

BROWN BULLETIN

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF M. J. GIULIANI & S. LITNER – MARCH 2009



February was a very busy month at Brown School!

The **Speech Arts Festival** brought us together to listen to some very informative, entertaining speeches and dramatic interpretations presented by our very confident students. On February 20, three of our students attended the semi final competition at Maurice Cody School. We are delighted to inform you that Mary placed first in format A competition (original speech) and Jared and Sasha placed third in Format C (dramatic arts.) All three students will move on to the City Championship Competition on March 31.

On Wednesday, March 11, we will hold **Concours d'art oratoire** (French Speech Arts).

Our **Brick by Brick** campaign united us to raise funds to build a school in Kenya. This was a very successful event and we would like to thank everyone who participated. We would like to acknowledge the parents, staff and students of the Outreach Committee for their leadership. One of the TDSB initiatives is **Character Education**. It became very evident during the Brick by Brick Campaign that so many characteristics of good character were being developed by our students. Your children exhibited **Empathy, Kindness and Caring**. They took on the **Responsibility** to try to raise enough funds to build a school in Kenya. Our students used **Teamwork** and **Cooperation** and they **Persevered** to meet a goal. We are proud of our accomplishment and we know that a school and clean water will make a difference in the life of many children in Kenya.

Health & Safety

We offer a BIG thank you to our parents and student ambassadors who help with our Kiss 'N Ride program each morning. We appreciate the fact that so many parents are using this drop off program every day. Unfortunately, some students are being dropped off in the parking lot at the back of the school. In the interest of student safety, **we ask that parents and caregivers use the designated drop off area on Poplar Plains Road rather than driving into the parking lot to drop off children.** Student ambassadors or one of the parent volunteers will walk the younger children into the school yard.

Anaphylaxis

Parents should be aware that **there are children in our school with a severe life threatening food allergy to peanuts/nuts** called anaphylaxis. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods or to other materials, and can result in death within minutes. Although peanuts and peanut products are the most common foods to cause anaphylaxis, shellfish, fish, eggs, sulphites, milk, sesame seeds, soy or other food can cause this dangerous condition. In recent years anaphylaxis has increased dramatically among students.

Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to inform you so that you may **send foods to school with your child that are free from nut products.** Due to this allergy concern, parents who wish to send a class treat for their child's birthday or special day, may wish to send an alternate item other than food. Pencils, stickers, bookmarks or a game or book for the class to share are always appreciated by the children.

The Toronto District School Board has procedures for the prevention and management of anaphylactic reactions. If you are interested, contact the school office for further information or contact Anaphylaxis Canada at (416) 785-5666. If your child has health concerns of any kind, please inform your child's teacher and the office staff immediately and the necessary health protection steps may be taken. **Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring the safest environment for our students.**

Wednesday March 11	Concours d'art oratoire
Thursday March 12	BRICK by BRICK Appreciation Pizza Lunch (Grades 1-6)
March 16- 20	March Holiday (no classes for students)
Friday March 27	Pizza Lunch ; TDSB Earth Hour, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Monday March 30	Term 2 reports are sent home
Thursday April 2	Graduation Photos (a.m.)
Friday April 3	P.A. Day Reporting to parents (no Classes for students)
Wednesday April 15	Pediculosis Screening; Spring Into Spring (see page 2)

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Anti-Bullying Presentation

We held a Primary and Junior assembly for our students on March 3rd. Anthony MacLean from iEngage taught the children about the 4 different types of bullying and what they can do to stop it. The children all understood the message that was delivered with humour and rap songs. The follow up classroom discussions and writing was very impressive! Thank you to our Parent Council for funding this presentation. *Note: Check the Student Showcase for student reports on this presentation.*

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: BRICK by BRICK UPDATE



Brick by Liam M., Room 35

CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to Brown School students, their parents and their friends for making our BRICK by BRICK campaign to build a school in Kenya a fabulous success.

With your generous donations we far exceeded our goal of \$8,500. **We were able to send Free the Children approximately \$20,000.00** and we will be able to not only build a school but support a village providing a well, school lunches, teachers' salaries and alternative income projects in the village. The students should be so proud of their accomplishment!!

