

BROWN BULLETIN

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STAFF NEWS

We will have some staff changes for the 2007-2008 academic year:

Ms. Stella will be making a career move to St. Andrews Jr. High School where she will work as a Mart (Methods and Resource Teacher) and teach Grade 7 & 8 core subjects. Ms. Stella has contributed a great deal to Brown School over the past 8 years. She has not only worked with the students in her classroom but she has been a strong supporter of all school events and many extra curricular activities such as Cross Country, Swim Team and Slo Pitch and Volley ball. We wish her all the best in the future.

Mme Blanchard will be on parental leave until January 2008.

Mme Cannon will be completing her parental leave this fall and will return to the classroom after the Thanksgiving weekend.

Ms Padassery will be on parental leave for the first term.

Helen Astri, our morning SNA, and **Rosa Humphery**, our afternoon French EA, will be completing their temporary positions at the end of June. They both have provided our students and staff with exceptional support this year, and we wish them all the best.

Finally, **Mr. Frenette**, our VP, will be moving to Oakridge School in Scarborough. It has been a pleasure to work with him over the past 3 years. We have all observed his organizational skills, attention to detail and kind and compassionate manner with children, parents and staff. Mr. Frenette has supported all Brown School events and extra curricular activities. We thank him for his contributions to Brown school and wish him all the best as he moves along his career path.

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ALMOST OVER...

We are now preparing for Grade 6 Graduation, the final celebration of the year! We want to wish our graduating students all the best in their future endeavours. We shall miss each one of you! Thank you to the parents of our graduates who have offered so much to our school over the past years.

To the families who are relocating and leaving Brown School, we wish you all the best.

Finally to all of our students, parents and staff who are returning in September, have a wonderful summer. We look forward to next September and many new initiatives that will enhance your child's educational experience.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS

A big THANK YOU to our School Council co-chairs, Linda Smith and Tanya Carmichael, to all the members of the School Council, and ALL of our parents for their tremendous support this year!

Monday June 25.....	Report Cards are sent home
Tuesday June 26.....	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony - 1:30 PM in the gym
Wednesday June 27.....	Last day of classes for students
Tuesday September 4.....	Welcome back to school!
Friday September 14.....	School-wide pediculosis screening
Thursday September 27.....	Toonie for Terry Walk (Fundraiser for Cancer Research)
Friday September 28.....	Professional Activity Day (no classes for students)

MUSIC AT BROWN SCHOOL

On Friday June 1, we held our Spring concert. Our students performed with confidence and joy for the audience. This concert also provided an opportunity for our students to present what they have learned this year with the Itinerant teachers and their classroom teacher in Orff, Band, Stings and Recorder.

On Thursday evening, June 7, Mr. Ellis and the Brown Singers entertained parents, staff and guests with a delightful music presentation. Our outstanding music program at Brown has evolved into having many of our students provide the musical accompaniment for the songs that were performed. We were also treated to a performance by Trademark. Trademark is a group of Brown students who have written their own lyrics and music! At Brown School, the children definitely enjoy the gift of music!

LIBRARY NEWS ~ NOUVELLES DE LA BIBLIOTHEQUE

Thank you to all of the parents and friends that have helped in many ways in the Library this past year. Your support was greatly appreciated.

These past few weeks have been exciting in the Library! Several classes had a visit from Mr. Bruno St. Aubin, a book illustrator. The afternoon Kindergarten classes had a chance to meet with Mr. Andrew Larsen, a children's literature writer. He read his beautiful story Bella and the Bunny. He also met with the Grade Five students and discussed the process of becoming a writer. I am sure he inspired many of the students to achieve this goal.

All library books must be returned by Friday June 15. We would love to have some parent volunteers during the morning of Tuesday June 19 between 9:00 am and 11:30 am.

I hope your summer is filled with joy and reading!

-- Marie France Gagnon, Librarian

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all families who contributed non-perishable food to the Food Drive to help our community's Local Food Bank. They were very appreciative!

The Outreach Committee is allocated 10% of all money raised from fundraising at Brown School. This money is used throughout the year to help those in need in and around our community. To finish the year, we contributed to another TDSB Public School to support school initiatives for their students, to TDSB's "Feeding Toronto's Hungry Students" Program, to Mully Children's Family Orphanage in Africa (CareForce International), as well as some other initiatives.

Thank you to all enthusiastic students who came out and made posters and helped spread the excitement of doing good deeds. Looking forward to next year!!!!

FROM OUR VP: FAREWELL... AU REVOIR...

Brown Public School...where the students are smiling and learning, the staff are dedicated and the parents are supportive. What a wonderful combination for a school! I am very happy and honoured to have been Vice-Principal at Brown. I want to thank everyone for the great experience and I wish you all the best!

-- Freddy Frenette

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers and families that have supported all of the wonderful events at Brown School this year. We would like to wish all of the Grade Six grads all the best as they move on to new adventures next year. It has been a great experience serving as co-chairs of the Brown Parent Council and working with such kind and generous support from the Brown community. Have a great summer and we will see you next year.

Linda Smith & Tanya Carmichael

SUMMER READING

Summer is such a wonderful time to practice reading skills in a relaxed and carefree manner. Children should be encouraged to read during the summer months.

