

BROWN BULLETIN

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MAY 2007

CHESS NEWS

Congratulations to our Chess players for an amazing year! Over 30 students participated in Chess Club from October to December. The Primary and Junior Chess Teams were selected in January and they continued to practice each week. On April 16, both the Primary and Junior Team attended the TDSB Chess Finals at Harbourfront with Mme. Josee and Mrs. Hazan. Both Teams put forth a tremendous effort and were awarded Bronze medals. This is an outstanding achievement! The competition was very challenging. A big thank-you to staff members Mme. Josee, Mrs. Hazan, Mme. B'Dacy and to our parent volunteer Mr. Macrae for coaching these teams. Thank you to all staff and parents for their ongoing support of the Team.

SAFETY

We will complete 6 fire drills this year and several Emergency Lockdown drills. We will be having our final fire drill and Lockdown drill during the month of May. The Emergency lockdown procedure is initiated when a high risk incident involving stranger intrusion, weapons, hazardous chemical spill, severe weather, etc. occur on school property or within the school vicinity that could endanger the safety of staff and students. Teachers will discuss the lockdown procedure with their students prior to the drill to prepare the children and calm any undue concerns. If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Team.

In the interest of student safety, **we are again requesting that parents and caregivers refrain from entering the driveway off of Avenue Road to drop off and pick up students.** There is no parking in this area. This driveway is designated for school buses and delivery vehicles. Additional signs will be posted in this area.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our students are very active and have many opportunities to participate in sports, teams, and clubs. It is very exciting to see the children pursuing a talent or area of interest. For example, one Friday morning some students were practicing for track and field beginning at 7AM in the school yard, and both the slo-pitch team and the choir met after this. At lunch time and after school our students are busy. On many days, staff members take teams to games after school. The Brown staff is truly remarkable to volunteer their time before school, at lunch and after school to provide our students with such a variety of events to enhance and enrich the school day. Our students must be commended for channeling their energies in such a positive manner. Once again thank you to our parents who are always there to drive students and support us.

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As always this great day would not happen with out the help of many volunteers. Please see the info pack sent home earlier this week in your child(ren)'s backpack and at the end of this Bulletin) for ways that you can help!

Wednesday May 16.....	Parent Council Meeting, 7PM in the Library
Tuesday May 22 to June 8	Grade 3 & 6 Students participate in Primary & Junior Assessments
Saturday May 26.....	Garden Fete, 11AM – 2PM
Monday May 28	Track and Field Meet
Friday June 1.....	Spring Concert, 1:15 PM in the gym – Band, Strings, Recorder, Primary & Junior Choirs
Tuesday June 26.....	Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony - 1:30 PM in the gym
Wednesday June 27.....	Last day of classes for students

MUSIC AT BROWN SCHOOL

On Monday May 7, Brown School celebrated **Music Monday** with much enthusiasm. This day is a Canadian celebration of music in our schools. Mr. Ellis and Mr. Macdonald took our school band to Hillcrest School during the morning to play with the Hillcrest band under the direction of Ms. Jacot. During the afternoon, how exciting it was to have the entire school outside on our sports field to sing and listen to our school band! We extend a big thank you to Mr. Ellis who provides such an enjoyable music program for all of our students. All of the children participate in music with enthusiasm and confidence. Thank you to staff and our parents who are a constant support to the music initiatives at Brown School.

Ms. Hirsch's Grade 4 class was selected to do an **ORFF performance** at Massey Hall on Thursday evening May 3 at the TDSB Annual Spring Music Celebration. We were very impressed with their performance. Mme B'Dacy's Grade 2 class did a wonderful ORFF presentation at The Royal Conservatory of Music during the morning of May 9. Both groups are instructed by the itinerant ORFF teacher Ms. Ada Vermeulen along with the classroom teacher. We look forward to sharing and celebrating Brown School's music program with you at the Spring Concert on Friday afternoon, June 1, 2007. The concert will be held in the school gym at 1:15 pm.

This year's **Spring Celebration will take place on Friday, June 1st** from 1:15 to 2:45pm in the Brown School gym. Please see the program towards the end of this Bulletin for more details. Note that the Outreach Club will be collecting non-perishable food at this event for Food Bank on the Hill. All donations of canned and boxed food will be greatly appreciated.

