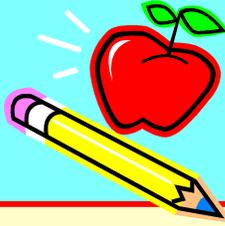




# SPARTAN EXPRESS



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## Broad Run Newsletter

### From the Desk of Mr. Anderson

Things are wrapping up here as I write this week's installment. The school house is full of exhausted staff and students. Homecoming Week is coming to its finale. I would like to thank Mrs. Ries and the SCA, the class sponsors (Mrs. Moshos, Mrs. DuPlessis, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Settle, Mrs. Moronta, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Konkoski, Mrs. McDonald, and Ms. Sacco) and all of the students who volunteered to make this a great week. We still have the PEP rally, football game, and dance to come.



Cathryn Robbins

Our ERP is postponed due to weather; will keep you posted on our makeup date. Next week, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Mason and PEER will spearhead our Anti-Bullying Week. This week will culminate with a "red out" on Friday.

### Spartan Birthdays

No Birthdays ☹️



### Spartan Spotlight

This week, our Spartan Spotlight falls on Cathryn Robbins. Cathryn teaches in our World Languages department (Spanish). Here is a little known fact about Cathryn: Estudió en Costa Rica. Stop by and see Cathryn to check if your translation is correct. Keep reading to learn more about Cathryn.

According to Cathryn, the best part of her summer vacation was spending time with her daughter. Her hobbies and interests include photography, reading, music, gardening, and hiking. One interesting fact about Cathryn is she used to write short stories and poetry. When asked what she likes best about Broad Run, she responded, "the teachers."

### PEER

P.E.E.R. stands for Positive Experiences in Educational Relationships. They are taught the same skills that counselors learn, but on a smaller scale. The primary goal of the PEER program is to offer counseling services to students who would rather talk to a fellow student instead of an adult. Topics that PEER students often encounter are regarding divorce, relationships, grades, isolation at school, bullying, and other teen issues. They are taught to break confidentiality when a student says that they are threatening to hurt themselves, someone else, or someone is hurting them. PEER also works to help students build positive experiences. Some events we have hosted include anti-alcohol campaigns, anti-bullying campaigns, dating violence awareness, working with our ELL students, and teaching pre-school/elementary students about social skills. The students are supported by our Social Worker, Lisa Harris, a school Guidance Counselor, Luke Mason, and a teacher, Amy Buckley, who has been a sponsor for 13 years.

## Instructional Focus of the Week

This week, I am focusing on standard five: learning environment. When observing a classroom, we will look for the following:

1. Establishes clear expectations for classroom rules and procedures.
2. Establishes a climate of trust and teamwork by being fair, caring, respectful, and enthusiastic.
3. Creates and maintains a positive and safe environment to maximize learning and promote students' social development.
4. Promotes cultural sensitivity by respecting students' diversity, including but not limited to language, culture, race, gender, and special needs.
5. Enforces classroom rules and procedures consistently and fairly to maximize academic learning time.

Some of the data that you can collect and share with your respective administrator is:

1. Student survey summary information
2. List of classroom rules with brief explanation of the procedures used to develop and reinforce them
3. Schedule of daily classroom routines

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## Reminders to Staff

- Be present in the hallways before school and during class changes-just your presence for those few minutes helps head off many issues that can disrupt our learning environment.
- Take attendance daily using clarity-all periods.
- Update your grade book every two weeks and make sure it can be understood by your audience (students/parents).

## This Week's Highlights

### Monday

Winter Coaches meeting at 4 pm

### Tuesday

PEP meeting at 7 pm

### Wednesday

Canned Food Drive activity in Cafe

### Thursday

SIT meeting at 9:15

### Friday

End of Quarter 1

## Upcoming Events

**\*Grades due on 11/7/12**

**\*Staff Picture at 4pm on 11/8/12**

