

BROWN BULLETIN

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FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - We are delighted to have many improvements to our building:

- Last summer our first floor hallway was tiled and the dry wall was replaced in many areas.
- The main floor hallway was painted in January.
- We have installed some new computer lines so that all staff can be connected to each other and to the Internet.
- During the March holiday, work began to install a new modern fire alarm system with horns in each room to replace the old bell system. A new sprinkler system is also being installed. This work should be completed by the end of May.
- All of the preparation work for a moveable wall between Rooms 30 and 31 has been completed. It is our understanding that the manufacturer will be delivering the wall panels on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 11. A crew from the TDSB Design and Construction Team will be here after classes have been dismissed for the day to install the wall panels.
- There is a new white board in Room 35.
- New exterior lighting and motion detectors for after-hours security will be installed throughout the building. New lighted exit signs will be placed at each entrance and stairway. Emergency lighting and a backup battery system will replace the old out-dated system.
- A security camera has been placed in the front entrance. The doors entering the school from Avenue Road will be locked when the children are in class and there will be a buzzer system for entrance to the building for postal deliveries etc.
- A new doorframe and door will replace the rusty door on the Avenue Road side of the school by the pool.

THEATRE PRODUCTIONS - All of our students have had an opportunity to see a theatre production here at Brown School. Our School Council has funded these shows and we thank them for their support in providing this enrichment for all of our students. The Primary English students saw Tales from an Empty Fridge on January 30. The Primary students in the French program enjoyed a performance of Le Rossignol, performed by Little Red Theatre, on February 12. On Tuesday, April 4, the entire Junior division enjoyed a presentation by Ballet Creole. Some of our talented staff members participated in the dancing at the conclusion of this production.

STUDENT TEACHERS - Our students from OISE have completed their placements with us and it was a pleasure to have them at our school. At this time, we welcome Natalie Knezeuc from the University of Windsor to Mrs. Diamond's JK classes. Ms Knezeuc will be with us until April 21.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS for their tremendous support at the Fall Fling and their donations to the Giving Tree. Your children are enjoying new equipment and enrichment materials, including goal post covers for the new sports field, musical instruments, music equipment, manipulative materials and other items, all of which enrich and enhance our students' programs.

Thursday April 20 & Friday April 21.....	School Wide Pediculosis Screening
Wednesday April 19.....	Grade 5 Badminton Tournament at Brown School
Wednesday April 19... ..	Parent Council Executive Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room.
Friday April 21.....	Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday April 25	City Finals Swim Meet at Central Technical School (no pool classes on this day)
Wednesday April 26.....	Pizza Lunch
Friday April 28.....	Presentation to Grades 5 and 6 students about Internet Safety
Monday May 1.....	TDSB Trustee Josh Matlow will visit Brown School
Tuesday May 2	A speaker from Anaphylaxis Canada will speak to our staff at lunch time
Saturday May 27.....	Garden Fete



CHESS NEWS - Brown School has a longstanding reputation for excellence in chess. After months of early morning and lunchtime practices, two teams from the Primary division and two teams from the Junior division, participated in the TDSB South Division finals at Bowmore Public School on March 29.



The results: Primary 1st and 2nd place; Junior 1st and 2nd place!!! Congratulations to all participants for their hard work, dedication and excellent standings. We move on to the city finals on April 10th at Harbourfront. Thank you to the parent volunteers who drove the teams to and from the competition. Many thanks to Mme. Josee and Mrs. Hazan for offering their time and sharing their talent with our teams!

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – The Outreach Committee will hold its next meeting on Friday, April 21 and will plan for the Committee's activities over the last term of the school year. Some ideas the students have suggested are a Book Drive, Food Drive as well as continuing our discussion of organizations that the Outreach Committee would donate money to. The students have been coming forward with lots of great ideas and research of organizations to support. Feel free to discuss any ideas you may have with your child; we welcome all input and discussion.



GRADE SIX YEARBOOK - The Grade 6 Yearbook Committee needs your photos! We are looking for pictures from all activities over this school year for possible inclusion in the Grade 6 Yearbook. Pictures of team sports, clubs and trips

would be great – Cross Country meets, football games, the Dance-a-Thon, the trip to the Toronto Island School, special school assemblies, Halloween, Chess Club or any other activity!

Also, each Grade 6 student is asked to send in a copy of a favourite baby photo to be included in the yearbook - please include name of student with your submission. Please send pictures to: yearbook2006@brownschool.ca if sending digitally, or drop them off in Claire Angus Caplan's mail box in the school office.

The Yearbook Committee is just starting to work on the content, design and layout of this year's yearbook and we are looking for anyone with a connection to a printing company who could assist in the **production and printing** of the yearbook. Please contact Karen Janes at 416-961-3993.

PARKING/PICKUP SAFETY - We hope that everyone has had a chance to read over the recommended drop off and pick up safety procedures that were handed out with the mid-term report cards. There still seems to be a number of people using the parking garage as a drive thru/drop off zone which is extremely unsafe. As well, a lot of cars are being double parked in the garage in order to drop off or pick up students. This garage is for teacher parking only!

