

# Broadwater Bulletin

## Holiday Edition

*Broadwater Elementary School - 415 Broadwater Ave. - 281.6207*

### The Weather is Getting Colder!

Each year, as the weather begins to change, we want to remind parents to make sure that children are dressed appropriately before heading to school each day. Our Montana weather can change on a moment's notice, and students need to be prepared for the changes. At Broadwater School, our policy states that students will be sent outside for recess each day unless;

1. The outside temperature and/or wind chill is below 0.
2. It is pouring rain.
3. An emergency is called by the Weather Service.

If you have to drop your child off before 7:30 AM, please make sure they have warm clothing. Our Breakfast Pro-

gram starts at 7:30, and kids will not be allowed in the building before then. During morning walk, students are generally outside for 15 minutes before the school day starts, and that can be a long time to be in the cold without appropriate cold-weather gear. Recesses throughout the day last between 15-20 minutes, depending on the grade level. If students bring hats and gloves in their backpacks, they can be ready for any drastic weather changes. We have hats, mittens and coats available for students and families in need. Please come in and visit with us if your child is in need of warm winter clothing.

If your child forgets his/her hats and/or mittens, we can often help them by providing donated items, but we are limited to the number of items we can hand out each day. Please help your child remember to bring the necessary items so they can be comfortable and enjoy their time outside at recess during the cold weather.

If you would like to donate any new or lightly used winter clothing, please contact the school, at the number found on the front of this newsletter. Our hope is that every student at Broadwater will be prepared for the cold winter ahead, and we thank you for doing your part at home to make sure this happens.

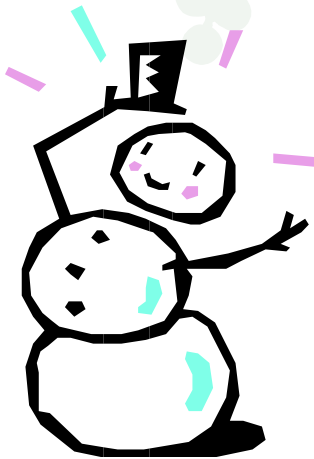
### LABEL STUDENT CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS

Some of you might have noticed that our student lost and found has grown quite large already this year, and it is only December! One of the easiest things that you can do at home to ensure that your student comes home every-day with the things that belong to him or her is LABEL

all items of clothing, lunchboxes and backpacks with their name and a contact phone number. This trick takes almost no time, and can save you, as the parent, a lot of money and heartache trying to locate lost items at school. Band and orchestra instruments should also be

labeled for older students. Remember, it is difficult to reclaim lost items without some identifying information. Please take the time to make sure your child's items are labeled!

Come visit the lost and found any time!



*The Weather Outside is Frightful...*

### DECEMBER/JANUARY EVENTS

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## 1ST QUARTER HONOR ROLL AT BROADWATER SCHOOL

Every quarter, Broadwater School takes time to honor those students in grades 4-5 who excel in the classroom and earn "Honor Roll" status. Names followed by an \* indicate students who earned straight A's. For the 1st Quarter, our Honor Roll students are:

**4th Grade:** Hayden Allie\*, Keanu Andres\*, Shelby Grant, Carlito Hidalgo, Jaden Holmquist, Abigail Keenan\*, Blade Myers\*, Aliana Padilla, Kasey Reed, Alexis Smith\*, Treye Smith, Madeline Thompson\*, Dyllan Torres, Brooklyn Williams, Peggy Doney, Jazmyn Ferguson, Emmie Ford, Elizabeth Hackler, Colter Keehn, Jillian Mavencamp\*, Jordan Olson, Hayden Payseno, Faith Ramirez\*, Century Rasmussen\*, Aspen Rising Sun, Liam Romei\*, Itzu Romero\*, Josh Smith\*, Dylan Stoltz, Saige Stordahl and Xainder Vogel.

**5th Grade:** Haddan Belcourt, Anjelica Bonner, Nathan DeRoeck, Kaeden Goffena\*, Azurae Lavenger, Remington Lyle, Sophia Miller, Karson Rudio, Phoenix Young, Jack Dolan\*, Jasmine Gugler, Jackson Hemmat\*, Liam Kerns\*, Leown Keyser, Maliea Malloy, Ashley Quintana, Bailey Sandefur\*, Simon Shoemaker\*, Alexandra Vogel, Hailey Brager, Paul Brott, Riley Gilsdorf, Hannah Haslem, Michaiiah John, Hannah Leonhardt, Elijah Montiel and Bobby Russell.

**Congratulations to all of our Honor Roll Students - Your hard work and dedication will always pay off!**



Thanks to all of the students and teachers who worked extremely hard to achieve the goals set by all! Keep it up!

