

BROWN BULLETIN

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF M. J. GIULIANI & G. LAROCQUE – JUNE 2006



GARDEN FETE

In true Brown Tradition, Saturday May 24 was a beautiful, sunny day for our annual Garden Fete. It is always so wonderful for the Brown Community to come together and celebrate a day of fun and fundraising. The musical talent of the students and alumni under the direction of Mr. Ellis provided fabulous entertainment for the event. The children enjoyed the games and activities. The Café offered the best salad bar in the city!

A big thank you to the Garden Fete Co -chairs Currie Ross and Claire Blicher and their committee for putting together this event and to all of the parents for your generous donations and for volunteering your time. Brown Staff also volunteered their time to help at Garden Fete. Our Garden Fete is yet another example of parents and staff working together to do great things for our school.

STAFF NEWS

We would like to inform you of the contribution made to our school by **student internships from OISE:**

- Ms Jennifer Muzzie spent the month of May with Ms Warden, Ms Bielskis and the Kindergarten students in Room 13. The children benefited greatly for this additional support.
- Ms Angel Wu spent the month of May with Mme. Gagnon in the library.

Geetha Padassery will return in September 2008.

Mme Gagnon will be on leave until December 2008.

We welcome some new staff for the 2008/09 school year:

- Mme Anne Marie Sulymko from Northlea Public School joins us in our Grade 3 French immersion class in Room 37.
- Ms Jill Baptist from Fern Avenue Public School will be providing some preparation time to some primary classes and offering some ESL support.
- Holly Bondy is another welcome addition to our primary French immersion staff and will be teaching Grade 2 French Immersion in Room 35.

The Staffing model and teacher assignments for September 2008 are included at the end of this Bulletin.

JUNE LIBRARY NEWS / NOUVELLES DE LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE

The past few weeks have been very busy in the library!

For the whole month of May, we had Ms Angel Wu doing an internship from the University of Toronto. All the kids loved her and remembered her from swimming classes. She was one of our instructors 2 years ago.

On May 14th, some Grade 6's had the pleasure to meet Mr. Stephen Strauss a scientist and author of the book "How Big is Big". The students were very interested and delighted to meet with him.

As the end of the year is here we would like to have all books returned by Monday, June 16th. If you think you have lost a book please see Mme Gagnon.

Thank you for your support this year and we wish you a fantastic summer 2008! We hope you will find lots of time to read and enjoy books.

IMPORTANT DATES

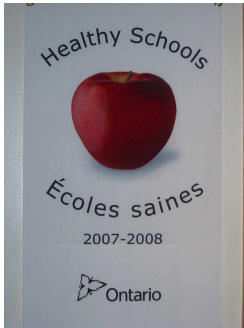
Thursday June 19	Reception for Mme Josee in Brown School Library, 2-4 pm
Thursday June 19	Song Sung Brown in the Brown "Auditorium", 7pm
Monday June 23	Reports are sent home
Tuesday June 24	Grade 6 Graduation, 1:30 pm
Wednesday June 25	Last day of classes for students
Thursday June 26	PA Day (No classes for students)
Tuesday September 2	First Day of school
Mon Sept 15 & Tues Sept 16	School Photo Days
Friday September 26	Toonie for Terry Fox Walk

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BROWN SCHOOL RECEIVES THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HEALTHY SCHOOLS RECOGNITION AWARD

Brown submitted the following information about Physical Activity, Bullying Prevention and Healthy Growth and Development to the Ministry of Education and was awarded a beautiful banner and plaque to recognize its everyday efforts in supporting healthy lifestyle habits, both physically and socially. We wrote and signed a pledge as follows:



The students, staff, parents and administration of **BROWN PUBLIC SCHOOL** pledge to become a healthier school by our commitment to improved nutrition, physical activity and caring safe citizenship



The pledge plaque was signed by the school administration, the School Council co-chairs and our student representative. Both the banner and plaque can be viewed in the office area. Below you can read the three descriptions which were submitted to meet the recognition criteria. There are 451 TDSB elementary schools. Brown was one of twenty-one to win this special award.

Physical Activity

Whole school commitment to daily scheduled physical activity for all classes in the school, e.g. gym, DPA, swimming, multitude of school events involving physical activity, e.g. Dance-a-thon, Terry Fox Walk, numerous athletic teams (football, basketball, hockey, swim, and lunchtime sport clubs) which set fitness goals and challenges.

Bullying Prevention

Annual partnership with Toronto Police Services to in-service all classes in personal / group safety and responsibility, e.g. Internet safety, bullying intervention including cyber bullying, being community helpers. weekly good citizen themes, character education poster contest, varied arts supporting anti-bullying thrusts, Outreach Committee.