Congratulations to Room 34, which raised the most donations! They will receive a special pizza party. **But wait!** The response by the whole school was so amazing that an appreciation (cheese) pizza lunch will be served to all Grade 1-6 classes on **Thursday, March 12**. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all of you!

BROWN IS GREEN

Spring will soon be here and the warmer weather is the perfect opportunity to help the environment. Here are a few of the initiatives that Brown will be encouraging:

ABC – Anything But Car Day

The new day for **ABC** is Wednesday. This will help eliminate the obstacles of garbage and recycling containers for all the cyclists and scooters out there. **ABC** has been so successful that other schools have adapted our acronym for promoting alternative ways of traveling to school. Way to go Brown!

Spring into Spring

On Wednesday, April 15, Brown will be promoting **ABC** with the **Spring into Spring** campaign. We encourage everyone to wear shorts over your long pants and to put on your sunglasses when you walk/bike/scooter/bus/carpool to school that day.

Earth Day

April 22 is Earth Day. There will be a school wide initiative to help encourage students to be more aware of the environment. Look for more details in the April Brown Bulletin.

Thanks for helping to make Brown Green!

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Grade 6 Activities

The end is near!! If anyone is interested in helping out with the Grade 6 activities including graduation, the party and the yearbook, please contact Allison Fortier, Volunteer Coordinator, at allisonfortier@rogers.com.

Ward Forum

The next Ward Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m. at Deer Park School.

Garden Fete – Mark Your Calendar!

Garden Fête is scheduled for Saturday, May 23. More details to follow! If you're interested in helping with Garden Fête, please contact your classroom rep, Claire Blicker at cblicker@rogers.com, or Currie Ross at currieross@rogers.com.

HEALTHY HABITS



March is Nutrition Month

Looking for new ideas for lunch? Try **Chicken and Apple Lettuce Wraps!** This recipe is a great break from the traditional sandwich – no bread required! Pack the chicken and apple mixture in a small container for easy assembly at school. Remember to include a serving of grain products for a balanced lunch.

Makes 2 servings

Nutritional information per serving (1 cup filling and 2 lettuce leaves)

1 cup (250 mL) cooked chicken breast, diced (about 1)
½ cup (125 mL) red apple, diced
¼ cup (50 mL) celery, diced 2 tbsps (25 mL) raisins
¼ cup (50 mL) light mayonnaise
4 Boston lettuce leaves, whole, washed and dried

Calories: 259	Carbohydrate: 17 g
Protein: 24 g	Dietary fibre: 2 g
Fat: 11 g	Sodium: 288 mg
Saturated fat: 2 g	Potassium: 529 mg
Dietary cholesterol: 69 mg	

In a small bowl, mix together all the filling ingredients. This can be made the night before. To serve, spoon about ½ cup (125 mL) of the filling down the centre of the lettuce leaf and wrap it up. Note: Try different kinds of fillings such as ham and cheese, tuna, turkey and Swiss and salmon.

Developed by Nadine Day, RD. ©The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

SPORTS CORNER

Co-Ed Volleyball

We are pleased the TDESSA is offering Co-Ed Volleyball for the first time in the South Conference. A small team of five boys and four girls have been selected to represent the school. Brown will be hosting a 5-team tournament on Wednesday, April 15th. Coaches: Ms Baptist, Mr. Macdonald, Mme Sulymko

Ultimate Frisbee

Days are getting longer, and (hopefully) warmer. Frisbee season is just around the corner. Try-outs will begin at the start of April and will initially be offered to students in Grades 5 and 6.

Coaches: Mr. Macdonald, TBD.

Ice Hockey -The Play-Off Jinx!

If you remember the last edition of the Brown Bulletin, we wrote about how the school hockey team has had a long history of playing a great regular season but stumbling in the play-offs....well this season was no different. After finishing the season with 5 wins and 0 losses and first place in their pool, the team played in the quarter finals against the 4th place team from Balmy Beach. Unfortunately for Brown, the team from Balmy Beach stormed out to a quick 3 to 0 lead which became too much to overcome for our team. The team played a great last half of the 3rd period but it was too little too late. We wish the Grade 6 students the best of luck and continued success in Grade 7, and look forward to next year with many returning players ready to break the Brown School play-off jinx! Coaches: Mr. Ellis, Mr. Profiti and Jonah Weslak

Boys' Basketball

The Boys' Basketball team completed a fantastic season. The boys played better than everyone imagined, and made their way to the playoffs, for the first time in 3 years at Brown School. Unfortunately the boys came up against a very strong team from Palmerston, and put forth a valiant effort. Thank you to all of the players, parents and families for supporting the team throughout the year, and we look forward to starting up again next season.

