Hallway Happenings

Thank you to all the families who supported our first Literacy Night, Camp Read-a-Lot! We consider it a great success and hope your family enjoyed the the night out reading and writing together.

To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day in style, students may dress out of uniform on Thursday, March 17. Green is the color of the day so socks, shoes, sweatshirts, long shorts, etc. are acceptable. Erin Go Bragh!!! In addition to this we are going to be treated to a special dance presentation by an Irish dance troupe, Craoi na Tire, at 9:45 am in Swanson Auditorium.

Second Grade Students Recognized for Their Writing

Second grade classes participated in the Metropolitan Reading Council’s annual writing contest this past fall. Students wrote about a time when someone demonstrated qualities of a good friend.

Four Brownell-Talbot second grade students received awards for their grade level and were chosen out of all Omaha area students who participated. Congratulations to Julianna Gamboian for receiving second place, Abbi Gibbs for her third place award, Grace Evert and Mahalet Kinde for receiving Honorable Mention recognition.

These students will be recognized at a Meet the Author event this Saturday, March 12, at UNO. The guest author is Dr. Lydia Kang, mom to BT students Phoebe (grade 2), Maia (grade 6), and Ben (grade 8).

LS Parent Teacher Conference Online Registration

Parent teacher conferences are coming up. Please click Online Registration to schedule your time with your student’s teacher. Conferences are held in the classroom on Thursday, March 24 from 4:30-7:30 pm and Friday, March 25 from 8 am - noon.

BoxTop Collection

Thank you to all who participated in the Boxtops for Schools Collection this spring. We had over 5740 collected in LS. The grade with the top collection is first grade with 1261. Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Dudley’s Class have earned an out of uniform day for their efforts! Thank you to all the families who participated to this cause that benefits the school.

Pi Day

It’s that time of year again, March Madness!! No, not the basketball tournament, it’s Pi Day! Pi Day is this coming Monday, March 14.

If you see or hear strange goings on that day, it might just be students and math teachers celebrating the biggest math holiday of them all.

In keeping with tradition, any Lower School student can participate in reciting digits of Pi. Prizes will be awarded according to the student’s grade level and the number of digits recited.

Author Bruce Arant To Visit

Thursday March 17, local author Bruce Arant will hold writing and illustrating workshops for students in grades K-6. Bruce is the author of Simpson’s Sheep Won’t Go to Sleep, a current Golden Sower nominated book. Students may buy the book and have it autographed by Mr. Arant. Click on the Book Order Form here and turn it in with payment on Thursday, March 17 to your child’s classroom teacher.

Le Marché Français is April 15

Fifth grade French students will host Le Marché Français for 3rd-4th grade French classes on April 15. Please mark your calendar to avoid doctor/dentist appointments. Students won’t want to miss this event!

Running Club

Students in grades 2-4 have the opportunity to participate in a running club to prepare for the upcoming Walk/Run in Memory of Maddie Shumaker on April 29. Registration flyers came home in their backpacks this week. For more information please contact Mrs. Tessin at katie.tessin@brownell.edu. Students interested in participating will need to be registered by March 18.
What Our Kids Need Us To Know About Their Digital Lives
by Common Sense Media
Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 pm
Swanson Auditorium
The Technology and Counseling Departments are hosting a media and technology parent presentation. Common Sense Media is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology. Keegan Korf will provide education and advice about parenting in the digital age.

Social Media Parent Coffee and Breakout Sessions
Wednesday, April 13, 8 am
Worthington Dining Hall/Fireside Room
To follow and expand upon the Common Sense Media parent presentation, a parent coffee will be held April 13. Parents will have the opportunity to attend two 30 minute breakout sessions. Click the sessions below to view conversation cases that will be used as a springboard for discussion.

8:00-8:30 am Breakout Sessions:
Young Children and Digital Footprints (only offered once at 8 am)
Selfie Culture
Digital Drama

8:35-9:05 am Breakout Sessions:
Digital Footprints and Photo Sharing (only offered once at 8:35 am)
Selfie Culture
Digital Drama

Please plan to attend!

2016-2017 School Calendar Available
Click here to access the Brownell-Talbot School 2016-2017 Academic Calendar which is also available on the home page of brownell.edu.

Please reference these dates as you plan your return to school in August as well as your holiday and vacation time for next year.

Booster Merchandise For Sale During Parent Teacher Conferences
The Booster Club will be selling merchandise in the US Gym during Parent/Teacher Conferences for both the evening and morning sessions. Brand new merchandise includes adorable BT Bears, new T-shirts for Lower and Middle school, long sleeved T-shirt hoodies, and footie pajamas.

Walk/Run in Memory of Maddie Shumaker
The school will hold a Walk/Run event in memory of Maddie Shumaker on Friday, April 29. This event will be a special way to honor Maddie’s life by raising funds for The Cure Starts Now. Each school level will compete against each other to see who can raise the most funds to benefit DIPG. Look for more information on this special event and pledge information in the next issue of HEADS Up!

Re-enrollment Contracts Are Due Friday, March 18
Re-enrollment is happening now through Friday, March 18. Get started by viewing the Online Re-enrollment Guide, and logging into the Parent Portal. It just takes a few minutes. Please let us know if you have questions or if we can assist you in this process. This information can also be found on the home page of brownell.edu.