Healthy Growth and Development

Establish an annual school-wide healthy habits week, stressing healthy nutrition choices, increased exercise and proper hygiene, partnered with Public Health Nurse in training students who led peers / staff in establishing daily healthy eating, exercise and hygiene habits, supported through ongoing announcements, assemblies and newsletter.

EFTO Recognition

Each year, the Toronto Occasional Teachers survey their members to determine the most enjoyable schools in which to teach. **Congratulations to the staff and students at Brown School for being chosen as an excellent school!**

Our school will be receiving a plaque in recognition of appreciation for making teaching days rewarding and enjoyable for occasional teachers.

ECO Schools: BROWN WENT GREEN THEN GOLD!!!

On May 27th, Brown's ECO School initiatives were recognized as GOLDEN! Areas that were assessed included energy conservation practices, waste minimization, school ground greening and clean up, environmental activity events and innovative projects. The following photos are a sample of those that were sent to the Science, Environment and Ecological Studies Department as part of our portfolio. Thank you to the ECO Committee and for the commitment of students, staff and parents. Our collective carbon footprints have made a difference and we can now step through an open door for further growth in 2008-2009. Stay tuned!



HEALTHY HABITS: HEALTHY SUMMER SNACKS

Summer is a great time to enjoy healthy and delicious food. Fresh Ontario produce is available to you and your family. Here are some suggestions for nutritious snacks:

- ✓ Popsicles made from fresh unsweetened juice blended with fruit yogurt
- ✓ Frozen grapes
- ✓ Fruit kabobs –fresh fruit cut into chunks and placed on skewers
- ✓ Vegetables and dip
- ✓ Fruit smoothies-yogurt ,juice, banana and berries whirled in the blender
- ✓ Fruit salad
- ✓ Apple slices served with a sprinkle of cinnamon



BRUSH-A-MANIA success at BROWN!!!

Brown enjoyed a successful partnership with the Toronto Academy of Dentistry and the Rotary Club of Toronto, supported by the Ontario Dental Association. During April and May our students were educated about healthy dental habits. The Brush-a-Mania challenge concluded with 150 students completing their month long teeth brushing charts.

Each student received a Brush-a-Mania Champ sticker, a Certificate and a prize. Everyone is encouraged to continue building lifelong healthy habits in caring for their teeth.

BRAVO BRUSH-A-MANIA CHAMPS!!

SEE YOU ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2008!

Our bell rings at 8:50 am. Staff for **Grades 1-6** will be in the junior playground with signs indicating their name and room number. The children will be escorted into the school. Please remember that student supervision in the yard does not begin until 8:35 am so please do not leave your child in the playground until supervision begins. Students should be picked up in the playground at 3:30 pm at the end of the school day.

Students in **Junior and Senior Kindergarten** meet their teachers in the Primary playground and are picked up by their parents/caregivers in that playground. Morning Kindergarten hours are 8.50am to 11.20pm Afternoon Kindergarten hours are 1:00pm to 3.30pm.

Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in September!

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Another school year goes by, faster than the blink of the eye, or at least it feels like that. The Parent Council would like to thank the many parents who gave their time and support to make this another successful year at Brown School.

Without the dedication and commitment from our parents, students and of course the staff, Brown would be just a building, a “warehouse” for education, not the focal point of a vibrant community where our children flourish.

It has been a pleasure to work so closely with the staff and of course Mme LaRocque and Principal Guiliani. We look forward to the 2008-2009 school year. Have a safe and happy summer.

-- Kelli & Yvonne

Farewell to a great friend of Brown

There are so many wonderful parents in the Brown community who work so hard to make this a special school that it is difficult to single anyone out, but there is an exception to every rule and that would be Claire Angus Caplan.

Claire’s contribution to Brown school over the past ten years has been truly remarkable. Her passion and commitment to Brown was instrumental in the creation of the rock garden and turning the former dust bowl into the fabulous turf field our children will enjoy for many years.

Thank you, Claire, for your dedication and friendship. We will miss you!

Pools, Pools, Pools

With summer, our thoughts often turn to a nice refreshing dip, in the lake, or in the pool. “Let’s Make Waves” will continue to work through the summer months to ensure the future security of all TDSB pools.

August will be a critical month for deciding the fate of school pools. Please check in at www.letsmakewaves.ca to see what’s happening and do what you can to keep water in all our pools.

