

CINCO DE MAYO 2009

Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School's Bulldog Bulletin



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Mark your calendar for our many events...

Our Successful Year Draws to an End

Dear Dr. Brown Family,

Well, another productive month in the books and we have approximately 6-weeks left, for a strong finish to a great year. The official last day of school for students will be June 12th. This is a change from info reported in last month's bulletin. Please plan accordingly. Be on the look-out for upcoming end-of-the-year events and activities, many of which are mentioned later in this newsletter.

With warmer weather upon us, students have begun to change their dress from winter to spring and now to summer wear. Parents, please refer back to our Board of Education's dress code for the appropriate

attire. This information may also be found in the [bright yellow] Dr. Brown Handbook you received in the beginning of the year. As the weather continues to change, it will also be important to follow the policy for footwear, particularly since our students will venture outside from time-to-time, with PE Class, Science (Wetlands),

recess and intermediate field day [coming May 14th]. Remember soft-soled flip flops or beach wear is prohibited as they pose a safety hazard for our students. The Dr. Brown dress code, which follows county policy, is also available on our website.

This week we are celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4th – May 8th). Please feel free to partake in honoring your child's teachers, past, present or future. Refer to the [one page] flyer that came home last week, for details. Not only will our PTO be busy helping with week's celebrations, but it is also time to elect new PTO officers (for next school year). Please join us tonight, May 5th, at 6:30 to help select officers, begin making preparations for end of the year and to start planning future activities. Selected 4th graders will present the PTO program.

One reminder before closing, parents please remind your children that while we encourage all students to enjoy recess, we will continue to enforce the expectation, that no one is permitted to participate in any sort of 'play' that involves physical contact of any

kind. Such play or games are not allowed; no exceptions. This includes tag, football, play-fighting, wrestling, etc. These activities have proven problematic time and time again. Our goal is for students to have a safe and positive end to their school year. Thanks for your support in this area.

Additionally, I would like to thank you for supporting all of our efforts all year long. Our working together toward the same goal (developing smart students and productive citizens) has made our job of educating your children much easier. For this we are grateful and hopeful that as we near the end of another year, our home/school/community relationship will remain strong and in-tact for years to come. I hope you enjoy the rest of our newsletter and please give special attention to all the activity dates [and changes] on the back page. Thanks for reading; have a good month.

Sincerely,

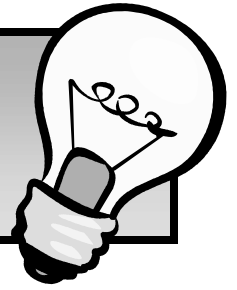
Marvin L. Jones,
Principal



Simple Ideas:

Summer Fun: Pick Up a Good Book and Read

by Deborah M. Brown, Vice Principal



Summer is right around the corner and your children will have lots of free time. Teaching the love of reading to children is a great gift and it will help to fill those long, lazy days of summer. Some children have a natural love for books; others wouldn't mind if they never learn to read. Here are some ideas for giving your children the desire to read.

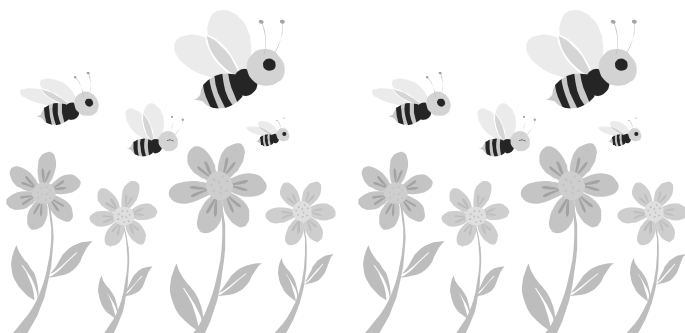
- Children watch their parents. From the time they are born, they are constantly imitating us. They copy all that we do, good or bad. Reading is no exception. If your child sees you reading a book, he or she will want to do it as well. Children may not see the fun in reading if they never see their parents doing it.
- Always have books available to your child. Even before your child can read, they can enjoy the pictures they see in books. Most books have reading levels indicated somewhere on the cover to help parents choose books for their children. We are lucky to have a library right in our community. The librarians will be glad to help you and your child. Check into their summer reading programs. They are usually excellent.
- Set a time to read each day. Perhaps a time in the middle of the afternoon

or at bedtime. You will be amazed at how quickly the whole family will look forward to this time.

