

# BROWN BULLETIN

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## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF M. J. GIULIANI & S. LITNER – NOVEMBER 2008



### **Happy Holidays- Bonnes Fêtes!**

As this term draws to a close, we would like to thank our staff, students and parents for making our school such a wonderful place for children to learn. We have had a very busy and successful first term. Enjoy the holiday celebrations with family and friends.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year with renewed energy and enthusiasm!

### **Thanking our Crossing Guards**

A collection box is available on the office counter, should you like to make a donation for our crossing guards who ensure that our students cross the street safely each day. The crossing guards are always delighted to be remembered during the holiday season by the Brown community.



### **Lost & Found: Going, Going, Gone!**

This is a final reminder that the Lost and Found box will be cleaned out at the end of term and **all** items will be donated to charity. Please look for any lost items before **December 19, 2008**.

### **Pediculosis Screening**

The next school-wide check is scheduled for early February. However, it is now hat season and a great time for these little pests to make their return. Should your child (or sibling attending another school) require treatment before February, please advise the office. Your cooperation in keeping this problem in check is greatly appreciated!



### **2009/2010 Kindergarten & New Parent Information**

We will be hosting a series of 2009/2010 Kindergarten Information and New Parent tours in the New Year. Dates to remember:

Tuesday, January 6 (a.m.) ~ Thursday, January 8 (p.m.) ~ Wednesday, January 14 (p.m.)

Kindergarten Registration for JK & SK In-District students will be on February 10, 2009.

Tuesday Dec 9 - Fri Dec 12	School Wide Dental Screening P.C. Marcie Beavan School Liaison Officer will visit classes (safety program)
Thursday December 11	Mr. Ellis & the Grade 5 Choir will visit The Balmoral Club to sing for the residents
Friday December 19	Pizza Lunch Last Day of Classes for Fall Term
Monday January 5	First day of classes for Winter term
Tuesday January 6	Kindergarten & New Parent Tours begin
Wednesday January 21	Parent Council Meeting, 9 a.m. (Meeting Room)
Friday January 23	Pizza lunch day
Thursday January 29	French Immersion Information Night, 7 p.m. (Library)

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## ***Classroom Visits by Police Officer Marcie Beaven***

During the week of December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup>, our School Liaison Officer Marcie Beaven is visiting the classes at Brown to deliver the following educational, information programs to our students:

JK/SK – Community Helpers  
Gr. 1 – Traffic Safety  
Gr. 2 – Personal Safety

Gr. 4 – Internet Safety  
Gr. 5 – Bullying  
Gr. 6 – Law & Drugs

The students will be engaged in very informative, interactive presentations and will learn much. We appreciate our on-going relationship with 53 Division Youth Services – School Liaison Officer Marcie Beaven.

### ***Fall Fling***

We are delighted that so many of you attended our ***Fall Fling*** on November 27. It is so wonderful for staff and parents to socialize and celebrate the artistic talents of our students. A big Thank You to Lisa Hunter, Leslie Greenbaum, Anji Shukla, Amanda Levy, our School Council and the entire Brown community for your generous donations and your time.

### ***Winterfest Concert***

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, your children were so happy to perform for you at our Winterfest Concert. Thank you to Mr. Ellis, all students and staff for an outstanding concert! Thank you to our parents who were busy early in the morning setting up coffee and food for you.

We look forward to seeing you on the afternoon of Thursday, June 4 at the ***Spring Concert***.



*Mr. Ellis leading the Choir*



*One the fantastic decorations created by Brown students for Winterfest*

### ***Outreach Committee - Holiday Baskets For Those In Need***

It's time for our Holiday Baskets! The Outreach Committee has given each class a profile of a family in need within the TDSB, which came home with each child last week. We are encouraging students and families to help provide a joyous holiday to their class family by bringing in an item(s) from your "Family's Wish List", from ***December 3 to December 16***. There will be a bag in each classroom for collection.

Each year, the Holiday Basket Program has proven to be a very meaningful way for Brown School children to experience the wonderful gift of giving, and to help us all appreciate and share our good fortune with neighbours in need. If you have not received your Family Profile, and would like to take part in providing something from the "wish list", contact your child's class representative to find out more.

***Thank you for helping to make the holiday season special for a family in need.***

***Do you have news or events to announce in an upcoming Bulletin? Send the details to [bulletin@brownschool.ca](mailto:bulletin@brownschool.ca)***

## FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

**Thank you** to all of our Committee Chairs for their hard work and dedication and all of the support of our parents and staff in our fall fundraising efforts. The Fall Fling, the Wrapping Paper drive and the Festive Plant Sale were all extremely successful.

