

BROWN BULLETIN

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STAFF NEWS

- We offer our congratulations to Mme Cannon and her husband on the birth of their son Noah who was born October 13.
- We welcome Megan Borris from Canisius College who has joined Mr. Wittenberg in Room 33 until December 2.

BROWN'S CROSS-COUNTRY AND FOOTBALL TEAMS ARE #1 IN THE CITY!!!

We are extremely proud to announce that Brown School's Cross Country, Boys' Football and Girls' Football teams have won City Championships!!! Congratulations to all of the students on the teams, and thank you to the coaches and parents for your support and encouragement.

All of our fall sports teams have completed an outstanding season. Thank you to all of our team members who have represented their school so well. All of our staff members have offered wonderful support to our extra curricular activities. The dedication and encouragement from our staff coaches has been extraordinary. Brown parents have been a constant support to our school teams by driving children to and from games and always being there to cheer for us. Thank you to everyone!

FALL FLING

The Fall Fling was a huge success! Parents and Staff had an opportunity to socialize and celebrate our student's talents and our fabulous school. The Brown Singers under the direction of Mr. Ellis were outstanding! The crafts and auction items created by students under the direction of staff and our very creative parents were very imaginative and unique and gathered much interest! We would like to thank Claire Goodman, Ian Carmichael and the entire Fall Fling committee for donating so much time and effort to putting together such a fabulous evening. Special thanks also go out to the many generous donors of items for the auction.

SAFETY

Our bell rings to start classes at 8:50 a.m. The teachers will begin yard supervision at 8:35 a.m. Please do not leave your child in the schoolyard before this time because there is no supervision. Kindergarten children gather in our primary yard and are asked to enter their classroom directly from the playground at 8:50 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Students arriving by bus will be supervised until teachers arrive on duty in the yard. **For safety reasons, we request that parents/caregivers say goodbye to their children in the schoolyard.**

Brown School has an attendance verification program in place to support the safe arrival of our students. We will call home if your child has not arrived at school. **It is essential that all parents report their child's absence or if your child will be arriving late due to an appointment. Please call 416-393-1557 before 8:50 a.m.** Classes begin at 8:55 a.m. and it is important for our students to be here on time so that we can begin attendance verification promptly.

Week of November 20.....	Wrapping Paper will be available for pickup
November 20 to 24.....	Dental Screening by Toronto Public Health
Wednesday, November 22.....	Pizza Lunch
Wednesday, November 22.....	Parent Council Executive Meeting, 7:00 p.m in the Library
Tuesday, November 28.....	Deadline to order Festive Plants
Monday December 4.....	First term student reports will be sent home
Tuesday, December 5.....	Festive Plants available for pickup, 2 - 5 p.m.
Thursday December 7.....	Parent teacher interviews during the evening
Friday December 8.....	PA Day (no classes for students) Reporting to Parents
Wednesday, December 13.....	Pizza Lunch
Thursday, December 14.....	Winterfest Concert in the Gym (morning)
Friday, December 22.....	Last day of classes for the Fall Term

WINTERFEST CONCERT

Our annual Winterfest Concert will be held during the morning of Thursday December 14. We will be sending you a copy of the program early in December. Please note that the **afternoon** kindergarten classes do not participate in this concert. They will perform at our spring concert, which is held during the afternoon.

BEAUTIFUL FESTIVE PLANTS ARE COMING TO BROWN

Watch for the flyer and order form to be sent home soon, or pick it up online at <http://www.brownschool.ca/forms.asp>. Plants may be ordered until Tuesday, November 28, and will be available for pick-up from at the school on Tuesday, December 5 from 2 – 5 p.m. Please call Judy Sheldon at 416-488-6267 if you have questions or if you would like to get involved and help!

WHAT'S UP IN THE LIBRARY!

Brown School's Library is one of the busiest places in our school! All students at Brown benefit from our library program, and many of the students have made good use of the library for their research projects this term. In September, the junior grades researched about Terry Fox. In November, all the classes from JK to Grade 6 have been reading and working on Remembrance Day. The students had the chance to remember the men and women who served and died in war and peace support missions. They also learned the brave efforts of animals that served and helped these people. Also, the Grade 4s from Room 34 have been researching Canadian animals for their classroom assignment.

If you have time and would like to assist - even for a few minutes every week - please come and see Mme Gagnon, the teacher librarian.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Ms. Stella's Grade 3 class visited The Balmoral Club on Halloween and the Grade 2 children in Mme B'Dacy's class visited Bradgate Arms. The residents were delighted to see our children dressed in their costumes. Mr. Ellis will be taking some of our junior students to sing for the senior citizens during the holiday season.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

As in past years, Brown School will be participating in the Holiday Hamper initiative. Parents, please watch for a notice in your children's backpacks and students, please listen to the announcements coming soon. We will be organizing this event in the upcoming weeks.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Sock-It-To Me Sock Drive. It was a huge success! Brown School was one of the schools who collected the most socks for the homeless. We should all be proud of both the effort and enthusiasm of the students who created great posters and sock puppet plays as well as the families who supported this event.

GRADES 5 & 6 THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MAGAZINE FUNDRAISING DRIVE!

Many magazines will begin arriving over the next 2 months, but some subscriptions may take up to 16 weeks to start. If you have any questions, please contact QSP directly at 1-800-667-2536. Thanks again for your support, and HAPPY READING!

