

Dr. Gustavus Brown Elementary School's Bulldog Bulletin



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Dream it. Plan it. Speak it. Live it...

It's Always a Season for Learning

Dear Dr. Brown Family,

The weather is changing and the holidays are coming. Please allow this article to be one of our first reminders of the season that is upon us and all that comes with it. Items I would like to mention here include being prepared for cooler weather, following guidelines for celebrations and feasts, inviting families out to upcoming events and keeping students focused during this exciting time of year.

A few months into the school year and it's time to break out the jackets, only to be followed by coats and hats real soon.

As cooler weather approaches, please remember how vital it is that students are dressed properly.

Winter weather also seems to usher in the "cold season" as well, so please be sure to help everyone stay healthy during this time. You may contact the school, if assistance is needed in helping to keep students warm when it is cold out. We still believe that being a "family" means that we look out for each other when we can...

As for the many school wide celebrations scheduled to occur, I would ask that parents pay careful attention to the notices and/or flyers coming home, particularly regarding the provision of food items [for

Thanksgiving feasts]. We are no longer permitted to provide home-prepared foods for students to consume at school. All food/meal items must be store-bought and include a list of ingredients. This, of course, is to protect the health of all children, especially those with food allergies. Thanks for your understanding.

Next, as you continue through this newsletter, you will read about several of our upcoming Fall/Winter events; others will be listed on the back page. Please mark your calendars for the following: schools are closed for 3-days for Thanksgiving break, our Winter music program is on the evening of December 3rd (combined with the PTO meeting), Dr. Brown's Secret Shop runs during the week of December 7th through the 11th, our Drop and Shop night will be on December 11th, Breakfast with Santa will be on the 12th and Winter break starts after school on December 18th. We look forward you all being a part of all that we do, which also includes helping students stay academically focused during the holiday season.

Most everyone tends to be a little excited as Thanksgiving and Winter break approach. As always, our challenge is to balance the students' excitement, so that we are still able to accomplish quality work

and high level results while allowing children to enjoy the season. We will continue to do all we can but I am asking for your help in encouraging the children and tempering the fun; we all know that too much excitement is not always the best thing for the school environment.

Lastly, please allow me this opportunity to publicly thank members of our "Brown" family for volunteering their time and expertise in operating our book fair back in mid-October. Under Mrs. Holmes and Ms. Krueger's guidance, the following parents are to be individually recognized and highly commended for their helpful assistance with our book fair: *Mrs. Givens, Mrs. Dieffenbach, Ms. Cole, Mrs. Armstead, Mrs. Sky Moats, Ms. Bobbie Moats, Mrs. Lydia Monroe Turner, Mrs. Julian Turner, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. McCallam, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Tayman, Mrs. Niespodzinski, Mrs. Amey, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Kitts, Mrs. Fleury, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Safewright, Mrs. Kilroy, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Martinez, Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. Naves and Mrs. Cheaver.* Thank you all so much; the level of success we achieved, would have been extremely difficult without your help.

Sincerely,

Marvin L. Jones
Principal

News Briefs...

Students Selected for Brown's Dream Team

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Dream Team. Selected from the 4th and 5th Grades were: Ethan Snider, Ashley Deare, Noemi Hatch, Keeshaun Allen, Langston White, Kenneth Hartmann, Alexis Anderson, Ciara Smith, Avery Darden, Danny Bonilla, Darius Wilson, Matthew Santos, Tyrese Watts, Zenobia Smith, Nigel Crockett, Brandon Lewis and Hein Nguyen.

We are looking forward to seeing the Dream Team in action next week during our First Annual Dream Team vs Dr. Brown Staff in Base On Balls.

Submit Your Candid Yearbook Photos Online

If you've got great photos of school events, field trips, assemblies, or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them for possible inclusion in the yearbook.

- Go to: <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- The username is 400005691 and the password is brown
- Select the photo(s) you wish to upload and enter your information, then save.

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is March 1, 2010.

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can or will be used in the book.

Student Work Selected for Art Show

Six entries have been selected to represent Dr. Brown Elementary School at the annual County First Bank Art Show. The theme this year was "All About Me." The following students have been invited to a special reception to be held at Mary Neale Elementary School on Thursday, November 19th at 6:45: Alia Coleman, Keeshaun Allen, Noemi Hatch, Montwan Jackson, Justin Purvis, and Aniya Sorrel.



These six pieces of art will compete against all the other elementary schools in Charles County for the grand prize. These entries and many more works of art that have been created so far this school year can be seen on Artsonia.com. Parents please make sure that Mrs. Stinehart has a current email address so you can be notified when a new piece of art has been published.

October's Attendance

We recognize the class within each grade level with the highest percentage of student attendance and on time arrival for the month. The winning classroom hosts a Dr. Brown Trophy for the following month and gets a popcorn party. School hours are from 9:20 AM to 3:50 PM.

Pre-K	PM Class
Kindergarten	Mrs. Butler
First Grade	Mrs. McDaniel
Second Grade	Mrs. Irwin
Third Grade	Mrs. Whisler
Fourth Grade	Mrs. Marjoram
Fifth Grade	Ms. Nelson & Mrs. Sheckells

The afternoon Pre-Kindergarten had the best attendance in the school!