THE GUIDANCE PROGRAM PRESENTS: IDEAS FOR PARENTS

Adopting a Winning ATTITUDE

"It's not your APTITUDE, but your ATTITUDE, that determines your ALTITUDE." ~Anonymous

Attitude is considered to be your state of mind when you approach situations (ex. Do you see a glass half-full or half-empty?) It is said that attitude is so important because it affects:

- ✓ how you look, what you say & what you do
- ✓ how you feel both physically & mentally
- ✓ how successful you are in achieving your goals

The quality of your life depends on your attitude towards yourself and others. Those who have a positive attitude show some of these characteristics:

- ✓ willingness to learn and grow
- ✓ hard work and initiative to do the job the best they can
- ✓ enthusiasm
- ✓ welcome attitude toward change
- ✓ a sense of humour
- ✓ a sincere interest in others
- ✓ ability to try and see another person's point of view
- ✓ good listening skills

Here are some easy ways to adopt or develop a positive attitude:

- ✓ Be dependable.
- ✓ Show pride in your work.
- ✓ Respect the rights of others.
- ✓ Help others.
- ✓ Gain as much knowledge as you can from books, people and experiences.
- ✓ Show enthusiasm because it makes work more enjoyable.

A positive attitude makes everyday living better...

- ☺ Life is more meaningful!
- ☺ Problems and challenges seem easier to handle!
- ☺ Goals are more attainable!
- ☺ Mistakes seem less disastrous and we see them as learning experiences!
- ☺ The future becomes more exciting!

You are the only one who can control your attitude. Begin positive thinking to create a positive attitude today!

-- Natalie Esakov, Guidance Services

SPORTS CORNER

BOYS' SLO-PITCH

The Boys' Slo-Pitch team has been having a very good start to the 2007 season. They played 2 exhibition games to get them warmed up for the regular season. The regular season began last week with the first game against Ryerson Community School where Brown played a great game and won 13-0. The second game was played against Palmerston Junior Public School where Palmerston won 9-3. The Brown boys really held their own though and played really great defense! The boys have been practicing hard 3 times a week and they have 2 more games left in the regular season. Please check the schedule outside of Room #23 and come to a game to cheer the team on!

GIRLS' SLO-PITCH

The girls have been practicing extremely hard twice a week, and are heading into their one-day tournament Wednesday May 16th, ready to win. Good luck to all of the girls!!

Coaches: Mme. Legge, Mrs. Regan, and Mr. Wittenberg

TRACK & FIELD

The 2007 Brown School Track and Field Team has been selected. The team will have their first competition on Monday, May 28th at Lawrence Park C.I. The team will receive an information letter regarding the first meet very soon. Parents are more than welcome to come and cheer the team on. If the students qualify for the second meet, it will take place on June 6th with the City Finals to take place on the 14th of June. Team members should listen to announcements on a regular basis for more information regarding the Track and Field Team.

Coaches: Mme. B'Dacy, Ms. Hirsch, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Wittenberg, Darrin Chin and Mr. Profiti

WATER POLO

This year the aquatic staff was given the opportunity to create a water polo team. The students are very enthusiastic and will be participating in a citywide tournament, which will be held at D.A. Morrison on Monday June 4th at 9:00 am – 11:30 am. We will be entering two water polo teams from Brown.

The practices are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 pm. Both our students and staff are having a wonderful time! Thank you to staff for helping to coach these teams Mr. Daigneau, Mme. B'Dacy, Mrs. Jeffery, Mr. Wittenberg, and parent volunteer Mr. Cherniak.

BADMINTON

Our badminton team advanced all the way to the South Conference Finals. Brown took first place in a four-school tournament hosted at Brown School. Brown also won a very challenging semi final match against Wilkinson Public School. It has been a great season! The players have exhibited dedication and enthusiasm, which has contributed to the success. On May 15 the team played Gledhill public school at Harbord Collegiate and returned with a TEDESA Badminton Conference Finalist Grade 6 Banner! Thank you to coaches M. Pare and Mr. MacDonald!

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Last week we journeyed to Palmerston Junior Public School to play Brown School's first ever inter-school Ultimate Frisbee match. A sunny day and not too windy made for perfect conditions. End to end, fast-paced action made for an exciting game. Spectacular catches, coupled with some interesting throws kept things close throughout the 45-minute match. In the end, we settled for a very satisfying 6 - 6 tie, with Brown marching the entire length of the field on the final possession to score the game-tying point. Three things we learned after our first game:

1. Ultimate Frisbee could be renamed "Lots-of-Running Frisbee."
2. Soccer cleats are a very handy piece of equipment for Ultimate Frisbee.
3. Students should never, ever, ever forget water bottles. They too, are very handy.

Coaches: Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Wittenberg

Please continue to check the school website for all information regarding team sports at Brown!

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LIBRARY NEWS

Illustrator Bruno St. Aubin will meet with all of the Grade Two and Three classes during the morning of Friday, May 18. He will show the students some of his work and demonstrate how he does his illustrations.

