

# BROWN BULLETIN

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## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF L. SHAFRANSKY & S. LITNER – MARCH 2011



Tracking our fundraising success!

### **Spring is around the corner!**

February was a tremendous month to show our kindness and caring, with a multitude of Outreach activities. Whether it was raising funds or raising awareness, our students and community showed wonderful school spirit by contributing to Afghanistan and "Pennies for Peace." **Thanks to everyone who supported the cause!**

Our volleyball, hockey, junior swim, and basketball teams have had a very busy season! Our Brown Panthers have "glided" to victory a number of times in the swimming pool, and whether it was winning their race, or achieving their personal best, our students should be very proud of their achievements. We are poised to win another city championship (the second in 100 years) at the basketball City Finals this week. Good luck team!

Whether it has been a special project, a class activity, or a competitive team, Brown school knows what "Teamwork" is all about! **"Teamwork" is our character trait for the month of March!**

### **Parking Lot Safety – please use "Kiss and Ride"**

We are always concerned about ensuring the safety of our students, staff, and community members and we need your support. Several parents/community members have been observed in the parking lot just before school time. Staff members have been unable to park and have had to "circle" the neighbourhood to attempt re-entry. Parents/community members have been observed in heated and verbal disputes over spaces, and it has been observed that children are being dropped in the parking lot and asked to stand by the pillars while parents park.

This is very unsafe, and verbal disputes are not in keeping with Brown's school code of conduct. **We ask that everyone please show consideration for the above circumstances.** We encourage the use of the Kiss and Ride program, carpooling, forming a "walking school bus" with other families in your neighbourhood, or role model eco-friendly and healthy habits by walking your children to school. Thank you for your cooperation and teamwork, together we can make it work!

Also, it is TDSB and Brown policy that **all parents and caregivers coming into the school for any reason must begin their visit in the office.** Please refrain from walking up to the second and third floors without first having scheduled an appointment. For school safety, everyone is asked to sign in to the office.

### **Brown is Green!**

#### **ABC - Anything But Car Day**

March will see the relaunch of **Anything But Car** day. The snow and ice will soon be gone! Over March break, why not pull out the bikes from the basement and dust off the scooters. By March 21st, the banners for **ABC** will have been remounted on the Avenue Road fence and the Poplar Plains Road tennis court. Celebrate Spring by walking, biking or scootering to school.

#### **Native Plant Garden and Murals**

Plans are in the works to enhance our existing school grounds. Look for details in the April Bulletin.

March 14-18 inclusive	March Break
Week of March 21	Anything But Cars (ABC) Days resume
Wednesday March 30	Parent Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Meeting Room
Week of April 8	After 4 Spring programs start
Friday April 22	Good Friday (no classes for students)
Monday April 25	Easter Monday (no classes for Students)

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### **Update from the Outreach Committee**

February was a busy, but extremely fun and successful Outreach month. February is the month that the Committee chooses to support worthy global needs and this year, as you know, we chose Pennies for Peace, Greg Mortenson's educational endeavours in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

We will hold open the on-line donation site (<http://www.penniesforpeace.org>) for another week or we will gladly accept a cheque made out to the Central Asia Institute and dropped off at the Office.

A thank you to all children on the Outreach Committee who helped to make posters, announcements and presentations, organize the events, make deliveries, photocopy, count the money and express genuine interest in the cause. A special thank you to the Outreach Committee teachers, without whom none of these events would have happened.

**Stay tuned for our upcoming Spring book drive for a TDSB school library in need.**



### **Price Freeze at Unicorn Day Care's Summer Camp Program!**

Our Price Freeze at Unicorn Day Care's Summer Camp program will keep you cool this summer!

Our prices include special guests, field trips, snacks and our amazing hot lunch program.

Our program runs from 9:00am to 4:00pm, with the option of extended care both in the morning from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and after care from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registration is now available for all children from ages 2-1/2 to 12 years. Please feel free to visit the Brown School website ([www.brownschool.ca](http://www.brownschool.ca)) and click on the Daycare link to download a registration pamphlet, or call 416 929 6841 for more info.

## **FROM THE PARENT COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Reminder**

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, March 30** at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

### **After 4**

We are working on After 4 Spring session to offer courses from Mad Science to Financial Basics, from arts and crafts to computer science. Spring session will start April 8, 2011 and run for 8 classes. We hope Brown students enjoy the program.

## **AQUATICS**

### **Aquatics Reminder**

Please encourage your children/child to wear his/her bathing cap their during swim class or recreation swim. This will help to keep the pool clean and hair dry. Many thanks! -- Brown Aquatics Staff

### **Recreational Lunch Swim**

**Days:** Mondays & Wednesdays      **Time:** 12:00 -12:40      **Equipment:** bathing suit, bathing cap, towel.

Please join us at the pool for splashing fun!

Mrs. J. and Mr. D.

## SPORTS CORNER

### ***Ice Hockey***

A great hockey season came to an end in the semi-finals on Feb 24th. The team has improved with each game and thanks to a collective effort we exceeded expectations. A special thanks to the parents for your constant support at the games.

Thanks to all the players, especially those who have played on the team for a couple of years now and are moving on to new schools.

Coaches: Mr. Ellis, J. Weslak and Mr. Profiti

### ***Badminton***

The try-outs for the badminton team are winding down and the team will be selected by March 7th. If your son or daughter is on the Badminton Team, practices will take place on Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 a.m. in the Gym.

The team will be playing in a one-day tournament at Brown on April 12th in the afternoon.

Coaches: Mme. Clouthier, Ms Wu, Mme. Anna and Mr. Profiti

### ***Boys' Basketball***

Congratulations to the boys' basketball team for an incredibly successful season! After winning the UCC tournament, the boys entered the regular season on a high note. They played in a one day tournament at Palmerston, and emerged tournament champions.

Since the tournament, the boys decided to continue the winning trend, and win the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and just last week, were crowned ***Conference Champions for the second consecutive year*** (and the second time in school history!).

The team is now getting set for the city semi-finals and finals, set for Wednesday March 9, 2011 up at HoopDome. Thank you to all of the parents, friends, and teachers at the school for supporting the team. Good luck on Wednesday boys!

Coaches: Mr. D and Mr. Wittenberg

### ***Girls' Volleyball***

What a great season the girls' volleyball teams have had this year! Both the Grade 6 and the Grade 4/5 teams played incredibly well!

The Grade 4/5 team played to a 3-way tie in our tournament and our Grade 6 team also played to a regular season tie breaker and won to move on to our final battle in the semis!

Thank you to all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to drive the players to all of our away games...without you this wouldn't be possible! Thanks!! See you on the court :)

Coaches: Mr. Macdonald, Ms Baptist and Mme. Sulymko

***Do you have news or events to announce in an upcoming Bulletin?  
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