

BROWN BULLETIN

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



On the field for Music Monday – May 4th, 2009

Spring Music Events

On Monday, May 4, our school joined hundreds of schools across Toronto and thousands across Canada to celebrate **Music Monday**. This is a national annual celebration of music celebrated on the first Monday of May each year.

At Brown School, the children from Grades 1 to 6 started Music Monday by enjoying an **Opera production** in the gym. Called "Get Stuffed", this performance taught and reviewed many nutrition concepts through music and drama. After the afternoon recess, we gathered the entire school on our fabulous field to listen to and perform some of our favourite songs. Thank you to Mr. Ellis and staff for organizing this event. The children participated with confidence and enthusiasm and everyone enjoyed the music, sunshine and warm breeze!

On the evening of **Thursday, June 11**, the multi-talented Brown Junior Choir will perform our annual "**Song Sung Brown**" in the gym. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m., and the performance begins at 7:00 p.m.



Our thanks to Mr. Ellis!!!

Staff News

- ✓ We will welcome **Mme Gagnon** back to Brown School in September. We would like to thank Mrs. Schwartz who has done an amazing job in the Library this year for Mme. Gagnon.
- ✓ Congratulations to **Ms Warden** on the birth of her son, Charlie on May 5, 2009. Liz, Jeff and Charlie are all doing well.
- ✓ We will publish our **staffing model** with staff assignments when it is finalized in June.

Important Safety Reminder

A reminder to parents that supervision in the school yard begins at 8:35 a.m. For safety reasons, please do not leave your child in the school yard in the morning before supervision begins.

Monday May 18	Victoria Day holiday (no classes for students)
Friday May 22	Pizza Lunch
Saturday May 23	Garden Fête
Monday May 25-June 5	EQAO for Grades 3 and 6
Friday May 29	Track & Field Competition, Varsity Stadium
Tuesday June 2	Track & Field Competition (Qualifiers Only), Varsity Stadium
Thursday June 4	Spring Concert (afternoon) – programs will be sent home. Afternoon Kindergarten will perform
Wednesday June 10	Track & Field Competition (Qualifiers), Varsity Stadium
Thursday June 11	Brown Singers – Evening performance
Friday June 19	Pizza Lunch
Tuesday June 23	Grade 6 Graduation (p.m.)
Thursday June 25	Last Day of Classes

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Summer Fun at Unicorn!

Unicorn Daycare operates a Summer Camp Program, daily from 7:30a.m. - 6:00p.m. Our ECE Staff and Assistants have put together a fun, learning and enriched program. We operate for the first 8 weeks of the summer, and parents can register for the weeks needed. Registration is open to everyone! Registration forms are available online at www.brownschool.ca; click on the 'Daycare' link.

Library News

We are very fortunate to have two guests this month. **Hazel Hutchins**, a 'Forest of Reading' Nominee will be on Tuesday, May 12 to read and chat with the English classes, Grades 1-6. On May 21, we have **Maryann Kovalski** who is both an illustrator and author. She will be reading with the Rooms 13 & 14 and will be doing a drawing workshop with various classes. On behalf of all the students, we would like to thank the parents who help to make it possible for these amazing guests to be in our library.

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Fence Project

The Parent Council would like to extend a huge thank you to Susie Whaley and Rachel McQuinlan of the Avenue Road Arts School who led our students in creating an amazing mural depicting Brown School Spirit throughout the first week in May. While ARAS has led murals at other schools, this was by far the most ambitious undertaking as it involved all of our students from JK to Grade 6. Thank you also to our parent escorts, to Brown School staff and students for their contributions to the mural, and to St. John's Latvian Lutheran Church for providing space for us to work. It was truly a community effort, and we can't wait to see the finished product fastened on the fence for all to see and enjoy!

Kiss'N Ride

The Kiss'n Ride has proven to be a great success and will be back again next year. Anyone interested in being part of the Kiss'n Ride crew should contact Yvonne Harding at harding99@rogers.com.

The Parent Council Needs Volunteers for 2009-2010

As this year draws to a close, the Parent Council is already looking ahead to next year. The continued support and generosity of the Brown community has been instrumental in enriching the school experience for all our children. Parent support and involvement is a critical component of that success. Anyone interested in contributing their time and their talents for the 2009-2010 school year should contact Kelli Belanger at kschifferbelanger@yahoo.com or Yvonne Harding at harding99@rogers.com.