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR THE 1ST QUARTER AT BROADWATER



**Congratulations to the 70+ students who earned Perfect Attendance for the 1st Quarter of the school year! Keep making school a top priority!**

During the 1st Quarter of school this year, Broadwater had over 70 students with perfect attendance - that's over 20% of our entire student population! Our goal is for every student to be here, every single day, ready to learn. Students who miss school often, or are frequently late, tend to not perform as well as those students who are in school every day. Please make your child's attendance a priority in 2014! In order to achieve perfect attendance, students must not miss a day of school, or be tardy even one time during the quarter. Congratulations to these kids for having perfect attendance:

Cadien Archer, Logan Bates, Colten Bayley, Nick Beckers, Taison Binz, Anjelica Bonner, Emma Buck, Aria Carrasquillo, Trinity Cobell, Jadon Cox, Isaiah Delgado, Jack Dolan, Jazmyn Ferguson, Emmie Ford, Kaeden Goffena, Talen Gosnell, Shelby Grant, Athena Green, Jayden Green, Trinity Gregor, Vala Gregor, Xavier Gregor, Jeremy Haslam, Hannah Haslem, Jackson Hemmat, Keyan Her-

nandez, Xavier Hernandez, Connor Janey, Sophia Johnson, Colter Keehn, Leown Keyser, Cadence Lakel, Madison Lambert, Matthew Lehman, Hannah Leonhardt, Maya Lopez, Johnathan Luce, Joseph Luce, Remington Lyle, Molly Mangus, Gage Martinez, Emily Mavencamp, Peyton Mavencamp, Brighton McCaffrey, Ramona McConnell, Gabe McNamee, Kamron Megears, Carmen Montano, Jordan Olson, Anika Parker, Landyn Pittman, Ashley Quintana, Jonah Rainey, Century Rasmussen, Avery Rindahl, Eztli Romero, Itzu Romero, Roman Rudolph, Bailey Sandefur, Bradley Scher, Gavin Scott, Vaughn Sheridan, Madison Shoemaker, Simon Shoemaker, Maya Simeon, Saige Stordahl, Nora Sundstrom, Tarz Valarde, Samantha Welk, Gage Weyrauch and Phoenix Young.

**\*Compare this list with our Honor Roll list, and you will see a lot of the same names! Attendance = Performance!**

**Way to go, everyone - Mr. Halligan**

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

January, 2014 is almost here. What a great time to set goals! Instead of making the typical resolutions though, let's take a look at making goals for our emotional intelligence that can successfully impact each and every day.

Emotional Intelligence is the ability to handle one's own emotions and to read and respond to others' emotions in ways that create positive relationships. Interestingly, research suggests that IQ alone is not a good predictor of life success. People need EI (emotional intelligence) to effectively navigate life's challenges. Higher academic performance and higher occupational performance are both associated

with emotional intelligence, and it has also been found to increase the ability to cope with severe medical problems (Bar-On, 2007; Brackett and Salovey, 2004).

Franklin Learning Systems in 2011 defined Emotional Intelligence in these five categories:

**SELF-AWARENESS**—the ability to recognize one's own emotions, thoughts and values, as well as the ability to recognize their impact

**MOOD MANAGEMENT**—the ability to regulate emotions and lessen internal conflict in order to adapt to changing circumstances

**SELF-MOTIVATION**—the abil-

ity to use emotions to achieve goals

**EMPATHY**—the ability to read, understand, and respond appropriately to others' emotions

**RELATIONSHIP SKILLS**—the ability to listen to and support others, to manage conflict, and to communicate and cooperate with others

You might want to post these goals on the refrigerator and discuss them during your family mealtime. Share how each of you is using emotional intelligence to make this New Year even better than before. This is a resolution worth making!

## HAVE YOU GIVEN THOUGHT TO JOINING OUR PTA TEAM?

Part of being a member of the community at Broadwater School is investing time and energy back into the school. Probably one of the easiest ways this can be accomplished is through involvement in the PTA - or Parent/Teacher Association. This is by no means an exclusive group of parents, but rather a group of interested moms and dads who are passionate about what is going on in their child's school.

We would encourage you to give some thought to becoming a member of the PTA, and contributing to the ongoing success of our students and school. Being a part of the PTA does not require hours of meetings every week. Our group meets one time, every month, for about an hour. It is usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 - 8:00 PM. During our meetings, we are diligent to address school needs in a professional and timely manner, and are careful to honor your time as a parent.

In a school of over 350 students, our parent population tops out around 800 adults. Currently, our PTA representation includes about 2% of that population. While we are very excited about the parents we have attending each month, we would enjoy seeing more of you at our meetings to help us make decisions that will impact your kids at Broadwater School for years to come.

If you are interested in being a part of the PTA, you can call the school at 281.6207, and request that your name be passed on to our President, Chantell Dickey, or you can email her directly at [broadwaterpta@billingschools.org](mailto:broadwaterpta@billingschools.org) - Everyone is welcome!

