

BROWN BULLETIN

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FROM THE OFFICE OF M. J. GIULIANI & F. FRENETTE

October 12, 2006

STAFF NEWS

- Mme. Cannon of Room 38 is now on leave. We welcome M. Michel Plante who will be covering her class.
- We are delighted to have two more student teachers in our school during this term from OISE. We feel that these placements are beneficial to all. Please extend a warm welcome to:
 - Ms.Kalsang Sundup, who has been placed in Ms. Stella's Grade 3 class in Room 23.
 - Ms. Natalie Chalcraft, who joins Mrs. Hazan's Grade 2/3 class in Room 28.

SCHOOL SAFETY

We are always concerned with ensuring the safety of our students.

- A new **fire alarm system** has been installed in our school and we have held several orderly fire drills this term.
- On Wednesday October 4, our school conducted a **Lockdown Drill**. This involves all doors being locked while the classroom programs continue.
- We had a **security camera** installed last year.
- Our **front doors** are locked from 9:15 a.m. until after 3:00 p.m. each day.
- **We ask that parents do not drop off or pick up students or park their vehicle in the laneway off Avenue Road.** This area is for bus drop off and pick up and delivery only. It is impossible for the buses to turn around when there are cars parked at the back. This has been an ongoing safety concern and can be resolved if everyone cooperates. A big thank you to parents who comply with this request.

THE FALL FLING IS FAST APPROACHING!

Please join us at our annual Fall Fling for dinner, music and fun! The Fling is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with other parents and Brown teachers. **This year's Fling will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club** and will feature a silent auction, the Brown Giving Tree, a balloon burst and a delicious buffet dinner. Ticket order forms will be sent home this week and can be found online at: http://www.brownschool.ca/documents/fall_fling.pdf

DONATIONS - DONATIONS – DONATIONS: We are looking for great items such as Sporting Event tickets, Restaurant Certificates, Gift Certificates, Vintage Wines and Professional Services to be donated for the Silent Auction. If you are someone, or know of someone, who can donate items for auction, please contact Kelli Schiffer-Belanger at (416) 922-4578.

DENTAL SCREENING

Toronto Public Health provides dental screening programs to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8. **Brown School will participate in this program during the week of November 20.** The goal of this program is to identify children with oral health problems. The screening is an assessment by a dental hygienist using sterilized instruments. The dental hygienist will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs. As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children require dental services will be notified by a note that will be sent home with the child. Toronto Public health dental staff may also contact parents by telephone to assist in the access of care. This Dental screening does not replace the dental examinations done by a licensed dentist. If you require more information, please contact Toronto Public Health, Dental & Oral Health services at 416 370-4780.

October 3 to 17.....	QSP Magazine Sale Campaign (Grades 5 & 6)
Friday October 13.....	Final Deadline for Wrapping Paper Orders
Wednesday October 18	Parent Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. in Meeting Room
Wednesday October 18.....	Pizza Lunch
Wednesday November 1.....	Photo Retake and Siblings Photos Day
Thursday November 9.....	Fall Fling – 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club
November 20 to 24.....	Dental Screening by Toronto Public Health

EQAO

We have received our EQAO results for last year's Grade 3 and 6 students. We are delighted with our students' continuous progress. Our present Grade 4 students will bring home their individual report next week. The students who have moved on to a Grade 7 TDSB school will have their individual results forwarded to their new school.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Curriculum Night on September 21! Thank you to Unicorn Daycare for once again providing child care for many of our families during Curriculum Night. The school year is off to a great start! Our staff is very busy and should be acknowledged for providing our students with many extracurricular activities to enhance the academic school day. Thank you to all of the staff who volunteer their time before and after school to offer so many activities for our students. Our parents continue to offer constant support for all school events. By working together we do wonderful things for our students!

LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

Once again Brown School is offering an Enriched Lunch program for students from Grades 1 to 6. The program is running well and our students are able to participate in many additional activities during the lunch time. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Abbey between 11:30 and 1:00 at (416) 393 –1560.