Coaches: Mr. D and Mr. Wittenberg

Co-Ed Badminton Team

Once the Co-Ed Badminton Team is picked, they will be participating in a one day tournament at Brown on Thursday, April 16th. More info to follow. Coaches: M. Paré, Mme Anna and Mr. Macdonald

Coming Soon @ Brown..

Girls' and Boys' Soccer Team, Ultimate Frisbee Team, Track and Field, Water Polo Team.

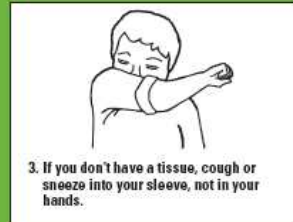
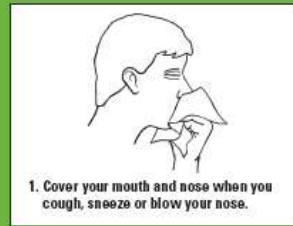
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Spring may be around the corner, but we are still in the grips of cold and flu season.

Toronto Public Health reminds us to **cover our coughs**, do the **“sleeve sneeze”**, and always follow the steps for thorough **hand washing** and **sanitizing**.

Please review these tips with your child(ren) and help stop the spread of germs!

Cover Your Cough



Stop the Spread of Germs

Always Cover Your Cough

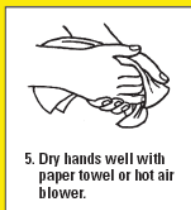
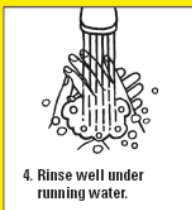
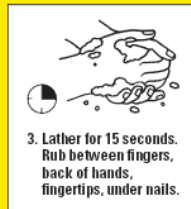
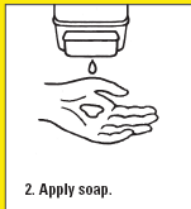
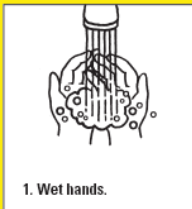
- Covering your cough or sneeze can stop the spread of germs
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- Keep your distance (more than 1 metre/3 feet) from people who are coughing or sneezing

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Hand Washing



Stop the Spread of Germs

Always Wash Your Hands

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| <p>After you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sneeze, cough or blow your nose • Use the washroom or change diapers • Handle garbage | <p>Before and after you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare or eat food • Touch a cut or open sore |
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If hands are visibly dirty use soap and water

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Do you have news or events to announce in an upcoming Bulletin? Send the details to bulletin@brownschool.ca

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Polar Bears: Dr. Euler Visits the Grade 6 Students

In February, Dr. Euler, a biologist who studies polar bears, visited the Grade 6s at Brown School. We learned a lot about polar bears and their endangered habitat. Here are a few things that we learned:

Did you know that polar bears survive on a diet of nothing but seals? This means they can only eat during the winter, when the sea ice is still there. Imagine what it is like for them, fasting for the whole summer.

Also, because their breeding season is during the winter, the females must stay in a den for a few months caring for their young. This means that the females have a higher risk of starvation, because they miss a few precious months for seal hunting.

And finally, global warming means that the sea ice will break up earlier, leaving these endangered bears less time to feed.

Through many photographs, graphs and illustrations, Dr. Euler showed us the wonderful world of the mighty polar bears. The grade 6s thoroughly enjoyed learning about this endangered species, and we would all like to thank Dr. Euler.

-- Emma, Room 32 (Grade 6)

Student Reaction: Anti-Bullying Presentation

The other day Brown School was lucky enough to meet a man named Anthony and this was his rap:

Stand up, reach out, tell someone
We won't stop till the bullying's done
Stand up, reach out tell someone
Don't underestimate the power of one

So all in all bullies are not nice and Brown School doesn't allow it because Brown is the best school ever.