Mr. Andrew Larsen author of "Bella and the Bunny" will read his book to the afternoon kindergarten classes on Monday, June 11. He will also share his writing experiences with the grade five classes.

Help Needed!

- All library books must be returned to the Library by Monday, May 28th.
- The Library welcomes parent volunteers to help shelve all of the books before the summer vacation. If you are available on June the 4th to help in the Library, please contact me or send a note with your child. Thank you very much - your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Marie France Gagnon, Librarian

STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS

OUR ORFF PERFORMANCE AT MASSEY HALL...FROM THE GRADE 4 STUDENTS IN ROOM 41

On Thursday May 3rd 2007, me and my classmates performed at Massey Hall. Our ORFF teacher, Ms. Vermeulen, chose us out of all the classes she teaches to perform at Massey Hall. Our class had to practice for four months! When we got backstage I was so nervous! There was adrenaline in my stomach. But when we performed it was probably the best time we ever did our routine! The performance was great!

-- Paighton

I had a lot of fun at Massey Hall. It was the first time I ever performed at a concert. I was really nervous. My favourite part was when everyone clapped.

-- Mon

Last night was a night I will remember forever. When we were backstage and lining up in the change room to go on I was looking at the walls. It was so old and had so much life and history. It makes me think and imagine famous people from the 1950's walking down the hallway about to go on. It's fascinating to think about.

--Rosemary

At Massey Hall it was fun to watch other people perform but when it was time for us to get up it was so exciting. We crept through the crowd to a side door. Then we went through a hall with stage managers who said nice things like "Break a leg!" When we started the song it was exciting and fun and surprisingly easy!

-- Laith

When we got on stage I was a bit nervous but once we started it was all about fun. I love the sound of clapping and music. That night was the best night of my life so therefore I will never forget that night and now I have a story to tell my children when I have some.

-- Katie

When we were about to enter the stage I got really nervous so I tried not to look at the audience so I pretended that we were in the gym. After it was over I looked at the crowd and realised that I just played an instrument in front of hundreds of people and I was really proud of myself!

-- Sebastian

DOUG WARWICK OF 'TRY ON ARMOUR' VISITED BROWN SCHOOL

Ce que j'ai appris sur les chevaliers et le moyen âge: la majorité des guerriers portent pas une complète habille d'armoure, mais un casque. Aussi, avant qu'il y avait de l'armoure en plats, il y avait l'armoure en chaine. J'ai aussi appris que l'armoure en plats était très lourd et que il y avait beaucoup de pièces. Je pense que l'époque médiévale est intéressant.

-- Par Emma, Salle 34

THE DAY THAT HISTORY CAME ALIVE

On April 13th, 2007, the Grade 5 students in Mr. Wittenberg, Mr. Pare, and Mme. Anna's classes had some interesting visitors. The interesting visitors were from the Bishop Strachan School (BSS), led by Ms. Beck. They came to teach us about Ancient Rome. There were 7 stations, but we could only go to two of them. The first activity was to act out a play that the BSS girls wrote. The plays were about Mark Antony, Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, the Roman gods and more. All of the plays were fantastic! Their second activity we did was games about Ancient Rome that the girls made. There were games like Monopoly, Jeopardy, Pictionary, and more. A few days later, after the BSS girls had left, we sent a big thank-you card with a little note from everybody, and some thank you letters, to BSS for the girls that had taught us. Everybody had a blast, and we learned a lot about Ancient Rome.

-- Review by Emily, Room 33

REPORTS FROM DEUXIEME ANNEE, SALLE ROOM 37

AMREF

Il y a une semaine, des personnes du travail du papa de Tess, sont venues à la salle 37. Elles ont fait une présentation au sujet de l'eau. Elles ont dit que ça prends trois heures pour chercher une bouteille d'eau en Afrique. Les personnes qui sont venues nous parler, vont en Afrique pour aider les personnes qui vivent en Afrique.

– par Zoe

L'ART DE CAMOUFLAGE

Dans notre classe on a fait de l'art avec le camouflage et des animaux. Ce que tu dois faire c'est camoufler l'animal que tu as fait. Si par exemple tu fais un ours brun, tu dois coller les morceaux bruns. Aussi tu coupes les morceaux dans les magazines. Tu fais le brun parce que c'est l'environnement de l'ours brun. Quand tu as fini c'est comme un collage. C'était très amusant de faire un collage!

