

BROWN BULLETIN

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The **Dance-a-Thon** was another very successful event for our school. The children loved the Beach Day! There were many smiles at Brown School on February 24. It is such fun to have school-wide activities that bring us together. Thank you to everyone for their support and enthusiasm! Our School Council and parent volunteers helped to make the day a success. Thank you to Karen Janes and Claire Caplan and their committee for their efforts. Let's hope that it will not be long before we are wearing our sandals and sunblock each day.

MAMMA MIA! - All of our Grade 5 students have been participating in dance instruction during gym class directed by Mrs. Mimi Doherty. On Tuesday, February 28 the children performed a dance to the popular music from Mamma Mia! for their parents. We are very proud of our students' accomplishments. Thank you to our parents and School Council for their support with this initiative.

CTMI - We are delighted to inform you about the arrival of 52 brand new computers for our school under the CTMI program (Classroom Technology Migration Initiative). The computers will be an asset to the technology initiatives at Brown School. We expect that everything will be up and running smoothly soon.

Sabrina's Law.
heard about it?

ANAPHYLAXIS CANADA - Life threatening allergies are becoming more common in our society. While peanuts and tree nuts seem to be the most common allergens, other substances such as sesame, shell fish and dairy products can cause a severe (anaphylactic) reaction in some individuals. The research to

date has not conclusively determined the reasons for this increase, however, a lot of work has been done on how to prevent exposures, recognize an anaphylactic reaction and how to treat a person in urgent need.

On January 1, 2006, Sabrina's Law was enacted and introduced into all public schools in Ontario. Named after a young girl who died after eating french fries that had come in contact with peanut protein, Sabrina's Law requires all schools to have a protocol for preventing exposure and ensuring the rapid and most appropriate treatment for a child exposed to an allergen.

On March 23rd at 2:30pm, a representative of Anaphylaxis Canada (www.anaphylaxis.org) will be at Brown to present the facts and myths associated with severe allergies, how to recognize a reaction and what to do in case of an emergency, including a demonstration on how to use an epipen. The presentation will run for about 20 minutes and then there will be time for questions.

If you or someone you know has a severe allergy, if you've ever been concerned about having a child's friend at your home, or if you simply wish to learn more about severe allergies, please attend this very informative and practical session.

Friday, March 10.....	Last Day of the Winter Term
Monday March 13 to Friday March 17.....	March Holiday (no classes for students)
Monday, March 20.....	Welcome Back to our Third and Final Term
Wednesday, March 22.....	Pizza Lunch
Thursday March 23.....	Presentation for parents from Anaphylaxis Canada (2:30 PM Library)
Friday, March 24.....	Graduation Photos (Grade 6 students)
Friday, March 24.....	Junior Swim Meet (Deer Park at Brown Pool)
Monday, March 27.....	Report Cards are sent home
Friday, March 31.....	PA Day - Reporting to Parents (no Classes for students)
Tuesday April 4.....	Ballet Creole presentation for Junior Students (1:00 PM in the Gym)

Do you have news or events to announce in a future Bulletin? Please send the details to bulletin@brownschool.ca.



MUSIC AT BROWN SCHOOL

Our entire school benefits from having a dedicated full-time music teacher and several itinerant teachers. Mr. Ellis is our full-time teacher, Ms. Jacot instructs Band, Ms. Szubert conducts the Strings rehearsals and Mrs. McQuillan teaches Orff to several of our classes.

Since Mr. Ellis and his guitar arrived at Brown, he has been encouraging our students to embrace and appreciate music and to involve themselves in any number of extracurricular music programs. This year, as our full-time music teacher, Mr. Ellis teaches some 20 classes per week, working with each and every one of our children, from JK to grade 6. In addition to his classroom work, Mr. Ellis leads three choirs during the lunch program, helps to organize concerts and performances throughout the year, and still finds time to help coach a number of Brown's sports teams.

Under Mr. Ellis' guidance, the music program at Brown continues to grow. We added many new instruments to our collection this year through donations received at the Fall Fling and the school's commitment to offering a strong music program. There are now over 35 students participating in the band and strings programs, with a further 100 students in the junior choir. Next year, Mr. Ellis hopes to be able to incorporate computer-assisted recording technology into the classroom. The school has purchased recording equipment and microphones for student use.

As your children will agree, Mr. Ellis' magic is that he knows how to capture his student's interests and current music trends and incorporate them into Brown's music program. Whether it's "The Hockey Song", the latest from Green Day or the soundtrack from Curious George, Mr. Ellis finds music that inspires and teaches. If he can't find it, he writes it himself!

Next time you are visiting the school, take a moment to listen to the tunes coming from Room 16 and encourage your children to share with you some of what they have learned in their music classes. You will be pleased with what you hear and you may just find yourself singing along too!



NUTRITION INFORMATION MONTH - The month of March is Nutrition Information Month. During this time our Nursing student Mr. Zaid will teach some of the classes the importance of eating healthy snacks and the importance of having a good breakfast.

HEALTHY SNACKING - It is common for children to get hungry between meals. Snacks are important for children to help them grow and give them energy. Snacks should include two to three of the four food groups and be light and nutritious. Choose a variety of snacks everyday. Here are some fun snacking suggestions:

Vegetable sticks and dips
Crackers, pita or roti with cheese or humus, etc.
Cold pizza slices
Hard-boiled and deviled eggs
Egg rolls, samosas, bean burritos
Fresh fruit
Yogurt, milkshakes, fruit smoothies

Remember when buying fruit juices to look for "100% juice" on the label to make sure you're getting the real thing. If "100% juice" is not on the label that can mean that your child is drinking mainly sugar and water.