### **Kiss'n Ride**

Thank you to all those families who have chosen to use the Kiss'n Ride. As the winter months are now upon us, we hope more of you will take advantage of this program and alleviate the stress of limited street parking. Some gentle safety reminders: Please remember to have your backpacks in the car with you and exit from the passenger side of the vehicle. We are always looking to add more parents and students to our volunteer team. If you are interested, please contact Yvonne Harding at harding99@rogers.com or 416-920-4948.

### **After 4**

After 4 Fall programs successfully wrapped up the week of December 1st. We will be expanding the Winter program offerings to include dance, videography, beading and sewing. Please watch your child's backpack carefully for program listings and registration information prior to the holiday break. **Winter courses will begin the week of January 19th.**

### **Fall Fling**

Thanks to the incredible Crafts, popular Silent Auction items, outpouring of support for the Giving Tree and record attendance, we are happy to report that this year, the Fall Fling raised significant funds for the school! We thank the Brown School parents and staff for their enormous contributions to this fundraising effort, in support of enhancing the learning environment of our students.

**Co-Chairs:** Leslie Greenbaum & Lisa Hunter    **Crafts:** Anji Shukla    **Giving Tree:** Amanda Levey

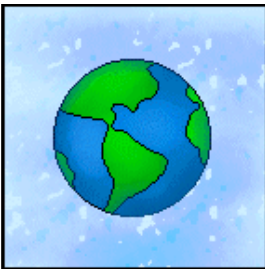
### **Festive Plant Sale**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the plant sale. We hope that they brighten your home or someone else's over the holidays!

### **Meeting Reminder**

The Parent Council Winter Term meetings will be held on January 21, February 18 and March 11. Meetings are held at 9 a.m. in The Meeting Room, and all are welcome to attend!

## NEWS FROM AROUND BROWN SCHOOL



### **December Message from the Brown Eco-Club**

**9,000,000 BOTTLES A DAY!**

...that's how many plastic water bottles end up in North American landfill sites.

Bottled water costs around \$2 per litre, more than DOUBLE the cost of gasoline. 90 percent of the cost is in the bottle, lid and label.

It takes over 1.5 million barrels of oil to make a year's supply of bottled water. That's enough oil to fuel 100,000 cars.

Some studies show that tooth decay is increasing in children due to the lack of fluoride in all bottled water they drink.

Eight out of 10 plastic water bottles become landfill waste.

It takes about a quarter of a bottle's worth of oil to manufacture and deliver each plastic water bottle.

Plastic bottles take 700 years before they begin to decompose in a landfill.

**WE'RE DROWNING IN PLASTIC!  
THINK OUTSIDE THE BOTTLE & TURN ON THE TAP!!**

*By Matthew B., Eco-Club Captain*

## STUDENT SHOWCASE

### ***Celebrating the Holidays – Salle 35, Deuxième Année***

#### ***Hanoukka***

La fête d'Hanoukka commence en décembre et dure huit jours. Pendant Hanoukka, il-y a une menorah avec des bougies que tu allumes. Pour Hanoukka c'est quelle étoile-le? C'est l'étoile de David. On mange des latkes. – par Oliver

#### ***Noël***

Dans ma famille la fête de Noël commence le 24 décembre avec un repas spécial. Je pense que le Père Noël est vrai. Les chrétiens fêtent la naissance de Jésus à Noël. Avec ma famille italienne la veille de Noël on mange des fruits de mer. Avec ma famille allemande on mange beaucoup d'hors d'œuvres. – par Paola

#### ***Kwanzaa***

La fête de Kwanzaa commence le 26 décembre. Kwanzaa est une célébration des afro-américains. On mange des mazao et vibunzi. Il-y a 4 symboles de Kwanzaa : le kinaral, les fruits, les légumes et la coupe de l'unité. – par Liam

### ***Feelings About Peace from Room 41 (Grade 4 English)***

Here are some feelings about Peace that Room 41 (Grade 4, English) did around Remembrance Day but thought are fitting for the holiday season as well! These are modelled after the book "What Does Peace Feel Like?" Our class decided what Peace would feel like through the 5 senses:

"Peace smells like fresh air." -Ben W.

"Peace tastes like a fruit salad." -Helen O.

"Peace sounds like a choir singing O Canada" - Benny F.

"Peace feels like an emotional wound healing." -Ben A.

"Peace looks like the first Black president of the United States of America." -Rupert C.

