

# BROADWATER BULLETIN

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WE HAVE A NEW HOME ON THE WEB: <http://broadwaterschool.weebly.com/>

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**Please call the school by 8:30 AM any time your child will be absent or tardy. If we do not hear from you, our district's automated system WILL call you!**

**Yearbook Order Forms will be sent home this week. The order deadline is Friday, March 2nd!**

## February Events

Scoliosis Screening for 6th graders	1
Hearing Re-Screening	2
Yellowstone Art Museum Art Walk @ 5:00 PM	3
Early Out - 12:00 Dismissal for students	15
Pre-Spring Break	16-20
PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM in the school gym	21
Spring Picture Day and Classroom Pictures	23
Family Skate Night - Skate World @ 6:00 PM	28

## FEBRUARY IS "I LOVE TO READ" MONTH

During the month of February, Broadwater School will participate in the "I Love to Read" Program. March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's birthday! Please encourage your child to join in the celebration during the week of February 27. Students will be allowed to dress according to each day's designated theme, every day that week. We will be working hard all month to read Dr. Seuss and other books in and out of the classroom! Now is a great time to stock up on your favorite authors and/or favorite books.

Take a look at the scheduled "Spirit Days" and help us celebrate "I Love to Read" month!

Monday - February 27

**Gear up for Reading!**  
(Wear your sports gear)

Tuesday - February 28

**Hats off to Reading!**

(Wear a crazy hat)

Wednesday - February 29

**Don't Read Just Half!**

(Dress half and half)

Thursday - March 1

**Catch the Reading Spirit!**

(Wear black/red or a Broadwater shirt)

Friday - March 2

**Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!**

(Wear crazy "Seuss" socks/shirts/hats/clothes)

Flyers to come home soon!!

**If you have any questions regarding the Reading Spirit Week, please contact the school at 281.6207, or check out our website!**

**Dr. Seuss's birthday is on March 2nd! Help us celebrate!**



## VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

According to School District #2 Policy, elementary students are allowed one "celebration" per year during class time. At Broadwater, Valentine's Day has been our traditional day of "celebration". Classes use the last hour of the day to share games, special activities and treats. Teachers will be communicating with parents as to the format they

will be using for their celebrations. Some will ask for specific treats, while others may seek parent help in the classroom. Some classrooms may use the day as a "healthy treat" day. Be watching your child's Thursday folder for special instructions from his/her teacher. Please ensure that your child brings Val-

entines for ALL students in their classroom! If you would like help purchasing Valentines, please contact the office. We will accommodate families who may not want to participate in the Valentine's Day Celebrations, please just let teachers know.



## Principal's Pen - Outstanding Achievement!



The Kiwanis Club proudly handed out BUG Awards at Broadwater School!

Once again I am blown away by the hard work and dedication of our students and staff! On Monday, January 23rd, I had the privilege of leading an assembly to honor 79 students receiving recognition for their Honor Roll status! We have a total of 144 intermediate students eligible for the Honor Roll and over 54% of them achieved this goal - Outstanding! Also during this assembly, we honored approximately 70 students with

a BUG Award sponsored by the Billings Kiwanis Club! BUG stands for "Brought Up Grades". Every student, in grades 4th - 6th, is eligible to receive this award 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters. The only requirement is that students bring up a grade in at least one subject area, and not let any others drop. Also, students cannot have a grade lower than a 'C' on their report card. Everyday, at Broadwater School, I am impressed with the level of

hard work and dedication that I see pouring out of our classrooms. It is fun to be in a place where students and staff place such a high value on education. I threw down a challenge to our students of reaching 60% during the 3rd quarter. I know they are up to the challenge, and with your support, we can reach OUR goal!

Thank you in advance for doing what you can do to help our students succeed!

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## Counselor Corner - "Being Assertive"

Students have the right to express their feelings and respond when someone violates their rights. Responding to a situation in an assertive way is an effective strategy for resolving a conflict. Being assertive also shows respect for others, as well as one's own boundaries, thoughts and feeling.

Students can practice being assertive by:

- Using "I" statements ("I feel \_\_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_\_ and I want \_\_\_\_\_.")
- Looking the other person in the eye.
- Speaking in a calm, firm voice.
- Standing up straight.
- Acting confident, even if it's not felt on the inside.
- Getting an adult to help if the problem continues.

**BULLYING:** Bully behavior occurs when there is a deliberate intent to harm, dominate, inflict pain, exclude or otherwise cause distress to the person being targeted. The person who bullies purposefully misuses his/her power (size, age, popularity, confidence, verbal ability) usually repeatedly. The balance of power between the bully and the target is NOT EQUAL.



Broadwater School strives to be a Bully-Free School.