- Spend time reading to your child and also letting your child read to you. Let your child ask questions about what you are reading or tell you something the story reminds them of. When you're done reading a book, ask your child questions about the characters or about what happened in the story. Ask them how they feel about the story.
- Children often become attached to one particular book. In some ways, this is a good thing. They remember a lot of the words because it has been read to them several times. It is a good idea to give your child some variety. You want to keep your child excited about reading and fresh words and pictures combine for fresh interest in reading more and more books.
- Books on tape are a great idea for trips in the car. Time passes more quickly when you are engaged in an interesting activity. You may get fewer, "Are we there yet?" questions.

The most important thing to do is support your child's interests. If your son loves superheroes, be sure to have some books that are about those characters. If your daughter wants to be an astronaut, then have books about space and astronauts. The purpose is helping your child to want to read; they have to want to. Make reading fun, and you will have a child that grows up loving to read.

Happy reading this Summer!



2nd Annual Dr. Brown Elementary School PTO

Carnival

Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ⊗ Clowns
- ⊗ Balloon Animals
- ⊗ Face Painting
- ⊗ Cotton Candy
- ⊗ Sno Cones
- ⊗ Food & Drinks



Petting Zoo
from 12 noon
'til 2:00 p.m.

News Briefs...

Save Your Change

Dr. Brown students are having a change war throughout the month of April and May. The grade level that collects the most change throughout the month will have the chance to see their teachers get a pie in the face. All monies will be donated to the Dr. Brown Relay for Life team which will then be turned over to the American Cancer Society.

Field Day Fun for Primary Students

A big thank you for all parents and students who helped make Primary Field Day a huge success. The smiles, giggles, and sweaty foreheads of our kindergarten, first and second graders made this activity one to remember! The children had lots of fun; as did the teachers and parents.

Dream Team to Compete at IHES

On Wednesday, May 27, Dr. Brown's Dream Team will be heading to Indian Head Elementary School to compete with nine other elementary schools at the annual Dream Team Summit! Wish them well as they race to "capture the flag" and the title of being the most responsible, energetic, and best behaved team in attendance!

Spring Concert

Mark your calendar for the Spring Concert on Thursday, May 28 for performances at 2:15 and 7:00 pm. The performing groups will include band, chorus, and strings.

You Can't Leave Brown Without It

5th Graders must provide two current Proofs of Residency prior to the Promotion Exercises.

Words are more than just talk...

May is Better Speech, Language, and Hearing Awareness Month

"Blair's mother Blanche bleaches blue blouses and black blazers."
"She runs like lightning."

Can you repeat the two sentences using the correct pronunciation, loudness level, and rate of speech, as well as comprehend and explain the meaning of those two sentences with or without picture cues? If you can, you should thank your parents, classroom teachers, and specialists such as a Speech and Language Pathologist for providing speech and language models.

Communication disorders (Speech/Language/Hearing) can occur at any age from birth to adulthood which may have resulted from an illness, accident, or disease. Some typical communication disorders include: fluency/stuttering, articulation, voice, receptive and expressive language, and or dysphagia (swallowing).

As the Speech and Language Pathologist at Dr. Brown, Mrs. LaShaun Rodgers would like to thank the dedicated, supportive parents, classroom teachers, and specialists, who continue to provide age-appropriate speech and language models to facilitate speech and language development throughout the school day and at home for the students here at Dr. Brown Elementary.

If you would like to learn more about communication disorders you may contact Mrs. Rodgers at the school, or the American Speech Language and Hearing Association at www.asha.org



5th Graders Make a Splash

On Wednesday, May 6th the fifth graders will be heading to Lackey High School for the in-the-pool segment of their Water Safety Program. On that day all fifth graders are asked to bring a packed lunch and a drink. First and last name should be written on the lunch bag. Students are also reminded of what to bring in their pool bag: a bathing suit, a towel, a long pair of pants, a long sleeved shirt, a large plastic bag, and underwear.

