

For Immediate Release

New Middle School Opens at Broomfield Academy

Small Class Sizes to Remain a Cornerstone

BROOMFIELD, CO, April 15, 2011 — Broomfield Academy announced today that a new middle school option for fifth through eighth grade students would open in the fall. Broomfield Academy primarily serves the communities of Broomfield, Boulder, Louisville, Lafayette, Superior, Erie, Thornton and Westminster. Most Broomfield Academy students are from the areas served by the Boulder Valley School District, the Adams 12 Five Star School District and Jeffco Public Schools.

The new Broomfield Academy Middle School offers individualized and advanced programs for each student that are designed to assure outstanding achievement in high school and college. “Class sizes are small enough to assure advanced learning, yet large enough to assure a vibrant social experience,” said Principal Patricia Garner. “The high level of attention our teachers give to each student, together with a tailored individualized student learning plan helps assure that each child progresses and develops in a way that maximizes his or her potential,” she continued.

The school has dedicated and supportive families and a strong vision. “The Middle School is a great addition to an already wonderful school,” commented Holly Anderson, a parent with three children at Broomfield Academy. “Our kids will be in first, second and third grade this fall and love going to school. I especially like that the middle school program has a strong focus on developing the kind of strong and effective study skills required for high school honors and advanced placement courses,” said Anderson.

“Middle school can be a very challenging time for students,” noted Dr. Vanessa Ewing, Broomfield Academy education advisor. “So many middle school kids struggle with large class sizes, high student-teacher ratios, separation from younger children and a dramatic shift in expectations. The benefits of small middle school classes and a secure environment help assure that students continue to learn and develop, both socially and emotionally, in these critical adolescent years. Our graduates are, almost without exception, at the top of their classes. They perform well academically and function well socially regardless of school size. Based on student tracking, we know they generally take honors or advanced placement classes in high school, are leaders in their classes and have gone on to demonstrate their abilities in college,” Dr. Ewing concluded. With an experienced and dedicated teaching staff, Broomfield Academy is known for its ability to meet each student’s unique academic, social and emotional needs, within a dependable and safe environment.

The Broomfield Academy Middle School program includes many experiential components and a focus on developing solid critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Interactive educational field trips, community mentorship projects and annual class trips are part of the effort to assure that students are well rounded and develop strong leadership skills. There is an emphasis on character education at Broomfield Academy, and middle school students are expected to lead school-wide community service projects. In addition to a solid core academic curriculum, there is a broad world language program, strong fine arts and music programs and a community mentorship program. The middle school will benefit from an expanded athletics program, fully utilizing the schools’ on-site swimming pool and athletic fields.

“We are off to a great start with enrollment,” noted Garner. “And, with the increasing demands

being placed on our local public schools, we expect strong parent interest to continue.” The parents of over 25 current Broomfield Academy Elementary School students have already committed to be part of the Middle School through eighth grade.

The fifth and sixth grades will be offered in the fall, with seventh and eighth grades added in subsequent years. “If we have sufficient enrollment in seventh and eighth grades, we’ll open those grades in the fall, also,” added Garner.

In announcing the middle school, Principal Garner reminded parents, “We’re more than just a school. We’re helping to build your children’s future.” Inquiries about Broomfield Academy’s programs should be directed to Principal Patricia Garner at (303) 469-6449 or MiddleSchoolProgram@broomfieldacademy.com.

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About Broomfield Academy

Broomfield Academy is a nationally accredited high quality private elementary and middle school for children ages 2 ½–14. The school is known for academic excellence and maintains a focus on individualized education. With just over 120 children enrolled, the small size of the school fosters a very close relationship with each student and with each family. Enrollment is currently open for full or part-time academic preschool, full-day kindergarten and grades 1–8. The school also offers a variety of educational and fun summer programs, including an academic preschool, a kindergarten prep class, an elementary prep class, an intermediate prep class and a summer enrichment camp.

In all of its programs, there is a strong focus on learning. The school focuses on academic excellence through the development and implementation of individual student learning plans for each student and a well-rounded and advanced curriculum to help children reach their fullest potential. In addition to a very strong core academic program, the school offers specialty courses to all students in world language (Mandarin Chinese and Spanish), world music, swimming, art, technology and physical education. The school is nationally accredited by NIPSA.

Broomfield Academy maintains a focus on student character development that includes a “core virtue of the month” program, along with significant community service and charitable involvement.

Broomfield Academy also offers a before- and after-school program for working parents with programs throughout its five-acre campus. For more information, visit www.broomfieldacademy.com.