TOONIE FOR TERRY WALK

Thank you for supporting our annual Toonie for Terry Walk on September 22, 2006. We are delighted to inform you that we raised over \$1200.00 for The Terry Fox Foundation for Cancer Research!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee, open to all parents and students in Grades 3-6, selects programs in the city that need assistance and together we try to help those in need. The Committee discusses poverty, homelessness, and issues around people in need. It is a great experience of both learning the issues as well as gaining the satisfaction of knowing you have helped someone else. The people who make up the committee help facilitate these programs, but it is the whole school which participates. Please contact Jennifer Baldachin (416-944-9361 or jbaldachin@sympatico.ca) if you would like to get involved in the committee.

The first meeting of the year was held on Friday, October 6th. We are excited to be planning and launching our first program of the school year. The Toronto District School Board is partnering with the Toronto Drop-In Network in the "SOCK IT TO ME" Sock Drive. This drive is to help students realize that they can do something to help the people they see living on the streets of Toronto. An informal survey of five drop-ins revealed that each drop-in distributed almost 1,000 pairs of socks annually. Having dry, warm feet is essential for physical well-being. Students will be asked to donate NEW, ADULT-SIZE, MEN'S and WOMEN'S SOCKS and bring them to the school during the week of October 16-20.

Please keep an eye out for a postcard regarding this sock drive in your children's backpacks during the week of October 10th!

GRADE SIX PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Grade Six parents are forming committees to begin work on the Grade Six Yearbook and the Grade Six Graduation Committee. We need as many parent volunteers as possible to make these a success. Your participation is invaluable and greatly appreciated! Everyone interested in helping should e-mail Linda Smith at lindasmith29@sympatico.ca.

LAST DAY TO ORDER WRAPPING PAPER IS OCTOBER 13

Thanks to the families who have already submitted their wrapping paper orders! For those of you who still wish to order, we are accepting orders until the end of the school day on Friday, October 13. Please return your completed order forms to the box in the school office.

The wrapping paper will be delivered to the school in or around the 3rd week of November. Look for details in the November bulletin!

SPORTS CORNER

CROSS COUNTRY: The first Cross-Country meet of the season was held on October 3rd at Ashbridge's Bay. We took 96 runners from Grades 1-6 and all runners finished their races. Quite an accomplishment for all the runners! The Grade 1-3 students ran approximately a kilometer, and the Grades 4-6 ran approximately 2 kilometers.

Team Placings:

Grade 2 Girls – 4th	Grade 3 Girls - 2 nd	Grade 4 Girls - 3rd	Grade 5 Girls - 3 rd
Grade 2 Boys – 1st	Grade 3 Boys - 2nd	Grade 4 Boys 3rd	Grade 5 Boys - 1st

A list of the Top 10 Placings has been posted in the Principal's Hallway. Congratulations to all students on the team!

We are looking forward to our next meet on Wednesday, October 11th - again at Ashbridge's Bay. The coaches would like to say thank you for all the support that the Brown School staff and parents have given to the Team.

GIRLS SOCCER: The Girls Soccer season is underway and thus far the team has shown incredible improvement from one game to the next. The team showed great team spirit in their rain-filled first game against John Ross Robertson. A big thank you to all of the parents who also had to sit through the tough weather conditions. The second game against Allenby was a much different story: the girls came to play and they were improving with every kick of the ball. Unfortunately a lucky goal from the Allenby Lions sealed the victory. Keep up the great work, team! Thank you to all the parents who come out to support the Girls. Practices will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

Coaches: Mr. Wittenberg, Ms. Hirsch and Ms. Lam

BOYS SOCCER: The Boys Soccer team is also in full swing, and if the first game is any indication of how the team will play this year, the rest of the schools had better watch out! A convincing win against Withrow has put Brown at the top of the standings for now. Keep up the great work Boys! Thank you to all the parents who come out to support the Boys. The practice schedule will remain the same for the next few weeks. Coaches: Mr. Ellis and Mme. B'Dacy

BOYS AND GIRLS FOOTBALL: Both the Boys and Girls Football Teams are practicing twice a week to get ready for a busy month in October. The team members have a schedule of the upcoming games and practice times that were sent home last week. If any parents can help out with the transportation to and from the games please speak to the coaches. Good luck to both teams. Coaches: Mr. Daigneau, Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Profiti

NOTICE FOR ALL PRIMARY SWIM TEAM MEMBERS

PRACTICE DAYS & TIME - Tuesday and Thursday beginning at 12:00 pm sharp!