As fast as the school year goes by, so too will the summer. The Parent Council will be ready to start the year off running. **Some things to watch for early in September include:**

- “Welcome Breakfast” for those families who will be new to Brown
- The launch of the “Kiss’n Ride” program
- The return of ABC (Anything But Cars) days and expansion of Brown’s Eco initiatives
- A joint art project with “Avenue Road Arts School”

These are only a few of things to look forward to. Be a part of next year’s Parent Council and see what more we can do!

Bring Kleenex –

The Grade 6's are (sob!) graduating!

Mark your calendars for the Grade 6 graduation ceremony. It will take place at Brown School on June 24, from 1:30 – 3:30. Doors will open at 1:00. As you know by now, seating can be tight!

After the ceremony, there will be some light refreshments in the gym and then the kids (only) are invited to the GRAD '08 party at the church next door. Party starts at 4:00, pick up at 7:00.

SONG SUNG BROWN

Friends and families of Brown School are cordially invited to SONG SUNG BROWN - an evening of song presented by the Brown School Choir.

Thursday, June 19th
Brown Auditorium (a.k.a. "the gym").

Doors open at 6:30 pm ~ Show starts at 7:00 pm
Performers should arrive at 6:00 p.m.

This is the final performance of the Choir for this school year and the final appearance at Brown of the extremely talented Grade Six contingent - Don't miss it!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you to all students who came out and supported The Outreach Committee this year. Everyone felt a sense of pride in the school for the great support in giving back to the community at home and abroad.

We helped support the local food bank, a local school in need of winter clothes, low-income families in the TDSB with the Holiday Baskets, the Nothing But Nets Campaign, the LEWA Foundation in Kenya, the David Suzuki Foundation in memory of Ezra Daniel Cunningham Fox Strimas Mackey, and the Carninoid Neuroendocrine Tumour Society Canada in support of Maureen Coleman.

Looking forward to another great year next year!!!

Finding My Voice

Over 60 students in the English Grade 4 and 5 classes worked on a play since January. The play ***Finding My Voice*** was written and directed by parent Michele Coleman. The play provided an opportunity for students and audience to gain confidence and become empowered to use appropriate strategies to deal with incidences of bullying.

The Grade 4 and 5 students performed for Brown Students from grades 3 to 6 during the afternoons of June 9 and 10. Parents and staff attended an evening performance on Thursday June 11. All of the children had an opportunity to participate in this production. Students participated in the Set and Props Design, Costume Design, Sounds, Stage Management or Acting. Thank you to Ms. Hirsch and Mr. Wittenberg for incorporating the play into their program and to the many parents and friends who worked to make this play possible.

Thank you to the School Council for providing funding for the play and to St. John's Latvian Church for providing rehearsal and performance space.

DON'T MISS OUT ON NOON SWIM!

The very popular ***Noon Swim*** program continues to the end of the school year:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
12:00- 12:40 pm

Everyone is welcome. Bring your own swim equipment!

SPORTS CORNER

Brown's **Water Polo Team** is competing in an after school "fun" tournament at D.A. Morrison on Tuesday June 17th at 3:30- 5:00 pm. **Good luck team!**

Coaches: Mrs. Jeffery, Mr. Whittberg, Mrs. D'Bacy and Ms Warden

The **Girls Soccer Team** performed well throughout the entire season. From early morning practices, to hard fought games, the girls went into each game with a positive attitude and worked as hard as they possibly could.

Our best game was our first game of the season was also our first, which ended in a tie versus McMurrich. The Girls dominated the game from start to finish, but couldn't find the back of the net. They managed to hit the post three times, and on one occasion, Lena nearly knocked the net right over with the power of her shot! **Thanks for a great season girls!!**

Coaches: Mr. Profiti and Mr. Wittenberg

In our second year at Brown School, the **Ultimate Frisbee Team** grew by leaps and bounds, or flicks and stacks depending on who you talk to. An early season, enjoyable tie versus Palmerston, was followed by a resounding win against Deer Park. Then, despite a tough loss against Palmerston and a trip to Swansea that required passports and a travel agent, we did qualify for the end-of-season tournament. There, a furious second-half comeback against the top-ranked Swansea fell just short; five more minutes might have been all it took to pull off the upset of the century. Still, **we did win the banner (as voted by the other teams and coaches) for Most Spirited Team.** The coaches would like to thank all of the players for making this season so enjoyable, and we hope that many of you continue to 'huck that disc' for many years to come.

Coaches : Mr. Mac, Mme. Anne, Ms. Fox

The Brown **Boys Soccer Team** coaches, Mr. Ellis and Mme B'Dacy, had a tough time for the choosing this year's team. Many excellent athletes came out this year, making the decision to narrow it down to a mere 15 a very difficult one. But at the end of three grueling tryouts the team was chosen.