The **Public Libraries** offer a free Summer Reading Club. Children can visit the public library to sign up for this bilingual club. The children read books in either French or English at the appropriate reading level. Students will receive a poster and booklet. This year's theme is Lost Civilizations. The children really enjoy this program!

Independent reading is wonderful but it is very important for parents to continue to read to their children. Sharing a book is a very special time and provides opportunities for discussions about characters and new vocabulary. **Shared reading** offers a time for your child to reflect, relate, retell the story and make predictions.

Spending time **playing board games** often provides opportunities for children to practice reading, spelling and math skills. Games such as Monopoly and Scrabble are fun for the entire family!

Finally, a **Summer Journal or scrapbook** is an excellent way for your child to record summer memories as well as practice reading and writing skills. Photographs, pamphlets, post cards, ticket stubs and other items can be included in the book along with a journal entry about the event. These books can be shared with family and friends long after summer ends.

THE MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER IS RETURNING THIS FALL!

Please recycle those publisher notices you receive and wait to renew your subscriptions through our school! If you can't wait until then or need to order early gift subscriptions, you can support Brown School any time of the year by ordering online at www.qsp.ca.

The proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support our students in several ways, including defraying the cost of Grade Six trips.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER: DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP YOUR CHILD(REN)

Students in **Junior and Senior Kindergarten** enter and exit the Primary playground each day. Students in **Grades 1-6** enter and exit the school from the Junior playground.

Our bell will ring to start classes at 8:50 a.m., and the teachers will begin yard supervision at 8:35 a.m. 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. The teachers will escort their students into the school from the playground.

At the end of the school day, students should be picked up at 3:30. Classroom remediation time is between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m. and is considered to be part of our academic day, so please understand that teachers may keep students in the class for some additional attention at this time. Morning Kindergarten children should be picked up at 11:20 a.m. from the primary yard.

As always: 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 busses to turn around when there are cars parked at the back. This has been an ongoing safety concern that can be resolved if everyone cooperates.

THANKS TO ALL FOR A TERRIFIC YEAR!

SPORTS CORNER

BOYS' SLO-PITCH

Congratulations to the Boys' Slo-Pitch Team for a great season. The team's record was 3 wins and 2 losses! The boys worked and played hard and had fun. Thank you very much to Jonah Weslak and Darrin Chin for coaching along with Ms. Stella. A big thank you goes out to all the parents for their support ... driving to and from early morning practices at Ramsden Park and Brown, driving to and from games around the city and for continually cheering on the team!

Keep playing over the summer, boys - the next season begins in September 2007!

TRACK & FIELD

This year the Track and Field Team was made up of 46 Boys and Girls from Grade 3-6. The team competed at Lawrence Park C.I. and was very successful qualifying 26 students for the South Finals meet on June 6th at Birchmount Stadium. At the conclusion of the South Finals meet we had a total of 9 students qualify for the City Finals on June 14th at Centennial Stadium. The coaches - Mme. B'Dacy, Ms. Hirsch, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Wittenberg, Darrin and Mr. Profiti - would like to congratulate all the members of the Track and Field Team for an excellent track and field season.

"RUN FAST...BRAG SLOWLY"

AQUATIC NEWS

The year 2007 marks as history at Brown School for our first water polo team! The water polo practices were held twice a week during the lunch hour. Our Grade Six students worked very hard learning all types of techniques and skills each member gave his best efforts. Our students expressed such interest and dedication that we decided to enter two Brown School teams in the tournament. On Monday June 4th, our water polo teams were invited to compete in the TDSB house league tournament. Our students played well, proving to be good sportsmen. Each member had great fun with achieving outstanding results...just a wonderful day!

We extend a big "thank you" to our Grade Six teams - each of you has made us so proud!

Sincerely, your coaches,

Mr. Daigneau, Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. D'Bacy, Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Cherniak
Brown Aquatics

2006/2007 CLOSING REMARKS

In this year's last edition of "Sports Corner", we would like to take this time to congratulate all the athletes who represented Brown School on any of the sports teams. All of our teams did a tremendous job at representing the school with great sportsmanship and supreme athletic skill. At this time all of the coaches would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents at Brown who help out with so many aspects of our athletics program. Whether we needed a parent driver or some snacks or even a pair of extra soccer cleats the parents at Brown always came through for us and for that the coaches and students are so very grateful.

Here is a quick summary of some of the 2006/2007 accomplishments:

Cross Country - Grade 5 Boys City Champions	Boys Soccer - South Conference Finalists
Girls Football - City Champions	Boys Football - City Champions
Boys Basketball - Consolation Champions at the UCC Under 12 Invitational Tournament	Ice Hockey - Consolation Finalists at the UCC Under 12 Invitational Tournament
Co-Ed Badminton Team - South Conference Finalists	Track and Field - Grade 4 Boys South Conference Champions
Swimming - Grade 4 Girls South Conference Champions Grade 5 Girls South Conference Champions Grade 6 Boys South Conference Champions	Grade 4 Boys South Conference Champions Grade 5 Boys South Conference Champions