Latest Gala Update
Save The Date! Friday, May 6, 2016
Dig out your spring florals and sandals for a Night in Rio! Watch for your invitation in the mail the week of March 25.

Live Auction Sneak Peek
The Ultimate Tech Package – a MacBook Air for your incoming freshman, an Apple Watch for you, and best of all, five hours of tech support with Mr. Uchtman! Make your list of tech questions and use those precious 300 minutes wisely!

Omaha Fashion Week – Ten friends will have the ultimate fashion evening out at the Finale on August 10. Exclusive VIP swag bags, red carpet photos, cocktail party, after show party, a backstage tour to see the creations and meet designers, and more! Put together your guest list of ten friends and designate one person to bid for your group on this incredible evening of fashion and fun.

Super Silent Sneak Peek
Victorian Pendant - Are you mourning the end of Downton Abbey? Love the look of Lady Grantham and her daughters? Bid on a lovely late victorian diamond pendant.
Joslyn Castle - Did you know Violet Joslyn is a Brownell Hall alumnus? Your party of ten will go back in time at the Joslyn Castle with this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour and dinner with live music.

Online Auction Sneak Peek
Chicago Cubs - Play Ball! Four field box tickets to a Chicago Cubs game and post-game on-field photos.
Disney World Orlando - Start planning your trip to Orlando with four one-day Disney Hopper passes (not valid Dec 25-31) and two nights at the Rosen Shingle Creek hotel.

Find more at brownell.edu/gala2016, email Renae at renae.mackender@brownell.edu or stop by her office any time for more information.
Youth Tech Inc. Course Descriptions

Animation - Ages 10-17  June 6-9  9am-12pm
In this class students will learn the basics of animation and digital design. Students who enjoy going to various sites to see fun interactive animations will love this course. This class will utilizes Adobe’s award winning animation software in Adobe Flash. Students will create fun interactive animations that they can share with the world.

Video Game Design - Ages 10-17
This course provides students with a fun interactive look at the world of video game design and development. Students enrolled in this camp will learn the basics of video game design and produce several different interactive video games to share with their friends and family.

Web Design - Ages 10-17  June 13-16  1-4pm
This course is an in-depth look at the world of web design and development. Students enrolled in this session will learn how to build their own web site from start to finish using award winning suite of products. The learning for this camp does not end at the door. Students will have access to our web site with free hosting for a year.

The Gaming Academy - Ages 10-17  June 20-23  9am-4pm
The gaming academy is an all day course for students who love games. This class looks to unlock the imagination of young engineers. Ever thought of creating a piano out of bananas or a video game controller out of a piece of paper? Why not? This course will utilize an invention kit for the 21st century and guide students through the process of building several fun, interactive creations. Suggested for students ages 6-12

3D Game Design - Ages 10-17
Video Game Design is suggested before taking this course. This class offers and interactive look at the world of 3D Game Design. This awesome 3D video game design course offers the chance for students to create and immerse themselves in a 3D world. If you are looking to design professional 3D games that both look and feel just like the ones you play at home, then you don’t want to miss this course.

Web Studio - Ages 10-17  July 11-14  1-4pm
This class is a combination of our animation and web design classes. In this class students will learn the basics of animation and digital design. Students will not only create fun interactive animations but will learn the basics of web design and how to publish their animations to share with the world. This course is perfect for students with a big imagination.

Movie Makers - Ages 10-17  July 18-21  9am-12pm
This hands-on, interactive course will instruct students on the world of digital video design and production. Students will film, direct and edit their own digital video creations. Students enrolled in this course amaze their peers with green screen and special effects work.

Young Engineers - Ages 6-12  June 27-30  10am-12pm
Technology and innovation collide to create this course. This interactive class looks to unlock the imagination of young engineers. Ever thought of creating a piano out of bananas or a video game controller out of a piece of paper? Why not? This course will utilize an invention kit for the 21st century and guide students through the process of building several fun, interactive creations. Suggested for students ages 6-12

iCode - Ages 6-12  July 25-28  10am-12pm
This course offers younger students a fun, interactive look at coding. Students will create virtual apps and write their own programs that they can share with friends and family. This course makes learning to code fun and explores problem solving and programming logic.

iWeb - Ages 6-12  July 25-28  1-3pm
This class offers younger students a look at web design. Students enrolled in this course will create a website about their favorite things. This course will also teach students about internet safety as well as skills needed in the 21st century.

iVideo Game Design - Ages 6-12
Want to create video games? This is an introductory course for younger students who want to learn to build simple video games. This course combines the art of video game design and animation to create interactive characters that fly around the screen. Amaze your friends and family with your fun interactive games.

Youth Tech Inc.
NEW! Coming to campus this summer! Youth Tech Inc. is an interactive computer camp focusing on enrichment opportunities.

Ages 10-17
Animation  June 6-9, 9am-12pm
Video Game Design  June 6-9, 1-4pm
June 20-21, 9am-4pm
July 11-14, 9am-12pm
Web Design  June 13-16, 1-4pm
The Gaming Academy  June 20-23, 9am-4pm
3D Game Design  June 22-23, 9am-4pm
July 18-21, 1-4pm

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REGISTER TODAY at www.youthtechinc.com
BT families have exclusive registration through March 14, at which time courses are open to the public.