

# Brown Street Times

2029 N. 20th St

935-3100

November, 2010

## In Our Classrooms

### *K5/K4*

K5 is studying nutrition and healthy eating in the month of November. We will be learning about the food pyramid and food groups. We will sort foods according to healthy vs. non-healthy. At the end of the month, we will take a field trip to Metro Market (Pick 'n Save) to tour their store and see how a grocery store works as well as sample some of the foods they offer.

K5 will also be hosting a Thanksgiving Program on Wednesday November 24th at 9:00am. We will invite our families to come and celebrate how thankful we are by reciting songs and poems and enjoying pie and refreshments. Please join us if you can!

### *1st Grade*

First grade is working on short vowel sounds in reading along with learning how to read and spell our word wall words. We are learning about animal groups in science so ask us about mammals, reptiles, fish, birds, insects and amphibians. Math finds us learning about doubles and doubles plus one. We are also testing with our CABS to see how well we are learning. Last week many of us had fun at Harvest Fest, decorating pumpkins and cookies and playing games! We love all the learning we are doing in first grade!!!

### *2nd Grade*

2nd Graders continue to enjoy their Literacy Work Stations every day. They practice reading skills in Vocabulary, Writing About Reading, Media/Technology, Word Work and Independent Reading Work Stations.

For science, they have taken a field trip to the Urban Ecology Center and made bird feeders that they hung up in our Nature Outdoor Classroom.

### *Third Grade*

3rd graders are focusing this month on how people communicate in different ways, adding and subtracting large numbers, natural resources and communities. Ask your student about what they are learning

### *4th Grade*

Fourth graders have just finished taking the WKCE testing. In social studies, the fourth graders are studying the four different types of social scientists. With this, they wrote about which social science has the most interest to them. We also took a look at different artifacts, along with natural and human features. We will also be focusing on different types of maps.

### *5th Grade*

5th graders in room 307 are making a video on lead poisoning awareness. They have learned about it and are excited about the up-coming filming.

## **PBIS**

PBIS this year is off to a great star! So far this year we have 100 less referrals and 10 less suspensions. Great job students and staff! This month we are focusing on the BIG 5 areas in the building: Cafeteria, Bathroom, Hallway, Playground, Dismissal. Students and teachers will be working on perfecting our procedures in these areas. Finally, PBIS will be selling Gobble Grams in November for 50 cents, so send a message to a friend or a teacher to let them know you care.

## **MAPS**

Student's academic growth is being measured three times this year through a computer based assessment in reading and math. All students in the school took this assessment in Sept. and will be taking it again in Jan. Parents will be receiving a report after the Jan. assessment showing their child's growth since the beginning of the year in both areas.

Teachers will be sitting down with each child and developing a growth goal for the remainder of the year. A copy of that report will also be sent home. You can help your children's academic achievement by monitoring homework, talking with them about their school work, communicating with teachers and having your children read at home daily.

## **Cheerleading**

Brown Street Cheerleading has begun! Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-3:30. Girls will be performing at assemblies and basketball games.

## **Harvest Fest 2010**

This year's Harvest Fest was a huge success. Children enjoyed decorating pumpkins and sugar cookies, playing games and even dancing. The gym was made into a huge obstacle course where children got to run, hop, crawl and even swing on a rope. Several parents enjoyed the event as they accompanied their children to the stations. We also had a lot of help from the UWM field students who have been assisting in many of our classrooms this semester.

## **School Climate Survey**

There are two computers set up on the office for parents to use for filling out this year's school climate survey. We urge all parents to give us your input. The information is used to help us draft our School Improvement Plan for next year.

## **November**

The multiple intelligence focus for November is motor kinesthetic intelligence. People with motor kinesthetic intelligence enjoy athletics. They are also good with their hands and make good mechanics or surgeons.

11/2- Report Cards

11/5- Harvest Fest

11/18- Walk for Hope

Family Thanksgiving Luncheon

11/24- K5 Thanksgiving Program @ 9:00

11/25, 11/26- Thanksgiving Break

## ***From the Desk of the Principal***

Parents, this year is in full swing and it feels good to be able to share with you that everything is running pretty smoothly here at Brown Street Academy. We are currently conducting our WKCE testing and you should have received a letter from me detailing the importance of the test as well as some helpful tips for your child to be well-prepared for the test. Also, parents we need your help in talking to

your child about the importance of striving for excellence in their academics and the importance of good behavior. Some of our students are struggling with following school/classroom rules and with following directions the first time an adult asks them. At Brown Street, we are a team and we want to work with you, the parents, to ensure your child's success. Thank you to all of the parents I speak with who are extremely supportive and cooperative. **Together, we can make a difference.** Please remember to update your child's contact information should your phone number or address change. It is imperative that we are able to contact you in the case of an emergency. **All phone calls home do not relate to disciplinary issues!**

We have had many wonderful things to happen to us this year:

## **CLC**

Our after school program is in full swing and we have the maximum amount of students enrolled. We do have a waiting list so your child may still have an opportunity to participate second semester. If you would like to get on the waiting list, see Mrs. McBride for an application.

## **Thanksgiving Holiday Good Cheer at Brown Street:**

Our school was selected by a Brewers professional athlete to receive coats for **all** of our students. This special event will take place on November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am. There will be media coverage and we will be on the local news. It will be an exciting time for all!

## **Spark Tutoring**

Select students will participate in tutoring to enhance their reading skills. We are looking for our scores to soar as a result of this and many other interventions provided through our school district.

**Brown Street Academy is a great school and the best is yet to come!**

**Ava Morris**