

Broadwater Bulletin

May 2012

Principal - Joe M. Halligan

"The mission of Broadwater school staff, along with students and their families, is to develop self directed life long learners by providing relevant learning opportunities in a safe, caring environment."



EVENTS IN MAY

5th Grade Downtown Tour	1
No School - Spring Day	4
Broadwater PTA Working Bee from 8:00 to 12:00 PM	5
Teacher Appreciation Week	7 - 11
PTA/Spring Title I Meeting @ 6:30 in the gym	8
6th Grade to Lewis and Clark for 7th grade tour	17
Broadwater Field Day - Terry Park	18
Spring Book Fair - Library	22 - 23
4th Quarter BUG Assembly @ 2:00 in the gym	29
6th Grade Field Trip and Graduation Ceremony	31
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - 12:00 DISMISSAL!	June 1

Principal's Pen

Hard to believe, but we have hit the home-stretch! With only a few more weeks of school left, it is time for me to call special attention to the teachers and staff at Broadwater School who help our students succeed every day, provide them with a safe and fun environment in which to learn and devote endless amounts of time and energy to developing lessons that will last a lifetime!

Monday, May 7th marks the beginning of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - 2012, and we will be celebrating our wonderful teaching staff all week long!

Thank you to all of the dedicated staff who contributes to make this the best school in Billings!

TEACHERS:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Elenbaas
1st - Mrs. King, Mrs. Lunder and Mrs. Robson
2nd - Miss Barker, Mrs. Gransberg and Mrs. Rott
3rd - Mrs. Bertelson, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Reichenbach
4th - Mrs. Ashmore and Mrs. Brown
5th - Miss Brinkman and Mrs. Cline
6th - Mr. Steier and Mrs. Weber

SPECIALISTS:

Resource/Read 180 - Mrs. Stepan, and Ms. Hippler, **Library** - Mrs. Evans, **Health/PE** - Mr. King, **Title I** - Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hoenke, **Speech** - Mrs. Hogan, **Counselor** - Mrs. Klaboe, **Psychologist** - Mr. Bartsch, **General Music** - Ms. Grass, **Band** - Mr. Lynam and Mrs. Wells, **Orchestra** - Mrs. Jackman, **Art** - Mrs. Wischman, **Extended Studies** - Mrs. Williams

SUPPORT STAFF:

Family Resource Center/Para Professional - Mrs. Alpers, **Para Professionals** - Mrs. France, Mrs. Cockburn, **Custodial** - Mr. Rathie and Mrs. Geneux, **General Duty Aides** - Mrs. Molk, Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Westerman and Mrs. Muck, **Crosswalk Guards** - Mrs. France, Mr. Bonner, Ms. Kappert and our Beloved Mr. Knight, **Lunchroom Servers** - Mrs. Winninger, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Persinger, **Secretary** - Mrs. Kramer, **Nursing Staff** - Mrs. Trost, Mrs. Archilla, Mrs. Oates and Mrs. Cannon

YMCA Principals' Leadership Award

Broadwater School is proud to recognize both Madison and MaKenzy Gilsdorf as this year's recipients of the YMCA Principals' Leadership Award. Both girls are leaders among their peers in 6th grade, and have been positive citizens at Broadwater for many years. The

girls demonstrate every day what it means to be a successful student at our school. On April 16th, the girls attended a luncheon at the YMCA in their honor, and they were accompanied by Mr. Halligan and their parents Wade and Julie. Way to go, girls! We are all very proud of you!



Award recipients MaKenzy and Madison Gilsdorf enjoy the reception at the YMCA on Wednesday, April 16th with Mr. Halligan

TIPS FOR SUMMER PARENTING

During the school year it can be difficult for busy parents to keep kids safe and cared for, but when the first of June rolls around, this challenge becomes even more complicated. Parents can find themselves torn between the joy of summer holiday and the issue of child-care and of providing summer supervision now that school and school-associated activities are on hiatus. As the number of single parent families increases, and longer work days and tighter scheduling is the norm, we have compiled a list of tips to make summer as stress free as possible.

1. Let kids help in finding solutions. Give your child the opportunity to contribute when making summer plans. Model problem solving skills and allow them to participate. Everyone contribute ideas and make a list citing the pros and cons of each idea. Children have an easier time adapting to a busy or complicated schedule when they have helped in the decision making process.

2. Make sure young children have fun and interesting people to spend time with such as grandparents, aunts and uncles, or the parent of a friend. Try to have a good mix of adult supervision and peer interaction; a camp counselor or summer teacher also provide this opportunity.

3. Another way to lessen your stress and to create great times for your child is to look for local recreation programs. Some resources are local park and recreation centers, camps, local colleges and universities, churches, YMCA or Boys and Girls Clubs, as well as private day-care that includes field trips and fun activities for kids.

4. Check out books and tapes from your local library or plan a trip to a bookstore. Provide arts and craft supplies for those long rainy days when kids are stuck indoors. Help older children find summer jobs or volunteer opportunities to spend their time helping others.

5. Try to set aside one on one time with each child doing something when they can have your complete attention. Leave your cell phone at home and try taking a walk, a bike ride, or even a drive in the car. There is something about being side by side instead of face to face that enhances communication with teens and tweens.

6. Have your child keep a journal or scrapbook of their activities during the summer. This can be as simple as writing three things about their day that they are grateful for or really enjoyed. Time goes by too quickly and this would be a great way to look back and enjoy your summer again and again.

7. Provide your child with something fun to look forward to. Having a special event planned gives kids the focus they need to get them through necessary chores and times when parents are not around because of other

responsibilities.