Brown School Handbook 2009-2010

We are updating and adding to our Brown School Handbook, which will be circulated to all families in the fall. We will not print a student directory next school year. If you have an idea for information that you would like to see in the School Handbook, please let Katharine Lake Berz know: lakeberz@yahoo.com.

Pools – Keep Making Waves!

Through the tremendous efforts of parents, students and members of the broader community, 13 pools have been saved from imminent closure, including Deer Park, Glenview, Lawrence Park and Northern Cl. The fate of 26 others is still to be decided. With the promise of capital funding from the Provincial government, the TDSB has agreed to wait until the end of June before a final decision will be made. While there is optimism that a few more will be granted a permanent stay, the City of Toronto continues to be a major barrier. For more information and updates visit www.letsmakewaves.ca.

Garden Fête

Volunteers and Donations are still needed for Garden Fête. For ideas on how you can help out, as well as a list of the amazing Green initiatives for this year's Fête, please see the last page of this Bulletin.

STUDENT SHOWCASE: CELEBRATING EARTH DAY (APRIL 22)

La Nature

La nature que c'est beau!
Ma partie préférée c'est l'eau
Quelle est belle
Prenez soin d'elle
-- Par Jonah, Salle 37

Haiku – Recycler

Recycler c'est bon
Aides-nous a recycler
Avec la boîte bleu
-- Par Sophie, Salle 37

Mother Earth

The earth has been polluted
Let's lend a helping hand
Let's not forget Mother Earth
And clean all the land
Let's keep the forest alive
Then the bees will make a hive
Mother Earth you're wealthy
You keep us clean and healthy
Young babies think earth is new
Let's clean the earth and make it true.
-- by Emmanuel, Room 21

We love the earth
And you should too.
So do not pollute
And that shall do.

-- By Leah (Rm 36) & Charlotte (Rm 35)

Les Plantes

Beaucoup de choses sont vertes
Elle sont bonnes pour toi
Les plantes sont vertes
Et les plantes reviennent
Plusieurs fois
-- Par Carly, Salle 37

SPORTS CORNER

Ultimate Frisbee

Our team this year is made up of 13 boys and 10 girls. We've played three matches so far. Our first game was played in a tornado against Lambton-Kingsway. Unfortunately, the tornado (and Lambton) won that one. Our second game was played in the pouring rain against Swansea; close, but not close enough as Swansea eked out a victory. Our third game, surprisingly, was played under clear, sunny skies. Maybe that's all we needed as we marched to an easy victory over Palmerston. Current record stands at 1 win, 2 losses. Our cuts are getting sharper, our throws more accurate, and our defence more tenacious. Our spirit remains as strong as ever as we wait to see if we'll make the playoffs!

Coaches: Mr. Macdonald, Ms Fox and Mme Fischer-Harrison

Grade 6 Boys' Soccer

This year's team got off to a great start with a win against Clinton but had a minor set back against Northlea. With 1 win and 1 loss, the team looks forward to their next three games scheduled on Monday May 11th at Allenby, Wednesday May 13th at Deer Park vs. Regal Road and Wednesday May 20th at John Ross Robertson. Good luck the rest of the way Boys!

Coaches: Mr. Ellis and Mme B'Dacy

Grade 5 Boys' Soccer

Mr. Ellis and Mme B'Dacy had a tough time choosing just 17 boys to be on Brown's first ever Grade 4/5 Tournament Soccer Team. Many young men tried out. There was a lot of talent and even more heart. We finally narrowed it down to 17 and proceeded to practice for our tournament. On Wednesday the 6th the Ligers faced the Grade 6 Team at a Brown vs. Brown game at Winston Churchill Park. The younger boys fought hard but lost in a narrow margin.

We braced ourselves for a long wet day tournament on Friday, May 8th but were pleasantly surprised to find the sun shining and a forecasted high of 23 degrees. Many parents joined us on our trek west to Swansea Public School where we, the Brown Panthers, faced the Palmerston Panthers both A and B, and the Nelson Mandela Panthers. We renamed ourselves the Ligers and with the strength of both the lion and the tiger we ended our game against Palmerston A with a score of 0 – 0 after double overtime. Our shoot out score was a slim 5-4 for Palmerston. Undeterred, we went on to beat both Nelson Mandela and Palmerston B, but it just wasn't enough to make it to the next round.

