

Blooming Grove Academy Newsletter

February Newsletter 2010



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From the Director, Peg Hayden

Many of you may not have had the opportunity to see and appreciate all the painting and cleaning done by our entire staff on our recent in-service day. It was not our typical in-service activities, to say the least. But the teachers were willing to put on their "servant hats" and help give parts of BGA a welcomed face lift in anticipation of our February Open House. We hope you will take the opportunity to share with your friends, family members, co-workers, etc. your Blooming Grove experience and invite them to our Open House which is the kick-off date for the fall enrollment.

A welcomed new feature that you may not have seen yet is the new "Parent Corner" between Peg and Jodi's offices. We had some very nice used furniture donated from Four Seasons Fitness Club which we immediately put to use.

We would like your suggestions on how we can use this area to make parents feel more welcome at BGA. It was fully utilized during our recent Science Fair. We are open to ideas for decorating as well as what would be most useful and appreciated in this area. One feature I would like to offer is to put your business cards on the bulletin board in this area for others to view. Hopefully, this might help make some useful connections that you might not otherwise experience. Please feel free to share your ideas for how this area might be most beneficial to you as parents. Enjoy!!!



Kids Expo

School begins
It's with a sigh,
This child of mine waves
good-bye.

I cry your first day,
Much to my dismay;
This little person of mine
Is on their way.

Consistency and guidance
Is my role,
To be wishy-washy
Might take a toll.
Choices will be made
In the years ahead;
Your experiences will
teach you
And direct where you're
led.

I taught you about sharing
Not long ago;
This is today's lesson,
It's essential to know;

Do unto others
As you would expect,
It's important for you
To understand respect.

By P. Taylor Copeland

Join your BGA friends at 10:30am on February 13, 2010 at the Kids Expo, Interstate Center. We will be taking the stage to share some Valentine songs, and to grow the word about the awesome BGA program. Arrive at the BGA table, by 10:15am. Come early to find the booth and build excitement for this opportunity.



Blooming Bucks Winner

Congratulations, Shellito Family!
Enjoy your free Blooming Bucks!

The Blooming Bucks/Script gift card program is so important and raises much needed funds for extra projects. Valentine's day and Spring break are coming. Won't you consider purchasing your gift cards through Blooming Grove Academy? It costs nothing to you but the benefits are a gift to the students of BGA. Our Blooming Bucks program has many more vendors available than what we can list on our one page order form. To see a complete listing of these vendors, simply access the Great Lakes Scrip Center website at:
<http://www.glscrip.com>

Registration 2010-2011

You will soon receive your letter in your child's backpack outlining the programs & fees for the 2010-2011 school year. Please take time to fill out the new application form for your child(ren) right away and **take advantage of the early registration bonuses.**

Blooming Grove has responded to the economy and hardships that many families are having by lowering fees. Also, look forward to wonderful new ways to contribute to the school and lower your tuition payments. Look for more information to come from Peg.

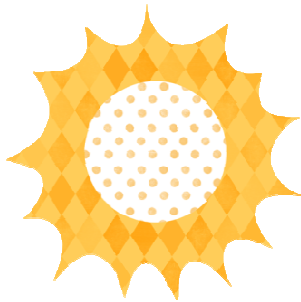
There is increasing interest in our program as an educational alternative. Please continue to support us by speaking with your friends and associates about our program.

We are so happy that our current families are a part of the BGA family and hope that you are planning to continue with us for the upcoming school year!

Summer Camp and Scholarama

Inquiries about our Summer Camp program and Summer Scholarama are coming in! We are currently planning our programs and are planning to send information home this month.

Meghan Hillebrandt will be directing the program and is currently looking for people who may be interested in teaching one, two or three Summer Scholarama classes. If you are interested, please contact the office as soon as possible to get further details.



Spring Break

Spring Break is scheduled for **March 22-March 26th**.

Our Holiday Care Program will be open during break, but you must register your child in order to participate. Registration forms will be sent home on Feb 19th

Teachers Talking by Kathy Bihn

Finding Solutions Instead of Punishment

Some people believe that punishment is the best way to motivate children to behave properly. Punishment may get a child to behave, but the long range results of it are compliance or rebellion. Compliance may seem like a good thing, but it can lead to low self-esteem and blind obedience. Punishment creates the development of an external motivation instead of an internal motivation based on self-discipline and social interest. To make children do better we do not have to make them feel worse; Children do better when they feel better.

At BGA, we focus on solutions instead of punishment. Through class meetings, children have the opportunity to brainstorm solutions to problems. Because they are involved in the process, they are more likely to stick to the solutions. Sometimes the solutions that the children come up with do not work. That is okay. The problem is discussed again at the next class meeting and the children brainstorm some more solutions or choose to try one of the previous suggestions.

When punishment is eliminated and solutions are both kind and firm, children gain self-worth that results from being respectful to themselves and others. When they experience these alternatives to punishment, children gain courage, confidence, and life skills that will help them live successfully in our society.

Open House

Help us spread the word!!

Open House and Cultural Fair

Sunday, February 28th
2:30 ~ 4:30 p.m.

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friends & co-workers.

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What: BGA "Spruce up the Building" Work Day

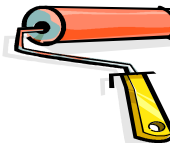
Who: Parents, teachers, board members and friends

When: Saturday, February 20th 8:00AM?

Where: BGA. . . meet in room 114

Why: The building needs attention. We want to get it ready for the Open House on February 28th. Materials need to get moved from classrooms to a storage area, painting needs to be finished, and I'm sure we can find a few other things that need attention!!!

How: Dress in work clothes



It's a great way to get State Farm Grant hours!!!!!