– par Sophie

LE FESTIVAL DE ORFF

Le 9 mai, salle 37 est allée au Festival de Orff pour tout le conseil scolaire. C'était très très amusant! Il y avait 9 groupes qui ont participé. On était les premiers. On a chanté 'Happy Birthday Moon'. On n'a pas seulement chanté: 'La di da di da...' On a joué les instruments aussi. La juge, Hania Krajewski, a dit des choses gentilles pour le spectacle qu'on a fait. Elle a dit qu'on avait les jolies vêtements : nos t-shirts blancs et nos jeans. Elle a aussi dit que nos voix étaient claires et qu'on a joué les instruments très bien. On aime toutes les autres écoles! C'était amusant d'écouter. A la fin du Festival de Orff, Mack C. est allé chercher un certificat de participation pour Mme B'Dacy et la salle 37. Ça c'était très amusant. Je veux faire ça une autre fois!

– par Chloé M.

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BROWN
School

Spring Celebration

Célébration Printanière

Friday, June 1st, 2007
(1:15 to 2:45 p.m.)
in the gymnasium

The Brown Outreach Club will be collecting non-perishable food (cans, boxes...) for Food Bank on the Hill. Please bring and deposit the food in the boxes available for collection at this event. Thank you for your generosity!

**Parents & Friends: Please remain seated
until the end of the concert. Thank you!**

Introduction: MC's: Inge de Ruyter
Alexander Vanderhoof
Assistant: Luke Fenton

Welcome: Mrs. Giuliani

The Brown Singers
will be performing between numbers

Junior Kindergarten
Mrs. Ferraioli & Paola

Senior Kindergarten Fr.Im.
Mme Josée & Mme Gunta

Grades 1 & 2
Ms. Nathanson & Ms. Regan

Grade 1 Fr. Im.
Mme Legge & Mme Sara

Strings
Ms. Szubert

Recorder
Mr. Ungvary
Mme Dumont
Ms. Hazan
Ms. Stella

ORFF
Ms. Vermeulen
Mme B'Dacy
Mme Breslin
Miss Hirsch

Band
Ms. Jacot

Brown Singers
Mr. Ellis

Closing comments: M. Frenette



"BROWNSTOCK" GARDEN FETE 2007

**"GROOVY" FUN
ON
SATURDAY MAY 26TH 11:00- 2:00 P.M.**

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1. Volunteer to help out on the 26th of May

Your child's class has been assigned an activity at Garden Fete, you class parent will be calling on you to help out during the day. This is a great way to meet other parents and get involved with the fun. If you have any questions please contact Currie Ross at currieross@rogers.com.

2. BAKE AN ITEM FOR OUR BAKE SALE

We all love the goodies at a bake sale. If you have a favorite recipe for cookies or squares try it out on us!

If you can contribute something please contact Ian Carmichael at carmichaeli@sympatico.ca

3. DONATE WATER or POP

Donate a case of water or pop (or both!) for the Garden Fete Café. Cases may be dropped off to the school office anytime during the week of May 21st.

4. MAKE A SALAD FOR THE CAFE

We need salads (pasta salads, green salads, bean salads, fruit salads etc.) for our salad bar.

If you can contribute please contact Ian Carmichael at carmichaeli@sympatico.ca

5. MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION

We can always use cash! Make your cheque payable to "Brown School Parent Council". Put it in the Garden Fete Box in the office. Please write a note on or with the cheque that it is a Garden Fete donation.

6. MAKE A DONATION IN KIND

If you are able to donate anything else that you think we might be able to use at the Fete, please e-mail Currie Ross at currieross@rogers.com.



"BROWNSTOCK" GARDEN FETE 2007

"GROOVY" FUN
ON
SATURDAY MAY 26TH 11:00- 2:00 P.M.

Games Pass - Order Form

A **Games Pass** allows your child to **unlimited play at all games** including bouncy tiger, inflatable slide, obstacle course and all interactive games. Admission to above games without the **Games Pass** will be \$2 for each game (tickets will be available to purchase).

Activities, not included for the games pass, will be available for a **\$2 ticket** each.

These include:

**Crafts Table, Cupcake Making, Body Art,
Snow Cones, Candy Floss, Loot Bags**

Back Again this Year Will be the Ever Popular **Café** with
BBQ
Salad Bar & Drinks

As well there will be a **Bake Sale and Coffee Table**

Entertainment on the Main Stage by Brown Students

Games Pass Order Form

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone# _____

of Games Passes _____ @ \$20 per Pass (child)\$ _____
(cheques payable to Brown Parent Council)

Child Name	_____	Room#	_____
Child Name	_____	Room#	_____
Child Name	_____	Room#	_____
Child Name	_____	Room#	_____

Please put completed form in the Garden Fete box in the school office. To pick up the Games Pass come to the Games Pass and Ticket desk in the centre of the schoolyard at the Fete and your child will receive a wristband. Games Passes will also be available for purchase at the Fete. If you have any questions contact Currie Ross at currieross@rogers.com