GARDEN FETE - The Brown School Annual Garden Fete will be on Saturday, May 27. Please mark this day in your calendar as you will not want to miss the fun and activities that are being planned. Volunteer coordinators will be looking for support on this day - please contact Yvonne Harding at: harding99@rogers.com if you are available to help out.

PEDICULOSIS SCREENING - A school-wide screening for lice will be conducted on Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21.

THANK YOU FROM THE HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM - We recently received a very nice card from one of the social workers involved in the Holiday Basket Program that Brown participates in each year, and we would like to share her comments with you:

"To a very special and generous classroom, I am writing this note on behalf of an amazing young woman and her family. She is fifteen years old and has overcome a great deal in her life -- more than any other student I have worked with in ten years as a social worker. Despite huge difficulties, however, she has kept her positive attitude throughout and is excelling at school. It is for these and many other reasons that I selected her and her family to receive your holiday basket this year.

"Words cannot express how delighted she was with all the things your class had collected for her and her family. She was most excited about the multiple Indigo gift cards as she is a true book lover and an avid reader and library visitor. To be able to go on a book-buying trip was a huge treat for this young woman.

"She and her family truly deserved special things this holiday season and on their behalf I'd like to thank you so much for your amazing collection of gifts: the books, the jewelry, the clothes and the gift cards."

These words alone should make all Brown families proud of the contributions that they make to our community. Thank you once again for all your support.

SPORTS CORNER



BADMINTON - The Grade 6 Co-Ed Badminton team won their first game of the season against Whitney Public School! The Coaches (Mr. Pare, Mr. Macdonald and Steve Pett) look forward to an exciting season. The team practices every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.

LUNCH SWIM PROGRAM - This swim program has been very successful this year! We are pleased with the number of students in all grade levels that have enjoyed the benefits of this recreational time in the pool. This program will continue to run Mondays and Wednesdays 12:00 -12:45 pm until the end of May 2006. We look forward to seeing your children!



JUNIOR SWIM TEAM - Our swim team has had a very exciting season and we have completed the Inter School swim competitions with outstanding results! All our junior team members have shown us dedication, devotion and drive. The team practice days at the pool have been well attended and a delight to coach.

During our practice days our team members have displayed both team spirit and an ability to work well together, and we believe that this positive atmosphere has helped us to work easily with our members. This year, we have put a great deal of focus on stroke development, and this coaching method has helped us to build and achieve a more efficient, effective stroke. The outcome has been a success, as our members have strong, streamlined strokes, which has increased their speed.

This season we have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Brian Carussa. Brian has been an inspiration filled with energy and encouragement for our students. It has been a pleasure to work with him.

We began our swim meets six weeks ago and we have competed with other wonderful junior swim teams such as Hillcrest, Deer Park, Franklin and Keele. We are very proud to announce that in our swim meets our Brown Junior Swim Team of 2006 holds a first place position! Congratulations to our Team!

The T.D.S.B. citywide swim finals are at Central Tech on Tuesday April 25, 2006 at 9:00 am sharp. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be re-taking all junior members swim times, reviewing skills, and correcting strokes; we feel that this is the fairest way to help us make our selection. It is very unfortunate that we will be unable to take all our members with us.

We would like to express to every member of our junior swim team how very proud you have made us; we thank all of you for such an outstanding swim season! We always appreciate the continuous support!

-- Vicky Jeffery and Victor Daigneau, Brown Aquatic Staff



COMING SOON WHEN THE WEATHER GETS WARMER: Girls Slo-Pitch, Boys Slo-Pitch and Co-Ed Track and Field Try-outs. Check the school website for more information to come soon!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT BROWN SCHOOL

Mr. Profiti arrived at Brown School in September 2004. Immediately, his genuine love of sport and fitness was apparent and began to influence our students and the whole Brown School community. Mr. Profiti was an influential and valuable resource as we planned and eventually installed the field turf in our playground.

