

BROWN BULLETIN

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF M. J. GIULIANI & S. LITNER – MAY 2010

Spring Music Events at Brown



On Monday, May 3, 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. All staff and students gathered 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!

Our **Spring Concert** will take place on Wednesday, May 26 at 1:15 p.m. in the gym. Please see the program posted at www.brownschool.ca/news.

On the evening of Thursday, June 17, the multi- talented Brown junior choir will perform "**Song Sung Brown**" in the gym. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 7 p.m.

ARE YOU READY TO ROCK?

Once again live music will fill the air at the Garden Fête!

Current students and Brown School alumni wishing to perform should contact Tyler Ellis in the music room.

Space is limited so do not delay!

Staff News

We are in the process of setting up our classes for next year. We will publish our staffing model with staff assignments when it is finalized in June. **Your child's final report card, sent home in June, will indicate the placement for next year.** A great deal of time is spent by the staff and administration with each child's placement. Please be advised however, that **all teaching assignments and student placements are tentative at this time.** In the event that the projected enrolment for next year increases or decreases, adjustments may need to be made in the fall.

Monday May 17	Dancing through the Decades
Tuesday May 18	Glenview School Council meeting 7 p.m. Parents of students attending next year are invited to attend
Wednesday May 19	Track and Field Grade 3 to 6
Friday May 21	Pizza Lunch
Monday May 24	Victoria Day holiday (no classes for students)
Wednesday May 26	Spring Concert - Itinerant music and p.m. Kindergarten
Friday May 28	Alumni Reception, 6-9 p.m. in the Gym
Saturday May 29	Garden Fête, 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m.
Monday May 31 – June 11	EQAO for Grades 3 and 6
Thursday June 3	Student Internet Safety Information meeting for parents 9:00-9:45 a.m. with Officer Beavan, School Liaison Officer
Monday June 7	Track & Field South Finals
Wednesday June 16	Track & Field City Finals
Friday June 18	Pizza Lunch
Thursday June 17	Brown Singers - evening performance
Tuesday June 24	Grade 6 Graduation, 1:15 p.m.
Monday June 28	Reports are sent home
Tuesday June 29	Last day of classes
Wednesday June 30	PA day (no classes for students)

Attention Parents:

The TDSB is doing a satisfaction survey and wants to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to visit:

www.tdsb.on.ca/parentsurvey

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SPRING TERM STUDENT ASSEMBLIES

Sports Assembly

On Monday afternoon, April 26, we held our sports assembly to acknowledge all of the activities that have happened this term. We are proud to say that we won 12 banners this year, many of them for City Championships. I have attended many school sporting activities and I have proudly watched our students participate with enthusiasm and determination. Whether we win or not, **our students have learned what it means to be good sports**, to try their best, to be proud of their accomplishments and the importance of teamwork. Thank you to our staff coaches who give so much of their time to provide these opportunities for our students.

At our assembly, **staff member and former Olympic swimmer, Elizabeth Warden**, spoke to our students about **perseverance**. She told the children about her 12 years of hard work to make the Canadian Olympic Team and representing Canada at the summer games in Athens Greece in 2004. We thank her for sharing her experience with us and her message of the **importance of always believing in yourself**.

Alumni Speaker Assembly

On April 28, the students from Grades 3 to 6 gathered in the gym to hear Alumni speakers relate their past experiences at Brown School. We were delighted to hear so many speakers mention that their **Brown school experiences helped to inspire their career path**. One alumnus from 1938 to 1945 presented the school with a school bell similar to the one that was used in the past.

Eco Play

On April, 23rd, the play "Morrow and Jasper Go Green" came to Brown School. Though the play was comedic, it also told us a valuable lesson on how to take care of our own planet. At the beginning of the show Jasper jumped out on the stage with a green tie and a clown nose. You could tell he was a passionate actor and it was a great show. **The show taught us that you can "Go Green" and have fun at the same time**. We learned how to conserve energy in a proper manner. We learned how simple it is to save water and reduce garbage. Over all, we learned to be ECO-friendly and to respect our own planet.

By Tillie, Bailey and Samir, Room 41

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER

The QSP Magazine Fundraiser will be returning to our school this fall, so please save your magazine orders (new or renewal) and order through our campaign. Our school earns a profit while you save money on your subscriptions.

If you can't wait until our campaign begins this fall, you can order any time of the year at www.qsp.ca.

HEALTHY HABITS

Looking for healthy meal ideas? Need to encourage your children to eat more fruits and vegetables? The City of Toronto and Toronto Public Health have lots of information to help inspire you!

- ✓ "Invite Us Along" newsletters on fruits and veggies, picky eaters and more can be found at http://www.toronto.ca/health/vegetablesandfruit/vf_newsletters.htm
- ✓ "Invite Us Along" searchable recipe database is available at http://www.toronto.ca/health/vegetablesandfruit/vf_recipes.htm
- ✓ "Cooking Up Some Fun" healthy eating guide and recipes are located at: http://www.toronto.ca/health/children/pdf/cooking_up_fun.pdf

Parents and caregivers should remember to **Be Active, Eat Well, Be Yourself**

- ✓ Parents and caregivers can play an active role in helping children develop healthy attitudes and habits that will last a lifetime. Focus on being active, eating well and being yourself.
- ✓ Plan active weekends together. Go swimming or biking. Play soccer or play in the park. Go for a walk or hike. Discover free activity programs in your neighbourhood.
- ✓ Eat meals together as a family. Start with a healthy breakfast.
- ✓ Your child is special and important. Positive language can go a long way in raising a confident, healthy child.

FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL

Gearing up for Garden Fête – May 29, 2010

Garden Fête is fast approaching! As always, your help and contributions are essential to make this event a success. Wondering how you can help? Please see the flyer that was sent out with this Bulletin, or at <http://www.brownschool.ca/bulletin.asp>.

The Parent Council Needs Volunteers for 2010 – 2011

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 2010-2011 school year should contact Lisa Bernstein at bernstl@lao.on.ca

Meeting Reminder

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 13** at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AT BROWN SCHOOL

Brown Junior Public School

**100
YEARS
& GROWING
STRONG.**

An Interview with Mark Hosmer, Brown Caretaker

By now we all know that Brown is celebrating its 100th Anniversary, but what you might not know is that there is one person who has been part of Brown for almost 30 years: our awesome caretaker, Mark Hosmer.

By A.J. & Mack, Rm.30

A.J. & Mack: How long have you been on staff at Brown School?

Mark: Since 1981.

A.J. & Mack: How has the school and the kids changed during that time?

Mark: There have been a lot of changes inside the school, new classrooms, new playgrounds, but the children are always good.

A.J. & Mack: What's your favourite memory so far of being at the school?

Mark: That would be when I helped with the sports teams and the lunch program. I coached baseball.

A.J. & Mack: Is there a year that stands out for you?

Mark: This year.

A.J. & Mack: Why?

Mark: Because it's the 100th anniversary of course.

A.J. & Mack: Lastly, do you know how "Unicorns" became "Panthers"?

Mark: In the '80's Mr. Turner and some of the other teachers started more competitive sports teams and needed a mascot to match.

SPORTS CORNER

Our spring season is action-packed with our **soccer, track & field and Ultimate Frisbee** teams all hard at work.

Watch this space in June for full news on this term's sports!

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