Many times throughout the school year, you might hear your child use the term "bully" to refer to someone at school, at the Boys and Girls Club, in the neighborhood or at the Mall. Often times students will 'label' someone a bully because they may experience unwanted behavior from time to time. While we encourage

students to tell an adult immediately if they feel that they are truly being bullied, we also help students learn the differences between real bully behavior and behavior that may be a learned "developmental misbehavior". At our school, Mrs. Klaboe, our school counselor, spends a great deal of time in the classroom and in

small groups working with students regarding this issue. Our goal is to eliminate any/all bullying type behaviors at Broadwater School, and we feel that educating students is one of the best ways in which to accomplish this goal. Please call if you have questions about how you can help your student identify REAL bullying behaviors.

## WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

One of the coolest things that we have going at Broadwater School is our Volunteer Program! Whether it is working one on one with students in the classrooms, training for a Cross Country meet with kids or Hip Hop dancing on the 2nd floor of the old building, our volunteers are the best! This month, we would like to recognize two very special volunteers at Broadwater School:

### Mr. Chris Cook:

Mr. Cook has been involved with our school for the last 4 years, in a variety of ways. As one of the pioneers of our Broadwater Running Club, Mr. Cook spends many mornings each fall and spring running with and training our intermediate students for competition. Most recently, he is here each Wednesday and Thursday morning with the Hip Hop Winter Camp 2012. Thank you Mr. Cook for all that you do for us!

### Mr. Dick Bush:

Mr. Bush started volunteering in our school about six weeks ago, and since then has logged many hours in our intermediate classrooms working with students in math and reading. Mr. Bush has been instrumental in supporting teachers at the 4th - 6th grade level, and we have appreciated his dedication and willingness to be here a few days each week! Thank you, Mr. Bush, for your support in reading and math - You are the best!



To get involved at Broadwater School, please contact the office at 281.6207

## DISTRICT #2'S AUTOMATED CALL-OUT SYSTEM

If you were not aware, the Billings Public School System now uses an automated call-out system to contact parents whose students have been reported as absent by classroom teachers. If you have called the school to report your child's absence, then the system will not call you, unless there has been an error in reporting. Generally speaking, if you receive

a phone call from the BPS offices, it is because the school has not received word from you that your child will be absent. The system will call out twice, for each absent child, each morning. Do not be surprised if you receive many separate phone calls, as the system automatically calls for every child recorded as absent in PowerSchool. In

some cases, when students are tardy, a call-out may occur if the attendance has not been changed in the system. In order to eliminate these automatic calls, please report to the school before 8:00 AM if your child will be absent. You can do this by calling Diann at 281.6207. Thank you for taking the time to let us know about your kids!

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## PRINCIPAL'S PASTA NIGHT

We just want to get the word out early so that you can mark your calendars for the March Family Fun Night and Principal's Pasta Night, coming up on March 15th. That evening will be a St. Patrick's Day themed event, and nothing says "I'm Irish, and I know it!" like a big plate of spaghetti! Grab the greenest clothes that you

have, and get ready for a great night. We hope that you will be able to join us for an evening of family fun and food. More details will follow, and students will be coming home with information regarding this family event.

You can also find information online at our new Broadwater website!



## Home of the Broadwater Panthers

## Lost and Found!

CHECK US OUT ON THE WEB AT:  
<http://broadwaterschool.weebly.com>

### Cell Phone and Ink Cartridge Recycle Program

Our 4th grade classes are collecting and sending in used cell phones and computer ink cartridges to earn money for field trips and special programs throughout the year. You can drop your items off by the front door office area. Please help our students and the environment by supporting this recycling program at Broadwater School

Our school's lost and found is growing by the day! Please make sure that, during your next visit, you check through both lost and found locations, if you think your child may have left something at the school! Because of the amount of items we have, each month they will be bagged up and sent to Family Services.

### Golden Apple Award Nominations are Here!

The Golden Apple Awards, a long-running tradition in our community, annually honors outstanding local K-12 educators. Educators may receive numerous accolades throughout their career but the Golden Apple stands out because it is a community award — recognition from people, businesses and other organizations throughout Billings who want to encourage excellence in education for all our children.

Once again, six awards will be made to staff from public or private accredited schools in Billings as well as from Lockwood School and elementary schools whose students attend middle and high school in Billings. Awards will be given to:

- Two elementary teachers.
- One middle school teacher.
- One high school teacher.
- One specialist or administrator.
- One support professional, such as a secretary, aide or custodian.



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Please Cut on the Dotted Line and Return to School!

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**If you have a new address and phone number, we need to know about it! Please help us stay up to date and connected with you, so that your students are safe! Detach this completed bottom portion if you have new information that we need to have - Thank You!**

**It is critical that you, as parents and family members keep the school up to date on your most recent contact information. In the event of an emergency, we need to be able to contact you as quickly as possible!**

If you have recently moved or have a more current phone number, please let the office know as soon as possible. For the safety of your student(s), we need to have the most up to date contact information for you and your family! Please complete and clip out the form below, if applicable, and send to school with your child.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

New Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:      Mother      Father

INFORMATION SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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