

Blooming Grove Academy Newsletter

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From the Director, Peg Hayden

As human beings, we often contemplate our impact on others around us, and in that process, determine our identity. As we recently began going through a marketing facelift with our Arzezen partners, we had to take a look at where we have been, where we are now, and where we would like to go in the future. We needed to consider the best way to share our mission and continue to serve the community.

The foundation upon which Blooming Grove Academy was built helped to give us direction. Our roadmap has always been the 4 R's. We strive to educate children, but more importantly, we arm them with the tools to become strong problem solvers and contributing citizens of future communities. Based on this, it made sense to pen our motto, "Changing the World One Child at a Time". We still believe we are doing that and will continue to do so.

But with the recent review of our image, we have added a dimension based on what happens during the BGA experience for each child. When you pick up one of our new brochures, you read on the front, "*wonder.explore.learn.grow*". How does that occur at BGA? When a child **wonders**, they take their previous knowledge and try to make sense out of new experiences, with the help of parents, teachers and friends. Every day is a new **exploration** because children are given the permission to try things out, ask questions and make good decisions based on their discoveries. The most exciting things that happen to children at BGA are the decisions they make based on the results of their **learning** experiences, whether it is academic, social or creative. The teachers then have the joy of being witnesses to the **growth** and change in each individual child.

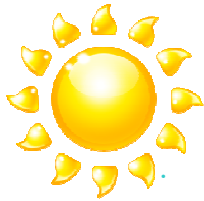
Whether you prefer the original motto or our new and fresh view, it is clear to see that BGA is impacting the lives of children every day. Soon we will be celebrating 25 years of making our contribution to the community. Hopefully, children will continue to feel the impact of their BGA experience long after they have left us.



Summer Camp

Don't forget to sign up your child for our summer camp program! Forms are now available online for download, so please visit our website for pricing and schedules.

Classes are filling, so if your child wants a particular Scholorama, you may want to sign up now to ensure his spot! We have MANY options to choose from. We know your children will LOVE the programs we have to offer!



Family Reading Night

Be sure to join us on Thursday April 29th from 6:30-7:30 for Family Reading Night. We have lots of fun activities planned, so you won't want to miss out on the fun.

Iowa Testing

The Iowa Basic Skills Test will be given to all students **age 5-8th grade** during the **week of April 12th**. Please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep, a good breakfast and a healthy snack for these days. Also keep in mind that these test results will give us just one snapshot of your child's academic ability.

Children should plan to be at school by 8:00 everyday that week to insure they won't miss testing.

Scholastic Book Fair

Please be sure to stop by our Book Fair on April 15 & 16. It will be held in the community room and will run from 3:00-6:00pm. We will also sell books at the 11:30 dismissal time, so be sure to stop in and get some great books for a great price!

If you can work the book fair by either setting up, tearing down or working, call Marcia in the office asap. Thank you!



Easter Egg Hunt

Be sure to come by the school for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 3rd @ 10:00am! It's sure to be a lot of fun! You never know what the Easter Bunny might have in store.



Parent Workshop

We are excited to have an opportunity to teach our parents about Family Meetings. Meetings are a critical part of our classroom schedule. You will find that once you have family meetings in your home, things will get resolved more quickly and painlessly. Come to BGA on Saturday, April 10 from 10-noon for this free seminar. Lunch and childcare will be provided. It's an opportunity you shouldn't miss!

Call Marcia by April 7th to reserve childcare.

All School Program & Basket Raffle

The All School Program will be on Thursday, April 22nd @ 6:30pm. It will be held in the building's 2nd floor auditorium. Further information on arrival times will follow.

As a reminder, we will dismiss at 12:00 that day and there will be no PM Extended Day Program. This will allow all children to rest up prior to their performance.

Please keep selling your raffle tickets, as we have many, many prizes to give away! Our latest addition to the raffle was a package from AirTran valued at \$1,000! Be sure to spread the word about this raffle and our new grand prize!



2010-11 Registration

It's not too late to register your child for next year! Our enrollment is now open to the public and spots are going quickly.

We have packets available in the school office, so stop in today for one, or call Marcia and she can send one home to you.

If you have any questions about our programs or placement of your child, please stop in to see Peg. Our staff is here to help you through this registration process!

*Learning is like
rowing
upstream;
not to advance is
to drop back.*

*- Chinese
Proverb*

Hop-A-Thon

Please watch for information to come home about the MDA Hop-a-thon. That will be taking place the week of April 26th.



Board of Directors

Looking to become more involved in your child's school??

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We are looking for new people to serve on our Board of Directors. This is a great way to earn your service hours for next year! Our Board meets once a month, so if you have the time and interest to commit, please email Robyn Homler, Board President, for further information.

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Box Tops

Keep collecting Box Tops in support of Blooming Grove! Please consider asking friends, family, or even your company to help collect Box Tops in support of BGA.

Remember, the General Mills Box Tops for Education Program has four ways you can help BGA earn money:

Box Tops Coupons - Clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products found in the local grocery stores and turn them into BGA. We earn 10 cents for each Box Top redeemed. **The Box Tops**

Marketplace - Shop online at your favorite stores like JC Penney and Lands' End, through the Box Tops for Education Marketplace. BGA earns a percentage of each qualifying purchase at no additional cost to you.

The Box Tops Reading Room - Through the Reading Room, you can shop online at Barnes & Noble and up to 6% of your purchase goes back to BGA.

The Box Tops Visa Card - Use the Box Tops for Education Visa card and BGA earns 1% cash back every time you charge

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