

BROADWATER BULLETIN

Principal - Joe M. Halligan

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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 month. The order deadline is Friday, March 1st!

February Events

5th/6th Grade General Music Program @ 2:20	6
Mid-Terms Go Home for Intermediate Grades	7
PTA Meeting - 7:00 PM in the school gym	12
Early Out - 12:00 Dismissal for students	13
Pre-Spring Break	14-18
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Family Skate Night - Skate World @ 6:00 PM	26
School Spelling Bee - Grades 5 and 6	27

PRINCIPAL'S PEN - TIME TO BRUSH UP...

Happy February, everyone! I am having a hard time wrapping my mind around the fact that it is already 2013, let alone the second month of the year.

As we completed the second quarter of this school year, I made a list of some of the things we, as a school, need to brush up on. These are things that our students and families should know, but a reminder never hurts.

1) Come to School, on time, ready to learn, every single day. I know that the cold and flu bugs have been making the rounds, but we have had a large number of unexcused absences and tardies this school year. Please keep your kids home on days when they really are not feeling well; we understand that illness happens. Every other day, our students absolutely need the benefit of being in the classroom for every minute of instruction that happens. From the first bell to the last, our teachers are busy with lessons and activities that will help your child succeed.

2) Treat Others with Respect and Dignity. We spend a lot of time teaching our students the importance of being respectful and tolerant of others, while at school. One thing that you can do is help

to reinforce these same expectations at home. As partners, we should be supporting one another in teaching our students appropriate behaviors at home and at school.

3) Model and Reinforce Appropriate Meal Time Behavior. One of the busiest times of day at Broadwater School is our lunch times. With over 400 students eating lunch in a small area in a 90-minute span of time, there is a lot of potential for chaos. While this is supposed to be a social time for students, it is imperative that students are held to high standards of behavior and conduct. We have recently posted behavioral expectations more clearly in the lunchroom, and our students will be expected to comply. With only 20 minutes to eat lunch, kids need to know and understand that that time needs to be designated as eating time, and less socialization. The 20 minute recess that follows lunch is the time for playing games and socializing with friends.

If you are interested, we would welcome parents to partner with us during lunch times to monitor activity and help reinforce some of those important guidelines. Please call Mr. Halligan if you are interested!

INCREASED SCHOOL SECURITY

If you have visited Broadwater School since returning from the holiday break, you might have noticed a few changes. All of the new guidelines and expectations for parents and other visitors are for the safety of all students and teachers at our school. Some changes include:

1) Front Door Sign In - When you enter the annex, you will notice a small desk with a sign in sheet and a basket of visitor name tags. Please take time to

complete this step before checking in at the office.

2) East Annex Door Locked - We are awaiting the arrival of our new doors on the east side. In the meantime, those doors will remain locked during the school day, and will be opened only by staff members.

3) Please Don't Knock on Doors - Students have been instructed to not open doors

for anyone, but sometimes our younger ones just want to be helpful. Please do not knock on any locked doors to the old building, or the annex. Just come to the office and check in so that we can ensure the safety and well being of all students and staff.

Thank you for your cooperation, and for helping to make Broadwater a safe and secure place for everyone!

Mr. Halligan



Dr. Seuss's birthday is on March 1st! Help us celebrate!

FEBRUARY IS "I LOVE TO READ" MONTH

During the month of February, Broadwater School will participate in the "I Love to Read" Program. March 1st is Dr. Seuss's birthday! Please encourage your child to join in the celebration during the week of February 25. 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 fa-

vorite books.

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

Monday - February 25

Hats Off to Reading!
(Wear a crazy hat)

Tuesday - February 26

Gear Up for Reading!
(Wear sports/team gear)

Wednesday - February 27

Don't Read Just Half!
(Dress half and half)

Thursday - February 28

Catch the Reading Spirit!
(Wear black/red or a Broadwater shirt)

Friday - March 1

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!

"Please teach us to accept one another, teach us to respect one another. Please do not fill our minds with hatred."