### ***Haikus from Room 30 (Grade 6 English)***

We recently used Haikus (a form that all students were already familiar with) as a way to explore vocabulary and strong word-choice in our writing. With only fifteen syllables to work with, we found both the dictionary and the thesaurus to be indispensable.

#### ***Tears***

rolling down my cheek,  
ruin my perfect image  
in the pond below

*by Susan Z.*

#### ***Red Dragon***

vibrant burgundy  
sails along the horizon,  
winged gladiator

*by Shanelle D.*

#### ***Sunsets***

Gold, pink, red, purple  
beams of light streak through the air,  
Goodnight to the sun

*by Paighton A.*

#### ***Night Sky***

Gazing at darkness  
The stars dancing in the night  
Eternal wonders

*by Michala L.*

#### ***Fall***

leaves raining down  
a mirage of red crimson  
signalling a change

*by Ben W.*

#### ***Pizza***

taste buds bombarded  
by righteous cheesy goodness:  
gone in ten seconds

*by Mr. Mac*

## AQUATICS



### ***Noon Swim***

MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, 12:00 - 12:40 p.m.

A well attended program, come out and enjoy the fun!

\* All students that attend the lunch swim program will not be allowed to go outside after swimming during the winter season. We will make sure that the students return to their classrooms.

## **Primary Swim Team**

Our Primary Swim Team not only looked successful this year in their new team bathing suits, they were successful! Congratulations to all!

As coaches we set goals and had expectations for this large team of fifty. Each of our members demonstrated all the makings of a successful team, displayed by our members' commitment to the following: outstanding team attendance, each member knowing that his/her role is important, working hard to improve their strokes, improving endurance, practicing skills, repeating drills to perfect proper race starts and finishes. Finally, understanding the importance of sportsmanship, learning to except defeat without giving up, staying positive, always giving your best and working together giving support to each other as well as other competitors.

In closing, to all our members of the primary swim team of 2008: you have exceeded our goals and expectations; we close this season feeling proud to have coached such a devoted team.

Your coaches: Mr. Daigneau, Mrs. Jeffery, Mrs. Padassery, Ms Warden and Mme B'Dacy

**Please Note: Pizza Party!** On Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, our Primary Swim Team will be celebrating with a pizza/pool party, held during the regular lunch hour.

\*If your child/children are in the daycare lunch program please make the necessary arrangements. Thank you!

\*Would you please provide your child with his/her own refreshment.

## **SPORTS CORNER**



### **Lunchtime Sports**

Starting on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Lunchtime Sports will begin for the students in Grade 1, 2 and 3. The students do not need to sign up; attendance is optional. Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Profiti welcome any and all Grade 3 students to the Gym every Monday from 12:00 to 12:40, Grade 2 students every Wednesday from 12:00 to 12:40 and Grade 1 students every Thursday from 12:00 to 12:40. **The only thing students need to remember to bring with them is their RUNNING SHOES as boots are not permitted in the Gym.**

### **Girls Basketball**

The season was short and the Girls' Basketball Team used just about every minute they had to prepare and learn the game of basketball in time for competition. Coached by Mrs. Vernon Baker and Ms. Foord, the 13 girls set out to do their best in a home tournament organized by Mr. Profiti. Despite a tremendous amount of focus and hard work, the girls did not take the tournament title and placed 3rd. The coaches would like to thank Mr. Profiti, Mr. Wittenberg, Collete and all of the parents for helping the team and the coaches. See you next November!

### **Boys Volleyball**

Congratulations to the Boys' Volleyball Team who had a great season! We squeaked into the playoffs for the first time this decade and managed to give our opponents, Westwood, a real run for their money. A special thanks to the parents for their tremendous assistance and large player-shuttling vehicles.

### **Ice Hockey**

The team has been selected and we are getting ready for the regular season in the New Year. An exhibition game has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hill Arena from 12noon – 1:00 p.m. The rest of the schedule has been sent home with the players....check your child's backpack if you have not yet received it.

### **Girls Volleyball**

Try-outs started on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. for Grade 6 Girls and Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m. for Grade 4 and 5 Girls. After the team has been selected, the team will practice regularly every Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. and every Thursday at 3:45 p.m.

### **Boys Basketball**

Tryouts for the Boys Basketball Team took place over the past few weeks. Nearly 50 boys in Grades 4, 5 and 6 competed for the 12 spots on the team. Following the three exhausting and entertaining tryouts, the team was finally chosen. The team is preparing for the regular season (January-February), as well as the UCC tournament, which will take place in early January. Team practices are Monday and Friday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Coaches: Mr. D. and Mr. Wittenberg