After countless practices and hard-fought games, after a confusing season with many cancelled and rescheduled games, the Ligers emerged from nowhere to an undefeated regular season. By the end of the regular season, we knew each other's styles of play, so we could pass so well, even with our eyes closed. The team was built of amazing attackers, miraculous midfielders, a destructive defense and glorious goal-tending. In the must-win game of the regular season, with the sun blazing hot, the boys were pumped. The team was in a tie game with "four minutes to save the world". After several chances for teams to score, the Ligers finally capitalized and advanced to the play offs.

We began the play offs with a game against Cosburn. The match went back and forth until finally nearing the end of the game, Brown scored two rapid goals; both flying and whizzing out of the goalie's hands into the soft mesh of the net.

Then, the conference semi-finals came and it was time to play Withrow at Lawrence Heights – 50 Highland Hill. It was cold – just like an ant in snow. It was a tight game until a lucky bounce saw Withrow up one-nothing. The players were determined to equalize, so they attempted a come-back: they were looking for revenge in the second half by running, passing and shooting at our max. With seconds left, the boys almost tied the game, but sadly it was not to be. The boys were sad and discouraged, but knew that they had played one heck of a season!

-- Written by Sam and Trevor

This year, the **Track and Field Team** was made up of students from Grade 3 to 6. We had a total of 50 students on the team and all of them had **an amazing day at Varsity Stadium on May 26th.** The Grade 5 team of Boys and Girls accumulated enough points to win a banner for Brown School! Out of a possible 48 athletes that could have qualified for the South Finals, Brown School had 22 students finish in the top 4 of their respective event and therefore qualified for the second meet. On June 5th the team of 22 athletes heading back to Varsity Stadium and once again proved that the Track and Field Team at Brown was it tip top shape. A total of 12 students from Brown finished in the top 4 of their respective event and **qualified for the TDESAA City Finals.** Once again the meet took place at Varsity Stadium on June 12th and once all was said and done the group of 12 students **finished with some amazing results.** Jazz S. won 2 Bronze medals (1500m and 800m), Ben W. won 2 Bronze medals (Running Long Jump and Triple Jump) and James Tucker won a silver medal in the 1500m race.

A huge congratulations to all the team members for their amazing dedication and hard work. A big thank you also goes out to the parents who came out to support the team.

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

Staffing Model for September 2008

English

Room 13	Sr. Kindergarten AM	Ms. Warden
Room 13	Jr./Sk. Kindergarten PM	Ms. Warden
Room 14	Jr. Kindergarten AM	Mrs. Ferraioli
Room 14	Jr. Kindergarten PM	Mrs. Ferraioli
Room 23	Grade 1	Ms. Fox
Room 25	Grade 1/2	Ms. Foord
Room 40	Grade 2	Mrs. Regan
Room 28	Grade 3	Mrs. Hazan
Room 21	Grade 3/4	Ms. Nathanson
Room 41	Grade 4	Ms. Hirsch
Room 33	Grade 5	Mr. Wittenberg
Room 30	Grade 5/6	Mr. Macdonald

French

Room 15	Sr. Kindergarten AM	Mme B'Dacy
Room 15	Sr. Kindergarten PM	Mme B'Dacy
Room 22	Grade 1	Mme Legge
Room 26	Grade 1	Mme Sara
Room 36	Grade 2	Mme Dumont
Room 35	Grade 2	Mme Bondy
Room 20	Grade 3	Mme Breslin
Room 37	Grade 3	Mme Sulymko
Room 34	Grade 4	Mme Blanchard
Room 39	Grade 4	M Pare
Room 38	Grade 5	Mme Anna
Room 32	Grade 6	Mme Vernon

Principal	M. J. Giuliani
Vice Principal	G. LaRocque
French Ed. Assist.	Mme Gunta
English Ed Assist.	TBA
Physical & Health Ed.	Mr. Profiti
Music	Mr. Ellis
Library	Mme Gagnon
ESL/Primary Prep	Ms. Baptist
Sp. Ed. (HSP, LC)	Mrs. Venutolo
Mart/ Core Support	Ms. Padassery
Special Ed Assist.	Ms. Lundy
Special Needs Assist.	T.B.A

Please be advised that the above model is tentative and is subject to change. We may need to adjust classes to meet the Ministry class cap size for primary classes and to balance the number of students per class. It may be necessary to adjust the model in September and reorganize student placement. We will keep you informed.