Counselor Corner - "Dear Parents"

Dear Parents,

Much of what we learn in this world comes directly from you. Whatever your message is, it will become part of us forever. Please teach us to **accept** one another, teach us to **respect** one another. Please do not fill our minds with hatred. Do not expose us to bigotry. Do not teach us to judge each other by race, religion, orientation or the color of our skin. Teach us the concept of tolerance. Teach us to **understand** one another. Teach us to **accept** people of different cultures and persons with different beliefs than yours. Please help us to create a world where every

man, woman and child is *treated equally*.

Dear parents,

Please don't teach us words of hate. We learn from you every moment. If you use a certain word, which might be hurtful to others, we will repeat that word. Please don't show us acts of hate. If you act against people of different faiths, we will repeat your actions.

Dear parents,

We are your children and we are relying on you to help us create a world where every person is **tolerant** of one another.

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.

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 regard-

ing 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.



Broadwater School strives to be a Bully-Free School.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES - CASA

Did you know that today in Yellowstone County, 350 children are placed out of their homes because they have experienced abuse or neglect? Are you a compassionate individual that wants to make a difference in the life of a vulnerable child? Yellowstone CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is looking for new volunteers. Yellowstone CASA trains everyday community volunteers to be advocates for the abused and

neglected children in the court system. Do you have 5 to 15 hours a month to donate and the desire to change a child's future? Volunteers must commit to a child for the duration of a case, approximately 22 months, serve as the investigative arm of the court, write reports and advocate for the child's best interest in a court room.

Be that difference to a child. Be an advocate. Training starts March 5th, and is completed in three weeks (30 hours total).

Call today for further information about Yellowstone CASA, or about becoming a volunteer and making a difference in the life of an abused child in your community.

Please contact:

Jen Daniels

Volunteer Coordinator

PO Box 688

Billings, MT 59103-0688

406.259.1233

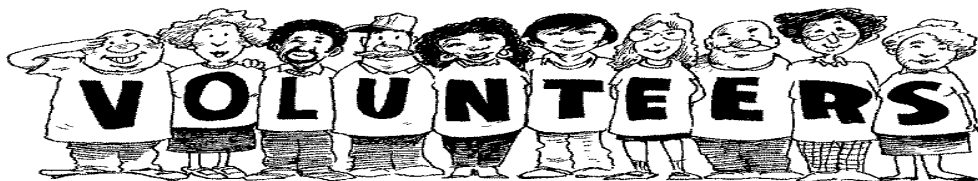
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Volunteers!



To get involved as a CASA, please contact Jen Daniels at 259.1233

At Broadwater School, We Love Our...



MESSAGE FROM MS. WISCHMANN - ART INSTRUCTOR

Giving grades in Art classes is a little different than grades in a regular classroom. First of all, Art instructors meet with students only one time a week. If there is an assembly, or we have a vacation or PIR day, we miss that time and it can't be made up during the week. Sometimes a specialist visits four or five schools during the week. Art projects take up more than one class period, and may take up to 3-4 weeks to complete. So giving grades in the middle of a quarter isn't reasonable. Students would rather I grade their projects when they are done with them, rather than give them a 50% when we have completed

only half the assignment. I'd hate for you to think they aren't doing well when they just haven't had class time to finish projects. If you are concerned about your child's grade, please email me, and I can tell you what we are doing. Or, you can ask your child what is going on in their Art class. Ask them what project they are working on. They can tell you whether they are finished or halfway done.

If your child is sick, and misses a class, they can come to school early in the morning on Tuesday to work on projects. Sometimes, if my class schedule works with theirs, students can visit me during their

lunch hour or after school to finish their work. Usually I am at school around 7:00 AM. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to email me. I'll get back to you as soon as I can. Don't forget to tell me your child's name, their teacher's name, as well as Broadwater School. I work at four schools and have over 500 students! This information will really help me out when trying to determine just what needs to get done. Thank you so much for your time and support. And, like I tell all my students, "Good Art takes time!"

Ms. Wischmann

Broadwater Art Instructor



You can contact Ms. Wischmann at Broadwater on Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons, or email her any time at:

wischmanns@billingssschools.org

Lost and Found!

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.

Nominations are being accepted through February 28th. It's simple to make a nomination: In two pages or less, describe why your nominee should be selected. Give specific examples of how this person takes the extra step to help students learn, how he or she is a mentor or role model and how this person has affected you or someone you know.



Please Cut on the Dotted Line and Return to School!

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: _____