Please be reminded that all lunches, snacks and other food sent with your child to Brown School must be 100% nut-free. Please read the labels of all pre-packaged food before sending them to school, and remember that any food labeled "may contain nuts", "may have come in contact with nuts" and similar are not considered to be nut-free.

SPORTS CORNER



BOYS BASKETBALL - The 2005-2006 Boys Basketball season has come to an end. After winning the UCC Tournament, the team continued their success throughout the regular season by winning all 6 games. The quarter finals soon approached and yet again the Boys came up with a strong game beating Valley Park. In the

semi-finals the team continued their winning ways by defeating Gordon A. Brown and advancing to the South Conference Finals against Westwood. With approximately 200 screaming fans from Brown School in attendance, the team faced their most difficult test all year long. The team put up a great effort but fell short in the end.

The Boys should be congratulated for earning the very first Boys Basketball banner to hang in the school gym. The coaches (Mr. Wittenberg and Mr. Profiti) would like to thank the team for the great memories and for exceeding expectations this year. A big thank you also to the parents of the team members who have been so supportive of Boys Basketball this year. A final thank you goes out to the staff and administration at Brown for their continued support of extra-curricular activities.

We look forward to next years Basketball season. ("Who wants the ball? We want the ball! 1,2,3 BROWN!")



ICE HOCKEY - Move over Toronto Maple Leafs - this city has a team that plays with heart! The Brown School Ice Hockey Team proved that the hardest working team, not the most skilled team, can win when they believe in themselves!

Our school team was not expected to have very much success this year but they soon silenced the critics. After a 3 and 3 record we found ourselves tied for the last play-off spot with Whitney Public School, a team that beat Brown soundly in the regular season. To determine which team would advance to the play-offs Brown and Whitney would square off in a one-game-play-off with the winner moving on to the quarter finals. After 3 periods of play the score was tied at 2. Overtime would settle nothing so the game moved into a shootout. The team won and advanced to the play-offs, Thanks to Captain Rhys Evenson and Assistant Captain Tyler Allen who both scored in the shootout, and to Goalie Alex Fotinos for stopping all Whitney shooters!

The quarter-finals took place two days later and Brown was in for a tough test against first place team Northlea Public School. Historically Northlea has been one of the strongest Jr. School Hockey teams, but Brown played their strongest game of the year managing to score very late in the game to tie it at 1, sending it to overtime. Just like their previous game, overtime settled nothing therefore another shootout was in order. The outcome in this shootout did not favour Brown and a very memorable hockey season came to an end.

The team should be very proud of their efforts. Great season, Team! Thank you to all parents, staff and office staff for all your support. (Coaches: Mr. Ellis and Mr. Profiti)



CO-ED BADMINTON - The Co-Ed Badminton team try-outs will start the week of March 6. A complete schedule of try-out dates is posted on the school website (www.brownschool.ca - Click Sports -> Teams -> Co-Ed Badminton) and is also posted outside of the gym. All morning try-outs start at 8:00 a.m.; after school

try-outs start at 3:45 p.m. The regular season begins on Monday March 27.

Good luck to all students who are trying out! (Coaches: Mr. Pare, Mr. Macdonald and Steve Pett.)



“The Dance-a-thon” by Amanda, Grade One

THE DANCE-A-THON WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! Our students had a fantastic time at the Dance-A-Thon and were proud to have raised funds to support Brown School and our Outreach initiatives.

We are proud to share words about this event from some of our Grade 1 students:

A Special Day!!! by: Keith in Grade One

Last week we got pledge cards for the dance-a-thon to take home. We had to raise money for the school. We brought them in. Then we went to the Dance-a-thon on Friday, February 24 at nine o'clock sharp. We wore beach clothes. We had on shorts, t-shirts, hats, and sandals. When we got to the gym we got glow in the dark bracelets. Then the DJ played music. We danced to all kinds of music like the Chicken Dance and You Got to Move It, Move It! We learned to do actions. Then we did the limbo. Soon the dance-a-thon was over and we left. When we walked out we got water bottles to cool us off.

The Dance-a-thon by: Isaac in Grade One

We went to the gym for the dance-a-thon. Everyone was screaming with excitement. First we all got glow bracelets. Then we all danced to the music. After the dance-a-thon we all got a bottle of water.

A Fun Day by: Ale in Grade One

First we had to raise money for the Dance-a-thon. We brought our pledge cards in. We wore beach clothes and at the dance they played good songs. We did the Chicken Dance. Then we did Sponge Bob. Next we did the Limbo. Then after we left the gym we got water to drink.

Mitra
1ère année

C'est le dance-a-thon.
J'aime danser avec mes amis.
Je porte un bracelet.
Les bracelets brillent dans le noir.
Mon bracelet est bleu.
Madame danse avec les amies.

Juliet
1ère année

C'est le dance-a-thon.
J'aime danser avec mes amies.
Je danse le limbo avec mes amis.
C'est amusant de danser.
Tout le monde rit et danse.
J'aime beaucoup le dance-a-thon.