The coaches and parents were impressed by the efforts, the enthusiasm, excellent sportsmanship and behaviour of the team. Congratulations to all of the boys for a fantastic season. The coaches would like to thank the parents for their overwhelming support with their rides, their presence, their snacks and their encouragements. You are the best fans ever! The team and Mme B'Dacy would like to thank Mr. Ellis for his exceptional coaching skills and his great reffing. See you next year boys!

Girls Soccer

The Girls Soccer Team will be participating in a one-day tournament on Thursday May 14th at Westwood PS (Danforth and Pape) against Whitney, Rose and Westwood. The team has been practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings and they look as strong as any team has looked at Brown in the last 6 years. We look forward to a great day on the 14th of May.

Coaches: Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Profiti

Co-Ed Badminton

The 2009 Badminton Team participated in a one-day tournament at Brown and finished in 2nd place overall. The team advanced to the q-finals, defeated Wilkinson and proceeded to the semi-finals where Allenby stood in their way from a date in the South Finals. An excellent performance by all 5 teams pushed Brown to a victory and a re-match against Forest Hill. The South Finals took place at Harbord on May 1st and Brown played an awesome game. Although they lost by a score of 3-2, the team should be proud of their effort and should be pleased at the fact that they brought home yet another banner for the school to hang. Congratulations to Brown PS....**2009 SOUTH CONFERENCE FINALISTS!**

Coaches: M. Pare, Mme Anna and Ms Wu

Track And Field

The Track and Field Team is almost complete. Students in Grade 4, 5 and 6 along with 5 Grade 3 students (Tikal Rm. 28, Max Rm. 37, Audrey Rm. 20, Kate Rm. 20 and Lauren Rm. 37) will be participating in South Conference Qualifying meet on Friday May 29th at Varsity Stadium (Bedford and Bloor). The students who are on the Track and Field Team will be receiving a letter shortly, detailing all important information about the meet on the 29th of May. More info to follow.

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



BROWN IS GREEN at Garden Fête 2009



Saturday, May 23rd, 11:00am-2:00pm

As always, this great day would not happen without the help of many volunteers! There are lots of ways that you can help out:

Volunteer to help out on May 23rd. Contact your class reps to participate!

Donate the following:

- ✓ **Baked goods** – please contact Clara Mione at cmione@firstmet.ca
- ✓ **Salads**– please contact Ian Carmichael at carmichaeli@sympatico.ca.
- ✓ **Prizes** for the prize table – not many have shown up yet! Please contact Val Davey at valandchris@sympatico.ca.
- ✓ Or make a **financial donation** – box in office! *Please make cheques payable to “Brown School Parent Council”.*

Brown is Green at Garden Fête

For Garden Fête this year, Brown is encouraging everyone to help make the event as green as possible. There are several initiatives in place and we hope everyone joins in.

Water Bottles

Brown will be selling stainless steel water bottles with the logo “Brown is Green” for \$5.00. If you already have a water bottle at home then bring it with you to Garden Fête. We are offering free lemonade as an incentive!

Free Lemonade

To reduce the amount of waste generated at Garden Fête there will be no pop or bottled water sold this year. Use your water bottle to fill up with lemonade or use one of the free compostable cups provided at the lemonade table.

HTOto go trailer

Check out the water trailer that will be provided by the City of Toronto. This will be an easy way to fill up your water bottle or a free compostable cup with water. Look for it near the tennis courts!

Compostable Cups ??????????

Yes, you read that right. This year the napkins, plates, cups and forks are all compostable. They are made from a corn-based material that breaks down in the composting process. When you are finished eating, just take everything over to one of the Depots and place them in the containers designated for compostables. By doing this, we are hoping to eliminate almost all the waste that we produce on site this year. There will be signs at the waste depots for you to stop and choose which place each piece of rubbish goes!

Eco-Kids Club

The Eco-kids have been busy planting herb seedlings and will have a table set up in the shade garden to sell their herbs at Garden Fête. You can purchase your herbs anytime during the day. Just write your name on a marker and leave them in the shade with the Eco-kids until you are ready to leave. This is a great chance to stock up on your herbs and to stop by and chat with the Eco-kids. For your entertainment there will be some skits to encourage reducing our carbon footprint!

Please contact Claire Blicker if you have any questions: cjbllicker@hotmail.com

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