Did you know that you can support our children all year long by ordering online? You may have ordered subscriptions to support our campaign, but you may also wish to renew other magazines or order gift subscriptions later in the year – with the profit being sent back to our school! Just go to www.qsp.ca and use our group number: 9143.

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.

SPORTS CORNER

BROWN'S CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNERS ARE THE CITY CHAMPS!!! Brown School sent 20 cross-country runners to the City Finals at Centennial Park. We had a number of students finish very high in the standings but **special mention goes to the Grade 5 Boys Team who came FIRST in the City.** Well done and thanks to the coaches for such a successful season!

2006/07 TDESAA BOYS & GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL CITY CHAMPIONS!

BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM - For the second consecutive year, the Boys Football Team has won the highest prize possible for Elementary School Sports!!! **On November 7th the Boys from Brown Public School won the TDESAA Touch Football City Championship by a score of 22-14.**

This year's edition of the Boys Football Team was the team of destiny. The Boys practiced early mornings and attended many team meetings that focused on strategy. With so much time invested the Boys were determined to repeat as City Champions. Regular season results were good but improvements were necessary. Brown played Lord Dufferin Public School in the South Conference Semi-Finals and won by a score of 22-6. Up next for Brown was Allenby Public School in the South Conference Finals. The Boys were determined and extremely focused knowing that with one more win they would assure themselves a spot in the City Finals. Not only did they win but they did so in a convincing manner by a score of 35-14. Brown School was awarded the South Conference Championship banner and along with that, a date with Runnymede P.S. in the City Finals.

With the game at Esther Shiner Stadium, the Boys were excited to play the final game at a real football stadium. With the possibility of repeating as City Champions, the team played their best game of the year. Brown School won by a score of 21-14 and etched their names in Elementary School Sports history by winning consecutive City Championships in Football.

Congratulations to the team members! Coaches Mr. Profiti and Mr. Daigneau are so proud of each and every one you. A well-deserved CONGRATULATIONS!

GIRLS FOOTBALL - This year, 16 Girls from Grade 4, 5 and 6 embarked on a football journey that would take them on a roller coaster ride that would end at Esther Shiner Stadium with a game against Runnymede Public School to determine who would go back to school with the title of Girls Football City Champions.

After an interesting regular season, the girls finished in 2nd place and therefore played against McMurrich Public School in the South Conference Semi-Finals just 2 weeks after having played to a 0-0 tie against that same team in the regular season. The semi-finals proved to be a different story, with Brown winning 12-0! The victory gave Brown School a re-match of last years' South Conference Finals which matched Brown against Whitney P.S. The Girls were in tough as they remembered full well that Whitney defeated Brown in the Finals last year and again in the regular season this year. With the game tied 0-0 at the end of the 2nd half, a "shoot-out" was necessary to determine which team would go on to the City Finals. With each team given three attempts to score a touchdown from the 5 yard line, Brown was successful on the first attempt but not on the second or third attempt. Whitney was successful on their second attempt but not their first or third attempt. With the excitement mounting and the tension growing thick, the Girls scored one last touchdown to win and assure themselves a spot in the City Finals.

Just like the Boys team, the Girls played against Runnymede P.S. and again just like the Boys, the Girls saved their best performance for the last game. With a slow start to the game, the team eventually pulled together and scored three touchdowns in the second half to win by a score of 22-7. **For the first time since 1999 the Girls Football Team from Brown School were crowned TDESAA City Champions!!**

Congratulations to the team members! Coaches Mr. Profiti and Mr. Wittenberg are proud to have had the opportunity to coach such a special group of Girls. CONGRATULATIONS!

VOLLEYBALL

BOYS VOLLEYBALL - The Boys Volleyball Team has started try-outs. Announcements are made on a daily basis along with the try-out times and dates being posted outside the office. Coaches: Mr. Macdonald and Mme. Dorcin.

BASKETBALL

GIRLS BASKETBALL - The Girls Basketball Team has been selected and their regular season will begin next week. The practice and game schedule is posted outside of the Gym. Coaches: Mme. Vernon and Ms. Hirsch.

**A special thank you to all the Parents for their dedication and time invested in the teams this year.
We couldn't have done it without you!**

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our school Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday, November 10 provided us with an opportunity to remember and reflect. We all appreciated the class and group presentations. Thank you to Mr. Ellis and the committee and everyone who contributed to this very meaningful assembly.

To commemorate Remembrance Day, the students in Room 40 (Grade 2) wrote poems about "Peace". Many of the students in the class had the opportunity to read their poems over the morning announcements in the days leading up to Remembrance Day. We are proud to share several of their poems with you in this issue.

PEACE

by the Grade 2 Students in Room 40



<p>By Chanzo Peace is making another country free and safe Peace is trying to make yourself proud Peace is when you are playing fair and including people so that more players can join Peace is playing safe and not rough Peace is being safe and free</p>	<p>By Luca Peace is playing whatever you want Peace is wishing on a star Peace is peaceful Peace is living in Canada</p>
<p>By Kavin Peace is not fighting in wars Peace is being free Peace is having fun Peace is making new friends</p>	<p>By Helen Peace is loving your friends It is having beautiful parents Peace is having friends It is beautiful Peace is liking somebody It is very nice Peace is love</p>
<p>By Easton Peace is freedom It is wonderful Peace is making new friends It is amazing Peace is making everyone happy It is fun Peace is no fighting</p>	<p>By Vesna Peace is making new friends It is having fun Peace is being kind It is caring about others Peace is making everyone happy It is making your own choices Peace is being very safe</p>

