

# BROWN BULLETIN

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## STAFF NEWS

We welcome new student teachers this term. Ms. Angie Cosentino from Daemen College will be with Ms. Nathanson's class until the end of February. On February 16, Ms. Teresa Smegal from the Institute of Technology will join Mr. Macdonald's Grade 6 class.

## SCHOOL VANDALISM

During the holiday we had windows broken and graffiti painted in our parking garage. The TDSB Security and the police responded promptly. Our chief caretaker Peter Wilkinson ensured that all windows were repaired quickly. We are working with the TDSB Safe School Department to put more security in place. Parents who notice any suspicious behaviour in our school yard during the evening or weekend can contact TDSB Security at 416 395-4620, Crime Stoppers at 416 310-TIPS or the police at 416 808- 2222. Thank you for your cooperation.

## SAFETY

Thank you to all of the parents who have refrained from dropping off and picking up their child in the driveway at Avenue Road. As you know this area is designated for deliveries and the school bus loading and drop-off area. Parents of the French Immersion students who are picked up and dropped off at another school are requested to please ensure that they park their cars in an area other than the school driveway. Thank you for your cooperation.

On December 20 Officer Joanna Theriault, our School Liaison Officer, presented a program about **Bullying** to our Grade 2 and 3 students. The children saw a video and Officer Joanna facilitated a discussion with the children to help empower them to use effective strategies to deal with conflict situations.

## UCC TOURNAMENT

Thank you to our students and coaches Mr. Profiti, Mr. Wittenberg, Mr. Ellis and Mr. Daigneau for their participation at the Upper Canada Basketball and Hockey Tournament on Friday January 12 and Saturday January 13. Once again, Brown parents offered tremendous support by driving students and being there to cheer us on. Thank you to school staff who came out to support our Teams. This weekend tournament offered our athletes good preparation for the start to our regular Hockey and Basketball season.

## JANUARY 26 PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY

On January 26 there will be no classes for students. The staff will be involved in professional development activities in the areas of consistent assessment, data collection, computer use for reporting and software to complement classroom programs. There will also be a session on new strategies for Daily Physical Activity. We look forward to spending this time together as a staff to share expertise and work closely to ensure consistency.

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| Wednesday January 24.....                    | Pizza Lunch  |
| Thursday January 25 .....                    | SK French Immersion Information Night, 7:00pm in the Library   |
| Friday January 26.....                       | PA DAY (no classes for students)   |
| Monday January 29.....                       | Deadline to alert School Office if your child will not be participating in this week's Pediculosis screening |
| Tuesday January 30.....                      | Dance-A-Thon Pep Rally, 11:00 am   |
| Thursday February 1 & Friday February 2..... | School-wide Pediculosis screening  |
| Wednesday February 14.....                   | Dance-A-Thon (please see the attached schedule)  |
| Friday February 16 .....                     | PA Day (no classes for students)   |
| Wednesday February 21.....                   | Parent Council Meeting, 7:00pm in the Library  |

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Registration for Junior and Senior Kindergarten 2007 will be held on February 27 from 8:30 to 11:00 am and from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Students who are presently attending Brown School for Junior Kindergarten do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten. All of our Junior Kindergarten students have received an application for Early French Immersion, and parents need to send back this form by January 26, 2007 to indicate whether their child will attend the English or French Immersion SK program. We will be conducting school tours for parents new to Brown School on January 24 and 29, and February 9 and 13. Please contact the office at 416-393-1560 to book a tour. Parents are reminded that there is a Senior French Immersion Information Meeting at 7 p.m. on January 25 in the Library.

## LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

Our students are busy and active during the lunch break. Some of the activities available for the children this term:

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| <p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arts and Crafts in Room 18 for Grades 1, 2 and 3 on a rotating basis</li> <li>- Sports with Mr. Profiti &amp; Mr. Wittenberg for Grade 1 students</li> <li>- Free Swim</li> </ul> | <p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Girl's Science     Grades 4-6</li> <li>- Chess Club         Grades 1-3</li> </ul>                       |
| <p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sports with Mr. Profiti &amp; Mr. Wittenberg for Grade 2 students</li> <li>- Free Swim</li> <li>- Chess Club, Grades 4- 6</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sports with Mr. Wittenberg &amp; Mr. Profiti for Grade 3 students</li> <li>- Recycling Club</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knitting with Ms. Gershon and Mme. Rosa in Room 18</li> </ul>   | <p><b>NOTE:</b> Primary students must wear running shoes to participate in the Sports activities.</p>  |

## PREMIER'S AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The **Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence** recognize outstanding educators and support staff. Anyone who works in a publicly funded school in Ontario is eligible for an award.

Nominations close January 31, 2007, and everyone can participate – students, parents, teachers and community members. Visit [www.ontario.ca/teachingawards](http://www.ontario.ca/teachingawards) to learn more and download a nomination form. Nominate someone today!

## OUTREACH

Like previous years, the **Holiday Hampers were a huge success**. Brown School supported 20 families. The staff at this school, the social workers involved, as well as the families we supported, all felt the outstanding thoughtfulness and generosity of Brown School families.

We LOVE Brown School and we LOVE to dance so it is fitting that **this year's Dance-A-Thon** will take place on February 14! Although there is no dress code, it would be fun if all dress was in the colours of WHITE, PINK AND/OR RED. The pep rally for the Dance-A-Thon will take place on January 30th at 11:00. Parents are welcome to attend and volunteer to assist on the day. Please see the Dance-A-Thon schedule attached to this Bulletin.

Outreach Committee: please listen to announcements so that we can make more fabulous posters for the Dance-A-Thon.

## ATTENTION GRADE 6 PARENTS

Upcoming information meetings for our family of schools for students transitioning from Grade 6 to Grade 7 September 2007:

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| Deer Park Jr. P.S. | January 24 – 7:00- 8:30 p.m. | Winona Drive Sr. P.S.   | January 25 - 6:30 p.m. |
| Hodgson Sr. P.S.   | January 30 - 7:00 p.m.       | Eglinton/Spectrum       | January 31 - 7:00 p.m. |
| Forest Hill Jr.    | February 6 - 6:30 p.m.       | Arlington Middle School | February 7 - 6:30 p.m. |

Students attending Brown School for Grade 6 who do not reside in the Brown School district are expected to attend their home school for Grade 7. Parents of students who do not live in the Brown School district and wish apply to attend one of the schools in SW3 under Optional Attendance should complete an Optional Attendance form and take it to that school. The Optional Attendance forms are available in the office. Grade 6 French Immersion students continue in their pathway for Grade 7 Immersion. All of our Grade 6 students are able to attend Glenview for the Grade 7 French Immersion program.

## GIRLS SCIENCE CLUB

The Brown School Girls' Science Club had an informative and fun first meeting of 2007! Dr. Leanne Tile, a Brown School parent and doctor, volunteered to do an interactive presentation on Healthy and Growing Bones for the members of the Girls' Science Club. The girls learned what bones are made of, how bones are formed and broken down, and what we need to do to promote lifelong bone health. Here are some facts that the students learned:

Evelyn: I learned that in your teenage years your bones grow the most.

Chloe: I learned that drinking milk is good for bones. Pop and caffeine are bad for bones.

Rebecca: I learned that the sun gives you Vitamin D.

Allegra: I learned that your bones stop growing around the ages 20-25.

Mary: I learned that you need a lot of protein and dairy to keep your bones healthy.

## SPORTS CORNER

### ICE HOCKEY

The Ice Hockey season is underway and the Brown School Panthers are off to a great start. In their first game of the regular season, the team beat Huron St. 8-2. Congratulations!

During the weekend of January 12th and 13th the team participated in the Upper Canada College Ice Hockey Tournament. The team improved with every game and demonstrated team spirit to the end. In 5 hockey games Brown School won 2 and received the Consolation Finalist Plaque with the team members' names engraved on it. Thanks so much to all the parents for their tremendous support.