Celebrate the Season

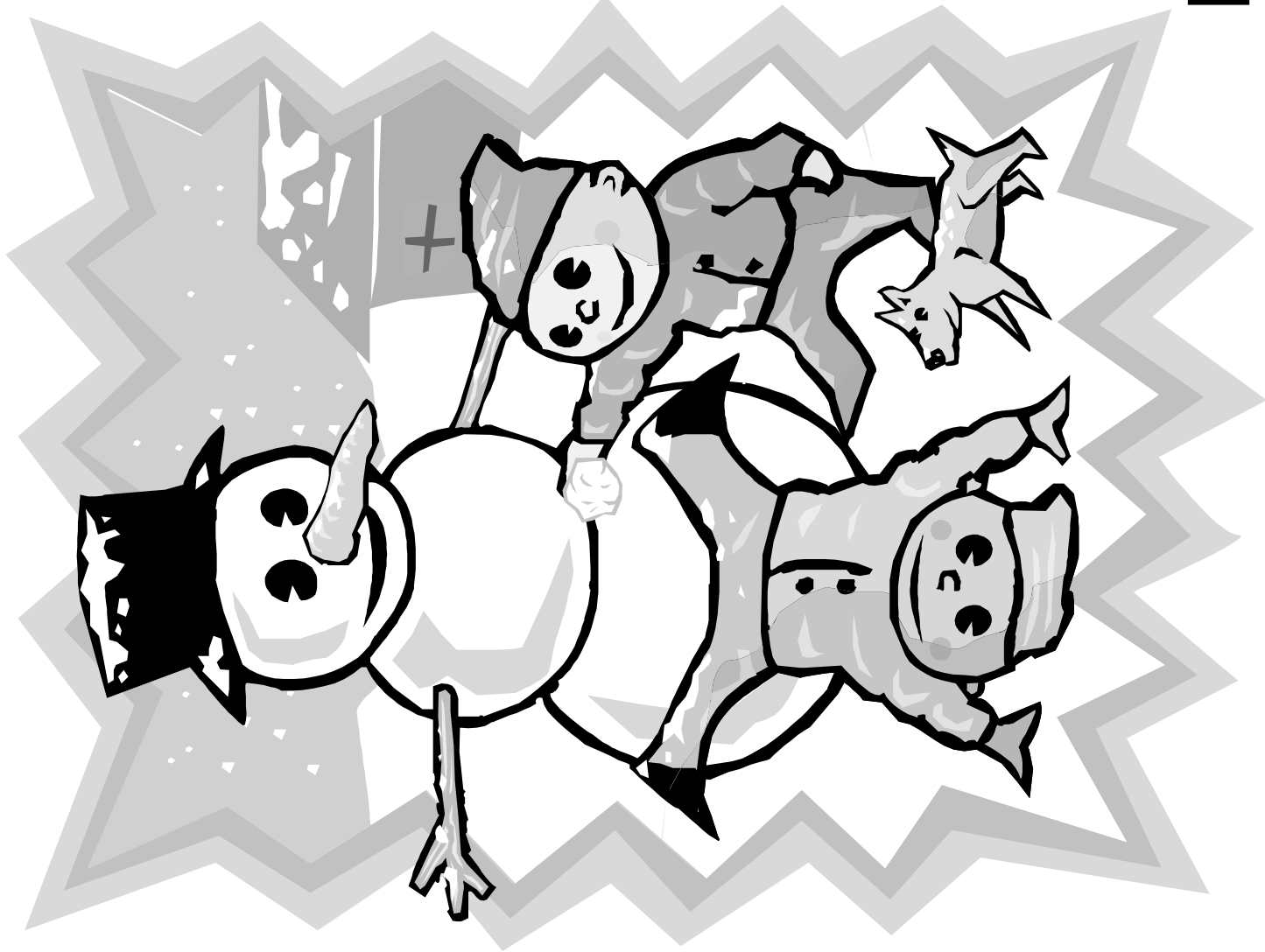
with Dr. Gustavus Brown's

Winter Concert

**Our House is a
Holiday House**
by Roger Emerson

featuring our 1st
Graders

plus performances



Self Discipline

Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about controlling their actions and the importance of making good choices when conflicts arise. Self discipline allows us to accomplish a certain task or to adopt a particular pattern of behavior, even though one would really rather be doing something else.



Brown's Bag of Events

Monday, November 16

American Education Week

Wednesday, November 18

American Freedom Week Ceremony, 9:45
Parent Visitation Day, 10 am - 12 noon

**Wednesday, November 25
through Sunday, November 29**

Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, December 1

Individual Picture Retakes/Make-Ups

Wednesday, December 2

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

Thursday, December 3

PTO Meeting, 6:30
Winter Musical Program, 2:45 & 7:00

Monday, December 7

Interim Progress Reports Issued

Friday, December 11

Hanukkah, begins at sunset
Holiday Drop & Shop, 7:00 to 10:00 PM

Saturday, December 12

PTO's Breakfast with Santa

**Monday, December 14
through Friday, December 18**

PTO's Holiday Shoppe

**Saturday, December 19
through Sunday, January 3**

Winter Holiday Break

Tuesday, January 12

Cherrydale Candy Sale begins
PTO Meeting, featuring 5th Grade, 6:30

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Friday, January 22

Semester Break, Student Holiday

Wednesday, January 27

2-Hour Early Dismissal. AM Pre-K attends.

Friday, January 29

Report Cards Issued

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

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