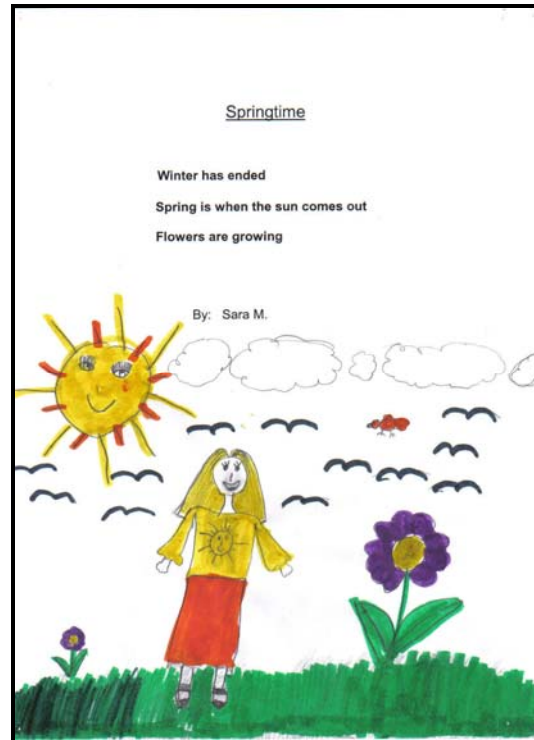
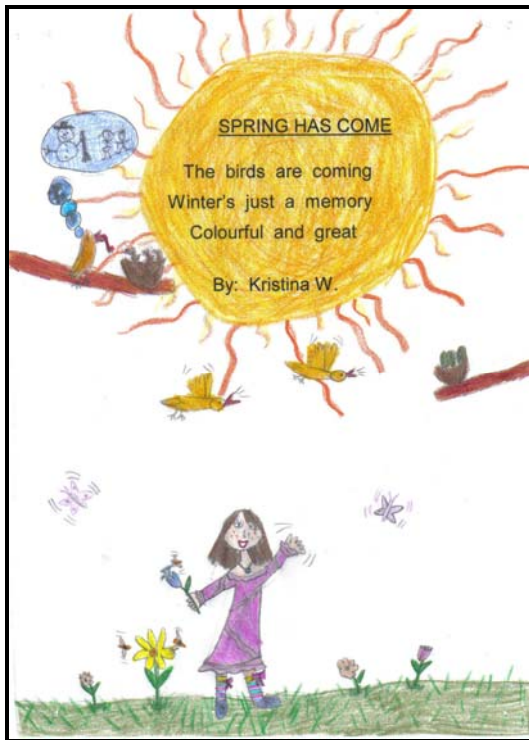
Under his guidance, our students in Grades 1 - 6 participate in two Phys. Ed. classes per week. Mr. P's focus is on skills development and the overall fitness of our children. He encourages participation by all, and recognizes and rewards good sportsmanship. In an effort to get a bit more physical activity into our student's days, Brown School was introduced to the "Health Hustle" - a 7-minute program that runs before announcements each morning. It's fun and fast and the kids love it.

Outside the school, Brown's teams have done amazingly well over the last two years with an increased turnout in participants, volunteers and supporters. Our Cross-Country team was comprised of over 175 students and posted excellent results in all levels with two teams finishing third overall. Mr. P. (with Mr. D.) led the Boys' junior football team to win the South Conference finals and City Championship. The Girls' football team went to win the South Conference final as did the Boys' basketball team. Brown's hockey team posted its best season in many years.

We are very proud of Mr. Profiti and all that he has accomplished for Brown School. We are pleased to announce that we have nominated Mr. P. for the Physical Education Teacher of the Year award presented by The Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance for 2006. Although we don't yet know the outcome of this award process, we at Brown School know that we have the best Phys. Ed teacher around - with or without an award!

Thank you Mr. P. for taking such an active role in inspiring the children at Brown to do their best and work so hard to incorporate physical activity and fitness into their lives.

IN THIS ISSUE, WE ARE PROUD TO DISPLAY WORK FROM OUR GRADE 2 AND 3 STUDENTS:



The Grade 3s in Room 23 Celebrate Spring!

The Grade 3s in Room 37 visited The Century School House to complement a social studies unit about Early Settlers. Many of our students wore clothing like the students would have worn in 1890. When the children returned to school, they wrote in role as a student from that period:

Par Mercer

Je m'appelle Henry. J'ai neuf ans et j'ai un frère et une soeur. Mon frère s'appelle Jacob. Ma soeur s'appelle Edith. Ma maman cuisine, lave les vêtements, repasse les vêtements. Elle prend soin de moi, mon frère et de ma soeur. Mon père a et gère une compagnie de briques. Ma tâche c'est de sécher les pièces de bois. Mon enseignante s'appelle Mme Taylor. Elle est très sévère. On a lu. On a fait un test d'orthographe, un test de mathématiques. Quand on était puni, c'était très drôle. John a dû mettre son nez dans un cercle écrit au tableau.

Par Betsy

Chère Betsy,

Je m'appelle Sarah. Je suis en 3ème année. C'est très amusant. J'ai huit ans. J'ai deux soeurs: Catherine et Mary. J'ai deux frères: Charles et Robert. Je dois cueillir les baies chaque matin. L'école est très différente ici mais c'est très amusant. J'ai une amie Anna. Notre école est différente de la tienne parcequ'on a une station d'eau. Tu as un lavabo. On a un orgue. Tu as un piano.

Aurevoir,
Sarah

As part of their studies for Black History Month, the Grade 2/3 students in Room 28 researched and prepared biography reports on famous African-Canadians:

I read about my uncle, John Alleyne. He is famous because he was a popular solo dancer with Canada's National Ballet. In 1992 he became the artistic director of Ballet British Columbia. He studied ballet at the National Ballet School in Toronto. John Alleyne was born in Barbados in 1960. He came to Canada in 1965. -- by Myles

I read about Willie O'Ree. He is famous because he was the first African Canadian to play in the NHL. He played for the Boston Bruins and played defense. He was number 2. Willie O'ree was born in 1947. -- by Conor

I read about Mary Ann Shadd. She is famous because she was the first woman publisher in North America. By establishing the Provincial Freeman with Rev. Ringgold Ward, she passed on information about the anti-slavery movement. Mary Ann Shadd was born in Canada in 1823. -- by Sarah