#### Upcoming Games/Practices:

Game: Thursday January 18 vs. Forest Hill P.S. – 12:00 p.m. at Forest Hill Arena

Practices: Tuesday January 23 and 30 -- 7:00a.m. at Bill Bolton Arena.

Game: Thursday February 1 vs. John Ross Robertson - 12:00p.m. at Bill Bolton Arena

Parent drivers are needed by 11:10a.m. at Brown on game days.

Coaches: Mr. Ellis and Mr. Profiti

### JUNIOR SWIM TEAM

The students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 are being timed in class for the Jr. Swim Team. Once the times are sorted out, the swim coaches will post the swim team. More info will follow.

Coaches: Mrs. J and Mr. D

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The response to the recent tryouts for the Girls' Volleyball team was outstanding. Nearly 60 athletes vied for 18 roster spots. Though we only had a short time to prepare for the season, the coaches would like to thank all those who attended for their tremendous effort and positive attitude. At the time of this writing, we are just embarking upon our regular season adventure; one that runs through to the week of February 5<sup>th</sup>. During that time we will play three home games and three away games.

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| 1. Tues. Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> , Brown @ John Ross Robertson | 4. Wed. Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> , John Ross Robertson @ Brown |
| 2. Thurs. Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> , Brown @ Allenby            | 5. Thurs. Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> , Allenby @ Brown            |
| 3. Thurs. Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> , Brown @ Jackman            | 6. Mon. Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> , Jackman @ Brown              |



Practices will occur every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 7:45 a.m. We're looking forward to an exciting season!

Coaches: Mme Dorcin, Mr. Macdonald, Ms. Stella

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The Boys Basketball tryouts are over and the season is well underway! This past weekend, the Boys participated in the Upper Canada College Tournament. The boys performed extremely well and won the Consolation Championship in dramatic fashion. Led by team captains Douglas S. and Robert M., the team marched down the floor and scored with six seconds left to win the game 24-22!!! The regular season begins next week, and all games are posted on the school website.

Coaches: Mr. Daigneau and Mr. Wittenberg



# Dance-A-Thon

Ecole Brown School  
Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007



| Time          | Grade(s)  | Room # (Teachers)  |
|---------------|---|--|
| 9:00 – 9:35   | Grade 1<br>Grade 1<br>Grade 1                                     | Rm 21 G. Nathanson<br>Rm 22 D. Legge<br>Rm 26 S. Weizman       |
| 9:35 – 10:15  | Grade 5<br>Grade 5  | Rm 33 A. Wittenberg<br>Rm 38 M. Plante                         |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | <b>Recess</b>   |  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Junior Kindergarten<br>Senior Kindergarten<br>Senior Kindergarten | Rm 13 L. Warden<br>Rm 14 S. Ferraioli<br>Rm 15 J. Konstantinou |
| 11:00 – 11:35 | Grade ½<br>Grade 2<br>Grade 2                                     | Rm 40 N. Regan<br>Rm 25 C. Dorcin<br>Rm 37 Y. B'Dacy           |
| 11:40 – 12:40 | <b>Lunch</b>  |  |
| 12:45 – 1:20  | Grade ¾<br>Grade 4<br>Grade 4                                     | Rm 20 M. Breslin<br>Rm 41 J. Hirsch<br>Rm 34 C. Blanchard      |
| 1:20 – 1:50   | Junior Kindergarten<br>Senior Kindergarten                        | Rm 13 S. Ferraioli<br>Rm 15 J. Konstantinou                    |
| 1:50 – 2:25   | Grade 2/3<br>Grade 3<br>Grade 3                                   | Rm 28 L. Hazan<br>Rm 23 A. Stella<br>Rm 36 L. Dumont           |
| 2:25 – 2:40   | <b>Recess</b>   |  |
| 2:45 – 3:25   | Grade 5/6<br>Grade 6<br>Grade 6                                   | Rm 39 D. Paré<br>Rm 30 C. Macdonald<br>Rm 32 J. Vernon         |

**Parents are welcome to join their children's class and help out.  
Have fun!!!**