Hallway Happenings

This year students are being offered the opportunity to put their service into action through our Service Learning initiatives. Students and the entire BT community have participated in several collections. We collected food for Completely Kids during our annual food drive and diapers and wipes for YES during Homecoming Week.

This year our students have the opportunity to see where these collections go and how they are utilized. Seventh graders have and eighth graders will be going to the Completely Kids central location to package the weekend food bags. The students in the Completely Kids school programs take these home with them for the weekend. As the students are packaging the items, workers at Completely Kids are there to help guide the students and to talk about the program and why these weekend bags are so vital for the recipients. Our students will also take a tour of the facilities and are able to see some of the other programs offered by this organization.

I want to thank you for all you are doing to support and encourage your child to be active in our Service Learning initiatives. Our Points of Pride are put into practice through these opportunities and activities.

Halloween is in the Air

It is a tradition at BT to celebrate Halloween. This year we will have this celebration on Wednesday, October 28 because of conferences on October 29.

Students are allowed to wear costumes to school and throughout the school day. Please note that while few restrictions are placed on costumes, we want the older students to remember that we do have children as young as 3 on campus and ask that this is taken into consideration when developing costumes for the day.

Also weapons are not allowed and neither are references to drugs and alcohol. If your child has a question about the appropriateness of a costume, please have him/her contact me.

This day also has the MS and US students and faculty having a special pizza lunch with desserts and water provided by the Parents Association. Parents also assist in serving the students who are eating during their regularly scheduled lunch time. This is in lieu of the Halloween parties that take place in LS.

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

The first quarter Report Cards went “live” on Veracross today. You are able to see your child’s progress over the first quarter of school. Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30 are Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers at your convenience.

Thursday’s conferences are from 4:30 pm through 7:30 pm and Friday’s conferences are from 8:00 am through 12:00 pm. These conferences occur in the Scott Gymnasium and each teacher will have a station/table where he/she is able to meet with parents. Parents and students queue up to meet with the teachers on a first come basis. Mr. Harrell and I will have duplicates of the report cards in the lobby of the Scott Gymnasium for your convenience.

MS Students to the Pacific Northwest - Summer of 2016

MS students have the opportunity to take a fun and educational trip to the Pacific Northwest together next summer. The trip is scheduled from June 6-10, 2016. Visit the Brownell-Talbot School trip webpage at https://trips.grandclassroom.com/Trip/Index/BrownellTalbot.
Addams Family Tickets On Sale Now!

Tickets for The Addams Family are on sale. Click btaddams.bpt.me to place your orders now. Don’t wait. (Recommended for MS/US aged students)

The Addams Family features an original story, and it’s every father’s nightmare. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met. And if that weren’t upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday’s ‘normal’ boyfriend and his parents.

Thing T. Thing, often referred to as just Thing, is the fictional character in The Addams Family series. Thing was originally conceived as a whole creature too horrible to be seen in person. The only part of him that was tolerable was his hand.

In the Brownell-Talbot production, Thing will be remotely controlled by students backstage using a Sphero - technology currently being taught in our Computer Programming class. Thing was created with the school’s 3-D printer and handpainted in-house. The production is enhanced through the generous donation of eleven smart lights (programmed and run by students) and two professional digital soundboards (operated by students directly, as well as from their iPads).

All together, The Addams Family production will rival that of professional productions across the country with its use of technology.

Safety Update - Campus Traffic Change

Safety is one of our highest priorities, and campus vehicular traffic is no exception. The highest volume of traffic is during school drop-off and pick-up, especially in the Lower Circle Drive.

Below are key points and one minor change to the Lower Parking Lot off Happy Hollow:

NEW: Traffic cones around the circle drive designating the “drop-off lane,” have been removed. This is to provide easier access to the curb for drop-off and pick-up. We continue to encourage parents to utilize the curb around circle drive or to park in a designated parking stall during these times.

Safety Reminder 1 - Traffic flow around the flagpole “island” runs counter-clockwise as indicated by arrows on the pavement. Driving straight up the parking lot to the fitness center and bypassing the circle drive may seem shorter, but it goes against the traffic flow and causes a safety hazard. Please follow the correct traffic flow pattern.

Safety Reminder 2 - The flagpole “island” is a convenient place to park during drop-off, pick-up, and special events. However, during the drop-off and pick-up times, it creates a safety hazard for children and parents trying to cross traffic around the “island.” Please do not park around the flagpole “island” during drop-off and pick-up; any other special event, feel free to utilize that area, since we have limited parking available.

We will continue to monitor high traffic volume to assess for additional changes if needed. For questions, please contact Mr. Jeff Chubb at ext. 1039, or jeff.chubb@brownell.edu. Click here to visit the Campus Safety web page for future updates.

Annual State of the School

Join us Tuesday, November 10 from 6-7pm in the James Upper School Library as the Board of Trustees and Dr. Gibbs provide an overview of the State of the School. We will discuss the Strategic Plan, financials, observations from 1:1 parent meetings and your questions.

Parents Association News

Please save the date for the monthly Parents Association meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 8 am in the Worthington Dining Hall featuring our Counseling Department. Stacey Evert, Sheri Harrach, and Katie Tessin are excited to share the department’s new structure and are ready to take your questions and suggestions. We hope to see you there!

BTPA Co-Presidents, Fatima Basith (fatimabasith@gmail.com) and Christina Ramon (christinaramon@msn.com)

Halloween Festivities - Wednesday, October 28

Lower School - The Parents Association would like to invite you to this year’s Lower School Halloween Costume Parade. Join us for coffee and breakfast treats after drop-off on Wednesday, October 28 in the Scott Gymnasium lobby, followed by the annual costume parade!

Halloween classroom parties for PS-JK students will follow the parade in their respective classrooms. Parties for K-4 students will be in their classrooms at 2 pm followed by a fun spooky magic show in the LS gym. All parents are invited!

Middle and Upper School - MS/US students will celebrate Halloween on Wednesday, October 28 with a pizza lunch in the concessions area during their regularly schedule lunch times. Parents are welcome to help serve the pizza lunch from 12:30. If interested, contact Laura Crosby at ltcrosby@me.com or Debbie Wood at dwood@transwood.com.

National French Week—à la BT!

The students at Brownell-Talbot will be celebrating with two days of crêpe breakfasts and delicious bonbons! Tuesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 12, crêpes and beverages will be available for .50 each between 6:45 and 7:45 am in Worthington Dining Hall. There will be four flavors of fruit bonbons for sale this year: raspberry, strawberry, watermelon, and green apple. Bonbons will be sold at the breakfasts and on Monday and Wednesday AFTER SCHOOL in the concession area. Bonbons sell for $1.00/bag. We hope you can join us. Bon appétit!

NEW Booster Gear!

There is a new polo shirt and sweater vest for sale. Proceeds benefit our activities at BT. Orders for these items are due by October 30. If you have questions, please contact Suellen Willett at suell@abbnearbraska.com. Polo Shirt click here: http://goo.gl/forms/mVFtnHOrSM3. Sweater Vest click here: http://goo.gl/forms/DQSZq18y4p.


Check out great uniform savings by clicking Dennis Uniform! Parents can enjoy 20% off all purchases October 22, 23 & 24, 2015! Offer valid Oct 22-24, 2015 only.

Update From the Board

Sue Thaden, a new board member this year, recently excused herself from the Board of Trustees. She and her family will remain at the School and will continue to be involved and supportive. We appreciate her ongoing commitment to Brownell-Talbot and our community. For a complete list of the 15 Trustees serving as your Board, please visit 2015-2016 Trustees.