Field Day Celebrates 32 Years of Fun

On Thursday, May 14, 2009 the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be participating in their annual Field Day. The Red and Blue Teams will be competing for the 32nd year! Which team will secure the most points this year? The students are also currently working on a finale which will leave everyone speechless! Come join the fun and watch your favorite students run, jump, and throw for the gold!

Dancers to Perform at John's Walk

On Saturday, May 16, 2009 the 9th Annual John's Walk for Cystic Fibrosis will be held at Stoddert Middle School. The Dr. Brown student dancers have been asked to be part of the entertainment at the "kick-off" ceremony starting at 9:00 am. All fourth or fifth grade students are encouraged to represent Dr. Brown School in this activity. Permission slips are still available for this community service project. For more information concerning John's Walk please visit: http://www.somdnews.com/stories/03202009/indycov111720_32194.shtm



Order your copy now !



The Dr. Brown 2008-2009 Yearbook

The 2008-2009 school year at Dr. Brown is packed full of learning, and fun activities. Help your child to remember this special year by ordering your copy of the yearbook today. Yearbooks will be delivered in June, 2009.

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Yes! Please place my yearbook order !

Please reserve a copy of Dr. Brown's 2008-2009 Yearbook for my child.

Child's Name _____

Teacher _____ Grade: PK K 1 2 3 4 5

Number of Yearbooks: _____ x \$14.00 each = Total enclosed: \$ _____

Yearbooks will be delivered in June, 2009.

\$14.00



Perfect Attendance

Monthly - Students with **perfect attendance** for a month will be recognized at the quarterly assemblies and receive monthly certificates. **Perfect Attendance** means that students are **at school everyday for the month, arriving at school on time and remaining in school all day.**

Year to Date - Students with **exemplary attendance** will be recognized at quarterly assemblies. **Exemplary Attendance** means that students are **absent 3 days or less with few late arrivals or early dismissals.**

FEBRUARY additions: Christian Calacan and Xavier Jarmon

MARCH

Demetrius Bennett, Selah Calacan, Nathaniel Quick, Kaylin Urrego-Gallo, Tasia Williams, Nia Strong, Andre Barbour, Kashaun Bowman, Jalen Crump, Isaac Hyson, Melanie Molina, Madison Norton, Triatian Cole, Lisa Fleet, Alex Jackson, Brianna McMillon, Symone Proctor, Jabari Rogers, Payton Whisler, Alexis Boswell, Christian Chavez, Bryce Lewis, Bria McCallam, Joshua Price, Kaliyah Rogers, Alyssa Blackwell, Christian Collins, Elizabeth Dion, Kaitlyn Heard, Gael Herrera-Rauda, Erynne Rodgers, Pape Sow, Thomas Floss, Leila Ibrahim, Dorian Kilroy, Braxton Lewis, Kristen Valencia, Ladainian Williams, Najee Wilson, Mackenzie Darden, Keivon Diggs, Tony Estes, Ariana Bell, Kavon Burks, Christian Calacan, Collin Ryles, Jared Smith, T'Asia Wheeler, Trevon Brown, Jaymon Franklin, Jevon Hamilton, Shaniah Johnson, Immanuel Leonard, Terrell Robbins, Brianna Strong, Jshaun Wallace, Jasmine Washington, Pierre Dela Cruz, Daijha Gray, Keyshaun Jones, Malek Sesay, Asia Thompson, Destany Adams, Medrick Ellis, Jada Duckett, Derrick Fleet, Austin Fontaine, Tyler Harding, Noemi Hatch, Ashleigh Johnson, Demetri Morsell, Mehdi Mourtaj, Lauren Plater, Daryl Raguindin, Laquana Tullis, Langston White, Keeshaun Allen, Daniel Bonilla, Inaya Cheaver, Nicholas Knight, Shanice Myers, Lakaiya Renaud, Gabriela Altamirano, Avery Darden, Destiny Jones, Edward Love, Paul Massey, Brianna Mincy, Tyler Quick, Ethan Snider, Kanise Thomas-Bowman, Alpha Barry, Kiyara Bess, Andre Harris, Brandon Lewis, London McAdams, Merwan Mourtaj, Nijm Tullis, Faith Whitehead, Jason Wilson, David Bennett, Kira Chavez, Nigel Crockett, Kyla Harris, Nicholas Higgs, Zachary Jenkins, Corey Miles, Ayanna Smith, Marquise Taylor, Ana Altamirano, Alesia Brooks, Jeanne Dela Cruz, Sihloe Finfera, Alyssa Harley, Alyssa Howard, Quinton Hutchinson, Scott Logue, Leah Pennington, William Reynolds, Alyssa Thompson, Samantha Vasquez, Dandre Clark, Michael Clark, Jasmyn Harris, Kyle McDermott, Natecia Phillips, Olivia Plater, Antonio Randolph, Stephau Renaud, Amber Swann, Melvin Young, Brianna Buckner, Zachary Call, Javon Craven, Christopher Cruz, Joseph Duckett, Keyser Ibrahim, Cyle Martin, Justin Mothershead, Harlan Weber, Diamante Winters.