EQUIPMENT: *Bathing suit *Bathing cap *Towel *Goggles (if desired)

PLEASE NOTE: To help us to ensure that your child/children's swim equipment returns home after each practice, please label everything. *Thank you!*

TEAM PRACTICE OBJECTIVE: The team practices give us the opportunity to blend the full primary team together. During this time, we direct our focus on team building, improving strokes and skills, increasing endurance and fitness levels. Finally, we hope that each student will have fun, make friendships while learning the joy and the commitment of being part of a team!

ABSENCES: If your child/children are unable to attend the lunch practice, due to either an appointment or illness, we would appreciate knowing before 9:00 am. If you could please either send your child/children to the aquatic office with a note or leave a detailed message with our main office, we will then excuse your child/children for that practice. Knowing in advance is very helpful as all our team members have an important role; this also gives us the opportunity to make the necessary changes for that swim practice in your child/children's absence.

Thank you for your support!

Mr. Victor Daigneau and Mrs. Vicky Jeffery, Brown Aquatic Staff

To find out more information about the sports teams at Brown, please visit the school website at www.brownschool.ca. The coaches will do their best to update the website as much as possible. You can also find information posted on the bulletin board outside the gym or on the pillars outside of the main office.

TORONTO ISLAND SCIENCE SCHOOL

Our Grade 5 and 6 classes spent time at the Island School during the week of September 25. This was an excellent learning opportunity for our students. We appreciate our energetic teachers who were willing to be away from their family and spend two days and nights or more at the Island School.

We are proud to share reports from several of the students who participated in this trip:

Island Kids

by: Hannah, Grade 5

On Monday, the 25th of September, I went to the Island Natural Science School. I think it's a great experience for all kids. We got to play fun games like one called "bull ring golf". You play it as a group. The group has a golf ball sitting on a ring that's attached to strings and you have to get the ball into a bucket. There were also activities like visiting the lighthouse or the farm. At the farm, we learned how to care for farm animals. We also fed geese right at our feet and we fed bread to mallard ducks. It's a great experience and I really wish I could go again.

Island School

by: Henry, Grade 6

Every two years, the grade 5 and 6 students from schools in Toronto go to a place called the Island Natural Science School. At the school, students learn about nature, the environment and the conservation of energy. We went on a night hike, to a farm, to a "haunted" lighthouse and engaged in various cooperative activities. My favourite activity was a tag game called "Predator and Prey" which simulates surviving as an animal. You run around trying to find food and water stations while trying to evade your enemies. The dorms are nice, complete with wooden bunk-beds. I recommend this trip for the students and it's certainly something to look forward to for the group that gets to go next time.

TDSB SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES

TDSB Special Education And Support Services will be hosting information sessions for parents of TDSB students on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC). This session will help parents understand how an IEP is developed and implemented for any student. In addition it will provide an overview of the IPRC and the parent's role in the process. Registration is NOT required. Limited Board parking available at both locations.

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Locations: Council Chambers
140 Borough Drive, Main Floor (Scarborough)

Board Room
1 Civic Centre Court (Etobicoke)

If you require a translator, please contact:

West: 416 394-7406 or 416 394-7413

East: 416 396-9039 or 416 396-9003

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Once again, a warm welcome to all of the families who are new to Brown this year. We greatly enjoyed meeting those who attended our New Parents' Welcome in late September, and wish to thank all who attended the Parent Council's Annual General Meeting that followed.

We are always looking for new parents to join the Parent Council. All interested should e-mail Tanya Carmichael or Linda Smith at carmichaeli@sympatico.ca or lindasmith29@sympatico.ca.

We are looking for parent class reps! Please let us know if you are interested in helping out by e-mailing Yvonne Harding at harding99@rogers.com.

Pediculosis: Many thanks to the parents who volunteered their time to check all of the children at Brown. It is extremely important to catch and treat this as quickly as possible. We also want to thank all of the parents that spent many hours treating their children at home and helping to eliminate this pesky problem. The next school wide check will happen in January.

Do you have news or events to announce in an upcoming Bulletin? Please send the details to bulletin@brownschool.ca