## BROADWATER ALL SCHOOL OFF-CAMPUS EVACUATION DRILL

On Thursday, December 12, at 1:05 PM, our school will be conducting an all school, off-campus evacuation drill at the Evangelical United Methodist Church on 4th. This is something that we do every year, as preparation for an area emergency. That afternoon, if you were to drive by, you might see over 350 students and 40 staff members making a mass exodus from Broadwater, and walking across the street to the church. This is a planned drill, and students will be safe and taken care of. In addition to the evacuation drill, we will be practicing a parent/student re-unification process that will take place in the event of an actual emergency and evacuation. Some parents have been contacted to help us with this drill, but all students will be back in the classroom before primary dismissal at 2:20. Please call the school if you have any questions or concerns about this drill. This is something we need to do to prepare for any situation that might warrant us evacuating the building. Teachers will be working with students to make them aware of it before it happens.

# A HUGE THANK YOU FROM OUR STAFF

Over the last several weeks, before our Holiday Break, the staff at Broadwater School enjoyed treats, snacks and goodies of all kinds provided by the PTA Baking Committee and the wonderful parents



and families at our school.

While we will be working off all of the calories consumed in December for many weeks to come, we are so thankful for the "fuel" that helped us motor through the weeks leading up to Christmas!

In addition, we would like to thank all of the local organizations, community members and supporters of Broadwater

School (too many to name) for the outpouring of support for our students and families in need this holiday season.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to enrich the lives and the holiday of many of our Broadwater students and their families.

We are so grateful for community partners like you!

## LEVY AND BOND MEANS NEW TECH AND SCHOOL!

As you all know, we worked very hard as a school and community over the last several months, to pass both a technology levy and a building bond for the city of Billings. More specifically, for our students in the elementary and middle schools. Thanks to your support, our school has seen an increase in our technological capacity, purchased with dollars from the tech levy. This fall, Broadwater School was able to add many different items to our list of technology equipment, and every day those items are being put to good use. Some of the items purchased with our technology levy money are: teacher laptop

computers, 6 interactive Mimio projectors for the classrooms, 2 Mimio vote systems which allow students to respond electronically to classroom assessments, 12 iPad minis to be used in the primary classrooms, a Chromebook lab with 30 machines to be used in grades 3-5, printers to be used throughout the school, software licenses that helped boost our existing machines and 8 wireless access points that allow for better wireless coverage throughout the school.

We will continue to build on these supplies in the future, in order to get more technology into our students' hands.

With the passage of the bond this fall, Billings made history! This bond passage, while it may mean slightly increased property taxes, will mean four new schools (total renovation of Broadwater and McKinley and 2 new middle schools) for Billings, and major repairs and maintenance on almost all other schools. While we do not have exact dates yet, our students and staff can look forward to a brand new teaching and learning environment in the next couple of years! This will be a long, hard road, but will be well worth it in the end - We are so excited for what is to come at Broadwater School!

## HIP HOP AND THE BROADWATER BREAKERS



For the last month, students at Broadwater have been working every week to perfect their hip hop skills during practice sessions for the Broadwater Breakers dance crew. Over 30 students in grades 4-5, under the direction of coach Tracy Stanaway, our very own Miss Stanaway and several high school dancers, have learned several dances, and are working hard to learn more. The Broadwater Breakers is a group that has been gaining momentum since its creation during the winter of 2012. Our students love to dance, and it is a fun way to keep kids active during the cold winter months when outdoor activities are limited. Come check us out every Wednesday afternoon from 3:05 to 4:00 in the Broadwater gym!

# TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF - PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Every year, at exactly this time, each one of us is given the opportunity to 'start fresh' or 'turn over a new leaf' in some area of our lives. As students, parents, teachers and community members, this fresh start can come in a variety of forms. As we kick off 2014, and work our way toward the end of another school year, I encourage each of you to choose at least one area in your life in which you would like to start over, work harder or just make better. You might have a bad habit that needs kicking, or perhaps you want to start a new healthy habit like daily exercise, reading a book a week or eating better. As the principal of Broadwater School, I am so pleased with the progress we are making as a learning community and I am excited to see what the next five months will bring. If there was one area that I would like us all to focus on, as a school, it is the area of daily attendance.

During the first four months of school, we have spent a lot of time each morning writing tardy slips to those students who walk through our doors after the school day begins. I know that most students at Broadwater are responsible and capable of being here, on time, every day. I want to remind everyone that getting to school every day, on time, ready to learn, is a team effort. Each of us must rely on our families to help make that happen. I am asking for the help of each student, parent, sibling and family member to make daily attendance a major priority in your home. Every year, thousands of hours of teaching and learning time is lost to tardy and absent students in our schools. One of the best things you can do for yourself and your learning community, is to make daily attendance a high priority. Not only will you set yourself up for success down the road, but you will contribute to the overall success of your classroom and school! Thank you for partnering with us - we cannot do it without you!



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**Mr. Halligan - Principal**

As always, we are trying to make sure that, as a school, we are able to communicate with you as often as possible, and whenever necessary. The form below can be detached and returned to school with any pertinent information for 2014. **If you have not yet given us your e-mail address, and you would like to be included on our school list serve, please include your email address and return the form to your child's teacher. Thanks!**

## NEW ADDRESS FOR 2014?

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:      Mother      Father

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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*Happy Holidays from the Teachers  
and Staff of Broadwater  
Elementary School!*

