Students will be partnering up and exploring issues such as education for all, opportunities for health services, world hunger, and access to clean water and proper sanitation. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be displaying their projects sometime during the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>, so we will keep you posted on the exact date and time for the celebration. We will also be attending an International Fair at Emily Griffith Opportunity School on May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be more to come on this later! Thanks for all your support. Happy Spring!

## **Special Ed. News - Room 214**

**Ms. Kate Weber**

**Ms. Gloria Garcia**

**Ms. Teresa Navarro**

Hello 214 families! We had planned on attending the Soccer Special Olympics on Thursday. Unfortunately, it was cancelled at the last minute. Our class will be attending the Special Olympics Track and Field on May 7<sup>th</sup> at All City Stadium. Remember to bring a sack lunch unless you get one from the Brown lunch room. Our students have been finding out where they are going to school next year and are very excited to meet their new teachers. I have been contacting their new teachers to find out possible times for transition meetings for our students. I will start contacting parents soon with available times and dates.

Please remember to send your student's communication notebook back to school everyday after initialing or signing it. It is really important for us to be able to communicate to parents how their child is doing on a daily basis. If your notebook has been misplaced, please send a new one to school or send 50 cents to school so I can provide a new one. We are also working on earning Walking Field Trips now that the weather is starting to get nicer. We are hoping to go to the public library and out to lunch for our first one. When we get close to earning the walking field trip we will discuss where we will be going.

We are out of pencils! Please send some pencils to school with your child as soon as possible. We could also use some cleaning wipes to wipe down our desks and tables and dry erase markers and Kleenex. Have a great long weekend.

## **Spanish News -**

**Mrs. Sara Kreider**

Hola familias!

We've continued with our storytelling and I am very impressed with how much the students are remembering vocabulary! We've been telling a lot of stories having to do with eating and getting sick to our stomachs (and the kids have been engaged!).

Spring is here and with it comes 5 de mayo!

Cinco de mayo is the Mexican celebration of a battle won in Puebla, Mexico against the French. Please join us at the International Festival on May 1<sup>st</sup> where we will be breaking piñatas.

## **Library News -**

**Mrs. Cindi Spruce**

Wow! It is already the middle of April! I cannot believe how fast this year is flying. The library has many things going on this spring. We had our last RIF distribution on March 21<sup>st</sup>. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to choose two books for all of their hard work on CSAP. Thank you to Tina Daily, Warren Gall, and Eva and Yolanda Ray who volunteer their time to help with this event.

Earth Day is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> (although every day is Earth Day!) and many of the classes that come to the library will be reading and working on Earth Day projects.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Brown from May 9<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are lucky enough to have the opportunity to have a BUY ONE BOOK, GET ONE BOOK FREE! Most students do an amazing job remembering to return their library books each week. Please encourage your child to take good care of the school books and to keep returning them on time!

Enjoy the warm weather by reading a book outside!