Pre-K & Kindergarten

Register Daily: 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Pre-Kindergarten

students must be 4 years old by September 1st

Please bring: Birth Certificate, Shot Record, and 2 proofs of residency, guardianship papers (if applicable), any court papers (if applicable), and registration packet to be filled out at school.

Kindergarten

Please bring: 2 **new** proofs of residency, updated shot record, guardianship papers (if applicable), any court papers (if applicable) and registration packet to be filled out at school.



MAGNIFICENT MATHEMATICIANS

As students become fluent in their math facts at designated operations and levels, they will be recognized for their accomplishments. The operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division will be performed on numerals 0-9 at different fact levels. The fact levels for each operation are 0-3 (6+2 or 3-1), 4-6 (8+6 or 9x5), and 7-9 (0x7 or 9-9). Fluent means that students show 100% accuracy using FAST MATH at each level for each operation. When all facts 0-9 are mastered, then students will work on facts 0-12. Students in 2nd grade will do fact levels 0-1, 2-3, 4-6 & 7-9.

ADDITION 0-1: Shanya Wallace, Jada Arroyo, Megan Brown, Lashay Renaud, Jasmine Washington, Abriana Day

ADDITION 2-3: Jeffery Newbold

ADDITION 0-3: Faith Whitehead, Kira Chavez, Tyrique Farmer, Kyana Jernigan, Edward Love, Jada Duckett

ADDITION 4-6: Tatyana Redfern, Tyrese Watts, TyRae Farmer, Kanise Thomas-Bowman, Darius Wilson, Brandon Butler, Stephau Renaud, Makayla Soper, Alyssa Harley, Cornelius Lucas, Dandre Clark, Decorey Gray, Cameron Bonner, Gabriela Altamirano

ADDITION 7-9: Tyler Harding, Alyssa DeFelice, Brianna Buckner, Jalen Coleman, Emily Snider, Gyanni Dickey, Jenny Huang, Daquan Douglas, Jailyn Darden, Allan Clerkin, Natalie Fleet, Noemi Hatch, Ashleigh Johnson

SUBTRACTION 0-3: Marissa Adams, Quintin Butler, Nathan Stark

SUBTRACTION 4-6: Nigel Crockett, Jalyn Thomas, Jontel Armstead, Alyssa Howard, Brandon Lewis, Margaret Gray,