-- William, Room 21 (Grade 3/4)

On Tuesday, March 3rd we had a presentation about Bullying from iEngage.

The presenter talked about 4 types of Bullying with the junior students. They are Verbal, Physical, Cyber and Social Bullying.

The presenter gave us a message "No Bullying" through a song. It was really effective! We barely have any problems in the classroom or at recess.

-- Ben A., Room 41 (Grade 4)

On a eu une visite extraordinaire de M. Anthony Maclean de la compagnie iEngage. Il a fait une présentation sur l'intimidation. Il nous a montré que tout le monde peut être intimidé comme Christina Aguilera, Tom Cruise, Christian Bale, Michael Phelps et lui-même : Anthony Maclean. Il a fait un rap au sujet des chiens, des hotdogs et du rap. Puis, on a chanté un rap au sujet de l'intimidation. Le refrain est:

Stand out, Reach out, Tell someone
We won't stop till the bullying's done
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Enfin, c'était une bonne visite et on a appris beaucoup de stratégies pour arrêter l'intimidation.

Par Ashley A., Sara A. et Chloé M. de la 4e année, salle 34

News from La Classe de la Salle 20 – 3èmes années

Our classmate, Max Z., moved to Geneva, Switzerland at the end of the 2007/2008 school year. This term, our entire class collaborated on a letter to send to Max:

Bonjour à la classe de Max,

Comment allez-vous ? Nous sommes très excités de correspondre avec vous !

Quand vous avez cassé la marmite de l'Escalade, est-ce que vous avez mangé beaucoup de chocolat et de bonbons ? Si on fait ça dans notre classe, nous pensons que tout le monde va courir pour ramasser les bonbons.

Dans notre classe, il y a des élèves qui ont fêté Noël, Chanukah et Eid.

Est-ce qu'il neige à Genève ? Ici, à Toronto, il neige BEAUCOUP et il fait TRÈS froid. Pendant la récréation, on fait des gros bonhommes de neige, mais on n'a pas le droit de faire des batailles de boules de neige.

Est-ce que vous savez que notre professeur est de Genève ? Elle nous a dit que le chocolat suisse est très bon.

Est-ce qu'il y a des cartes de Pokémon à Genève ? Les garçons de notre classe ont une collection de cartes de Pokémon.

Notre école s'appelle Brown Public School. Quel est le nom de votre école ?

Nous avons une piscine dans l'école et on a la natation tout les lundis. Est-ce qu'il y a une piscine dans votre école ?

Dans notre classe, il y a 20 élèves – 8 filles et 12 garçons. Qu'est-ce que vous faites dans votre classe ?

Nous avons fait un journal de classe qui s'appelle « La Poste Nationale de la Salle 20 ». Envoyez-nous l'adresse de votre école et on va vous envoyer une copie.

On se réjouit de recevoir de vos nouvelles !

La Classe de la Salle 20 – 3èmes années en « French Immersion »

P.S. Max, tu nous manques beaucoup ! Reviens nous visiter bientôt !

We were challenged to create math problems this term. Without peeking at the solutions, can you solve the two following examples?

Il y a 25 personnes qui sont allées faire du ski. Il y avait 50 skis en tout. 9 personnes ont perdu leurs 2 skis. Puis 5 personnes ont perdu seulement un ski chacun.

Maintenant combien de personnes peuvent faire du ski ?

-- Madeleine A.

$9 \times 2 = 18$ skis perdus
 $5 \times 1 = 5$ skis perdus
 $18 + 5 = 23$ skis perdus en tout
 $50 - 23 = 27$ skis qui restent
 $27 / 2 = 13$ reste 1 alors 13 personnes peuvent faire du ski parce que chaque personne a 2 skis.

Denis achète 8 paquets de 7 bonbons. Il partage également les bonbons entre Michelle, Heri, Max et Declan.

Combien de bonbons à chaque personne ?

-- James C.

$8 \times 7 = 56$ bonbons en tout
 $56 / 4 = 14$

Chaque personne va recevoir 14 bonbons parce que 56 divise par 4 est égal à 14.