

BROADWATER BULLETIN

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2015-2016 Kindergarten Registration has begun! Please call the school to find out more, or go online to register your kindergartener for the next school year! Currently, we are not taking any out of area kindergarteners.

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EVENTS IN APRIL

- 1st - 1st - 3rd Grade Music Programs
- 2nd - Early Out - Noon Dismissal
- 3rd - 6th - No School
- 7th - Report Cards Go Home
- 9th - PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- 9th - 4th Grade Art Reception at the Public Library from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- 10th - 2nd Grade to the Zoo @ 12:00
- 13th - PIR Day - No School for kids
- 14th - BUG Assembly @ 9:00 AM
- 23rd - 5th Grade to the ABT
- 24th - Tears of Joy Puppet Show
- 28th - Talent Show Parent Performance - 7:00 PM at Lewis and Clark



**NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER
WEEK**

PRESENTED BY BROADWATER

Principal's Pen - Testing Starts In April!

This spring, as we enter into the month of April, our students in grades 3-5 will be asked to participate in a couple of different district and state-wide assessments. These assessments, or tests, will measure the progress over a year's time. The NWEA test will reveal growth from fall to spring in math, reading and language arts. The Smarter Balanced test will focus only on reading and math. Please be checking your child's backpack for information pertaining to testing schedules so you can plan accordingly. It is critical that all our students participate in these assessments each year.

Students will be asked and expected to put forth their best effort on each of these assessments, and we know they will rise to the challenge.

Testing can be a stressful time for students, teachers and parents. We ask that you do all you can at home to help students come to school prepared to learn and/or test during the

next several weeks. Make sure that kids are getting plenty of healthy exercise, rest, eating a good breakfast and are generally ready for the day.

This year there will be no traditional "paper and pencil" testing, but rather all students in grades 3-5 will be testing on a laptop computer or Chromebook machine. The acquisition of new technology has allowed for us to more easily accomplish what we are setting out to do.

Students will be reminded that their test scores are very important when it comes to future academic placements. For all students testing this year, their placement in math and reading classes will depend on their spring NWEA test scores. It is vital that every student take his/her testing opportunity seriously, to be accurately placed in the best academic setting for the 2015-16 school year. For those entering middle school, this test may determine their future track in reading and

math. It is never too early to start preparing for middle and high school.

I am confident that our students are prepared for these tests, and I assure you that our teachers and staff have done everything they can in the classroom to prepare them. Thank you for your continued support of our school, and especially our students - we know that we have the best in town when it comes to students and staff!

Please try to schedule appointments before or after school! Teachers will provide a testing schedule for each classroom to help you plan!

Mr. Halligan - Principal



National Volunteer Week

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer"
- Colonel James Dolittle

During the week of April 13th, Broadwater School, and many other organizations around the country, will be taking time to recognize those people who donate countless hours through volunteerism. Our school is fortunate to partner with sever-

al different organizations in the Billings community. Each week at our school, we have over 40 people helping us achieve our school's academic and social goals through volunteerism.

A special thanks goes out to each parent and community member who help make Broadwater School the best it can be every single day.

We would like to recognize these partners, in particular:

**St. Vincent Healthcare
Holland and Hart Law Firm
Evangelical United Methodist Church (EUMC)**

Thank you for making a difference in the life of a child!

Counselor's Corner

You will not believe this statistic at Broadwater School...we need your help!

During the month of March, our school recorded 812 student tardies or absences in 20 school days. When you do the math, that is over 40 each day! Many of these are the same students every day...Kids have to be in school every day to develop strong learning habits! Thanks to all those doing their part to get kids to school every day!

Out of Area Students!!

If you are an out of area family, please let the office know of your intentions for next year. That information is crucial to our planning each spring! If we do not have an Out of Area Request Form, we will assume you will be attending your home school, not Broadwater. Please call the office if you are unsure about this.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Here are some great questions that will start conversations with your kids each day!

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. What was the worst thing that happened at school today?
3. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
4. Tell me something that made you laugh today.
5. Tell me about what you read in class today. What did your teacher read to you today?
6. If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? Who would you not want to sit by in class? Why?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. Who did you sit by at lunch today? What did you talk about?
9. Can you show me something you learned today?
10. What part of school is your favorite?
11. What was the most interesting/funny thing your teacher said today?
12. What class rules does your teacher say are important?
13. Tell me one interesting fact about your teacher.
14. What's your favorite time of day at school?
15. What are you looking forward to at school tomorrow?
16. Did you get frustrated with anything at school today?
17. Were you able to finish all of your work today?
18. Tell me about a new word you heard today at school.
19. If I called your teacher tonight what would she/he tell me about you?
20. What made you happy today?
21. Did anything make you sad today?
22. How did you help somebody today?
23. How did someone help you today?
24. Were you bored at all today?
25. Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?
26. What word did your teacher say the most today?
27. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
28. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
29. How were you a good friend today?
30. Where do you play the most at recess?
31. Did anyone do something nice for you today?
32. Did you do anything nice for anyone today?
33. Was it noisy or quiet today during class? Which do you like better?
34. Ask about a specific friend in your child's class.
35. What questions did you ask today?
36. Tell me what you learned today that you did not know before.
37. On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your day? How could you make it a 10?
38. If you got one wish about school, what would it be?
39. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she funny?
40. What did you enjoy most during your lunch time?
41. What did you like most or least about school today?

Parents and Families - Help us Finish Strong this Year

You have all heard me talk, or write, about the different obstacles and challenges with which we have been faced this year. I am sorry for sounding like a broken record, but if each message can impact even one person, then it is worth it. As we enter into the spring months, and weather improves, please do what you can to help us

alleviate our drop-off and pick up situation at the school. If you are able, I would encourage you to park down the street, and walk to drop off or get your child. It may seem inconvenient, but it will help everyone involved. Our goal is to be a good neighbor to all those living close to the school, and we have struggled to keep

some relationships strong. When you are picking up or dropping off kids, please remember that our alley is a through alley, and is used by many. Stopping in the middle may only complicate things further. Wyoming Ave. is open for parking from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM every day of the week. Thanks for helping!

Field Trips, Off Campus Activities and Other End of Year Events

Now is the time of year when teachers and students are planning and preparing for all kinds of fun and educational opportunities outside of Broadwater School. As a parent, you need to be aware of some things to be looking for! For each off-campus activity, students will come home with a permission

slip or consent form. **Please check backpacks often this spring!** This consent form is necessary for your child to participate in any off-campus event; without it, they may not participate! Often this form will include important details about the event, and inform you of what is expected for

each child. Please know that each field trip event is a privilege, and students are allowed to participate when work has been completed and behavior has been acceptable at school. If you have any questions about upcoming events, please call the school and talk with your classroom teacher or Mr. Halligan.