

Blooming Grove Academy Newsletter

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From the Director, Peg Hayden

Rudolf Dreikurs, a contemporary of Alfred Adler, made a major contribution to the understanding of children's behavior when he developed the concept of the four mistaken goals of discouraged and misbehaving children. His sincere belief was that "*a misbehaving child is a discouraged child*".

Teachers receive training at Blooming Grove to better understand this concept of "misbehaving children". He believed that children behave in a certain way based on their perception of how the world around them is operating. Sometimes, they are mistaken in their assumptions. Simple redirecting in many cases is quite effective.

The four goals for mistaken behavior as Dreikurs outlined are as follows:

Attention (seeking to keep others busy with him/her)

Power (seeking to be in charge)

Revenge (seeking to get even)

Display of inadequacy (seeking to be left alone)

In a well organized chart, Dreikurs outlines the following progression for each of these behaviors. He lists a specific action by the child, what the child is really saying by their behavior, how the behavior makes adults feel, typical but foreboding

responses from the adults, the child's reaction to the adults behavior and finally ends with a column that outlines appropriate procedures to address the behavior based on the assumed mistaken goal in play. Although it takes some time to become familiar and comfortable with the chart, teachers have responded very positively to the suggested procedures when facing a child's challenging behavior.

If you would like to view this chart and read more about the philosophy surrounding it, please check out the book, "*Life in the Family Zoo*" (chapter 4), which you can find in our parent lending library in the school office. I can also copy the chart for anyone who would like to review it. Teachers have found it very useful. Hopefully, it might be of some help to parents as well.



Board of Directors

- "I like a teacher who gives you something to take home to think about besides homework."

-- Edith Ann,
[Lily Tomlin]

- "You teach best what you most need to learn." -

- Richard David Bach

- A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.

- Anonymous

The Blooming Grove Academy Board of Directors is actively seeking new members to join our Board. The Board works with the faculty and administrative staff of BGA to support the growth of the school and keep us focused on our unique independent program. Our Board is a great mix of parents, educators, and community members, and we are always looking to add enthusiastic new people to help us with our work. If you are interested in joining the Board, or wish to nominate someone in the Bloomington-Normal community, please contact our Board President:



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Blooming Bucks Winner

Congratulations to the Khusro Family for winning the drawing! Enjoy your free Blooming Bucks!

The Blooming Bucks/Script gift card program is so important and raises much needed funds for extra projects. 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:

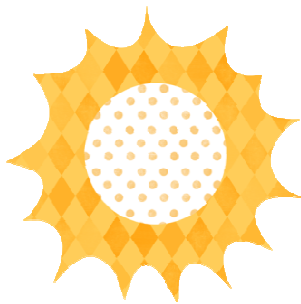
<http://www.glscrip.com/>

Registration 2010-2011

Registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now open to the public. Please take time to fill out the new application form for your child(ren) right away and save a spot. Because of the new marketing campaign and lower fees Blooming Grove has received a wonderful amount of new registrations and a surge of interest in our programs 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

Summer Camp and Scholarama information is here. If you are interested in a wonderful summer program please consider sending your children to Blooming Grove. Also tell your neighborhood friends about our programs. Children continue to learn during the summer through creative adventures as well as educational Scholarama activities. Please contact Meghan Hillebrandt, Summer Camp Director, @ 827-2932 with further questions. Pre-registration forms are available in the office and will be online very soon. Full enrollment paper work will be available in the office or online on April 1st.



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 were sent home on February 19th.

Teachers Talking by Meghan Hillebrandt

Winter Olympics 2010 in the Classroom

As many of you probably have watched or read about, Vancouver, Canada recently hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics. Upstairs on the Elementary & Middle School floor, both Gayle and my class have incorporated lots of work revolving around the events. Many afternoons from 2:15 until the end of the day, we allowed the students to watch the Olympics on TV in the Community Room. During a selective day last week, the students were able to participate in their own Olympic games. We lugged with scooters on a course made of safety cones, curled by sliding boundary markers into the center circle, played hockey, and did a biathlon event using sheets of paper as skis and bean bags and empty Pepsi bottles for the shooting portion. All the students were also given the option to make themselves a medal out of ribbon, beads and buttons. We also brought in the movie, Cool Runnings for the students to watch. It is about a Jamaican bobsled team that competes in the winter Olympics for the first time. Definitely an oldie but a goodie!

My class in particular really enjoyed focusing on the Olympics. For the duration of the games, both classes kept track of the medals the United States won as well as who won gold, silver and bronze medals in the 90 medal events. The overall favorites of the Olympics were figure skating and watching Shaun White win the half pipe with his Double McTwist 1260. I hope many of you took the opportunity to watch these amazing athletes in an event that only happens every 4 years. Next up, Sochi, Russia in 2014!

Thank You

BGA would like to extend a huge thank you to Brian Ethington for volunteering countless hours of man power to improve, upgrade and expand our computer networking base. He also played a crucial role in our new website launch! His expertise in the technology field has certainly been a miracle to BGA!



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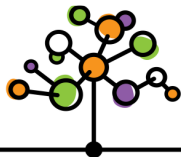
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Thank you to all the families who shared their customs and culture during the open house on Sunday February 28th. It was a joy to see how diverse the population is at Blooming Grove. Visitors were impressed with the family atmosphere present at Blooming Grove. We couldn't do it without our wonderful parent volunteers.



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