SUBTRACTION 7-9: Margaret Gray, Scott Logue, Keyser Ibrahim

MULTIPLICATION 4-6: Lavar Tyer

MULTIPLICATION 7-9: Alexis Anderson, Lavar Tyer, Daniel Bonilla

DIVISION 0-3: Ethan Snider,

DIVISION 4-6: Merwan Mourtaj

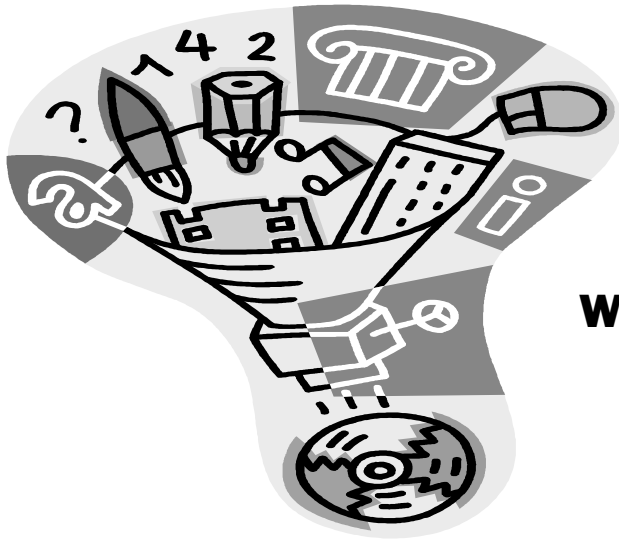
DIVISION 7-9: Keeshaun Allen, Kenneth Hartmann

ADDITION 0-12: Kenneth Hartmann, Antonio Randolph



See you at Stoddert

Learn what's available from Charles County Schools



presented by

McDonough High School
Stoddert Middle School
Dr. Brown Elementary School

Wednesday, May 13 • 6:00 - 7:30 pm

at

Benjamin Stoddert Middle School
2040 St. Thomas Drive

Child Care will be provided *free of charge* for children ages 3 through 11

Sessions begin at 6:00 • Food and Fellowship in the Cafeteria at 7:00

Please RSVP to Ms. Miller at 301-645-1334,
or return the bottom portion of this form to your child's teacher

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

YES, _____ will attend the Informational Evening at Stoddert Middle School on May 13th
number of adults

There will be _____ children ages 3-7 and _____ children ages 8-11

We plan to attend the following TWO sessions:

- _____ Online resources to support my child's education
- _____ The Gifted Education Continuum
- _____ Financial Planning in tough economic times
- _____ Helping my child with organization



Pride

Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about how important it is to feel proud when he or she has done a good job. To help promote pride, self-confidence and future goal setting, celebrate accomplishments whenever a goal is reached. Participating in school spirit activities is a way of showing school pride.



Brown's Bag of Events

Week of May 4

Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 5: Cinco de Mayo

Teacher Appreciation Day
PTO Meeting, featuring our 4th Grade students, and nominations for the next PTO Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

Mothers' Day

Week of May 11

4th Quarter CCPS Assessments, grades 1- 5

Monday, May 11

Interim Progress Reports issued

Wednesday, May 13

2-Hour Early Dismissal:
AM Pre-K attends. No PM Pre-K.
Informational Meeting & Fellowship, presented by Dr. Brown, Stoddert, and McDonough at Stoddert Middle School, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 14

Intermediate Field Day, grades 3 through 5.

Saturday, May 16

PTO Spring Carnival

Wednesday, May 20

Building Service Workers' Day

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day

Schools Closed

Wednesday, May 27

Bus Drivers' Appreciation Day

Thursday, May 28

Band, Strings & Chorus Concert, 2:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 29

Dr. Brown's Career Day, grades 4 & 5.

Tuesday, June 2

PTO Meeting & Election of Officers, 6:30

Monday, June 8

Honor Roll Assembly: grade 5, 9:45 a.m.
5th Grade Farewell Activity, 12:00 noon

Tuesday, June 9

2-Hour Early Dismissal: PM Pre-K attends.

Wednesday, June 10

Pre-K Promotion Ceremony, 9:45 a.m.
Pre-K Report Cards issued.
Honor Roll Assembly: grades 1 & 2, 11:15 a.m.
2-Hour Early Dismissal, 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, June 11

Kindergarten Promotion Ceremony, 9:45 a.m.
Honor Roll Assembly: grades 3 & 4, 11:15 a.m.
2-Hour Early Dismissal, 1:40 p.m.
Volunteer Luncheon, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12: Last Day for Students

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony, 9:45 a.m.
2-Hour Early Dismissal, 1:40 p.m.
Report Cards issued.

Complete calendar and contact information is posted on our website: www.ccboe.com/brown

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