8. Sometimes the options for spending summer days are limited and your child will not be thrilled with the outcome. If this is the case, allow him/her to voice their opinion and frustrations and listen to their feelings. Everyone adjusts to disappointment best when they know that they are heard and that what they have to say is important to the ones they love the best.

9. If your child spends time alone, know that age is relative. Some children can be very mature at 10 and others may need supervision well into their teens. Be sure to consider whether children left with siblings are more likely to take chances or if the behavior between the kids could become combative. Be sure that your child feels safe and is given written instructions on topics from emergency phone numbers to what snacks they can have.

10. Finally, take some time for yourself. I always use the example of the airline attendant and how they give their safety presentation before each flight. I compare how they instruct adults traveling with children to apply their own air mask before assisting children. It is much the same principle in parenting. You are your child's number one resource in the world but if you do not take time for yourself, being an effective parent would be next to impossible. Your little ones still need a very good nights sleep, even during the summer and you need some quiet time.

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.

COUNSELOR'S
CORNER

The last week of regularly scheduled student counseling sessions will be May 14th - 18th. Mrs. Klaboe will be available every day to help students who may have emergency needs, but the final weeks of school will be intended for parents, guardians and families to meet to discuss counseling progress made this year and plans for the future. If you would like to schedule a family conference, please contact Mrs. Klaboe through the school by calling 281.6207. Thank you for helping to successfully close out another school year with your kids...We truly enjoy working with them every day!



Broadwater School strives to be a Bully-Free School.

Out of Area Requests for Next School Year

If you are currently living out of Broadwater School's boundary area, this is a reminder that out of area students need to have an Out of Area form filled out every school year. A letter will be sent out in May informing parents to contact their home school, if applicable. The Out of Area forms are only good for the current school year, and must be re-submitted each school year. Forms for the 2012 - 2013 school year can be filled out at the end of this year, and will be kept on file until the fall. Approval will take place approximately two weeks before school starts. Because of our diverse population, all out of area decisions are based on class size, discipline, attendance and tardy issues. Call the office at 281.6207 if you have questions, or are unsure of the boundary lines. You may also use the district web site to verify home school locations.

May I Make a Teacher Request for 2012 - 2013?

The teachers and staff at Broadwater School are among the most qualified and highly professional people with whom I have worked. All of our teachers possess a multitude of teaching strengths, and care a great deal about each child placed in their care. Placement decisions for your child are carefully considered every year. I personally meet with each grade level to discuss your child's future classroom placement - determining their teacher next year is not a random decision. Peer relationships, number of boys and girls, learning styles, educational needs, student/teacher personalities and parental relations are all taken into consideration with making student placements. Bottom line, I ask that you trust our decisions.

Should you have a concern that I need to know about, please submit it to me, in writing, no later than May 11. There are no guarantees. All schools reserve the right to place students accordingly. Please know that it is impossible to grant all wishes. Adapting to change is part of the growing process for all children. Thank you for helping us through this process.

Mr. Halligan - Principal

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you to all of the students and families who contributed this year to our Box Tops For Education program! Students who turn in box tops receive books that have been donated to our school. As a school, we collected just over \$1600 for Broadwater School! That money is used for a variety of things throughout the year, and helps to pay for things like student school supplies, clothing needs, class field trips and testing 'snacks'. Thank you to Sheryl Alpers and Katy France for working so hard to make sure Box Tops were collected and submitted!



BROADWATER FIELD DAY

The Broadwater School Field Day will take place on Friday, May 18th at Terry Park. Kindergarten - 2nd grade will participate in the morning from 9:00 - 11:00 and 3rd - 5th grade will be in the afternoon from 12:50 - 2:55. 6th graders will help with the games in the morning, and parents and former students in the afternoon. Please make sure your child has appropriate attire for the weather that day, tennis shoes and a water bottle. As always, parents are welcome to visit the park to watch the students participate!

Please make sure that students wear tennis shoes during all PE times for the remainder of the year - Mr. King

6TH GRADE TO LEWIS

On Thursday, May 17th, the 6th graders at Broadwater will be walking to Lewis & Clark Middle School to visit the school for an orientation session. Students will spend about an hour at Lewis with students from the Student Council. While they are there, they will tour the building, checking out classrooms, commons areas and the gym. 6th graders will be able to ask questions, and become a little more familiar with the school before making the transition in August. **PARENT OPEN HOUSE will be that same night at 7:00 PM.**

2012 - 13 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Next year's school supply list will be sent home with 4th Quarter report cards. They have also been faxed to most of the local stores that carry school supplies. If you need a list, after school is out, the school office will be open until June 15th. Also, you can pick one up in August when student registration begins. All supply lists will be available on the web-site at:

www.broadwaterschool.weebly.com

BROADWATER PTA WORKING BEE

The annual Broadwater PTA Working Bee will be held this Saturday morning, May 5th, from 8:00 - 12:00 PM, weather permitting. Grab your work gloves, rakes, shovels and other yard tools and join us for a time of 'school beautification'. Our hope is to get the school in tip-top shape for the spring, and compete some projects that need to get done on the grounds. If you would like to be involved, please call the school at 281.6207 so that we can get an idea of how many to anticipate that morning. Remember, many hands make light work... Help us keep Broadwater beautiful!

FINAL PTA MEETING

Please plan to join us for the last PTA meeting of the 2011-2012 school year on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM. We will be electing new Officers, as well as talking about Title I programming at Broadwater. If you have a desire to be involved with your child's school, PTA is the place for you! PTA generally meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year. We are so thankful for all they do for our school throughout the year...Thank you PTA - for everything!



Check us out on the web @
www.broadwaterschool.weebly.com

At Broadwater School, we are so thankful for the people in our community who visit our classrooms each week and contribute to the growing success of our students. This month, we would like to recognize all of those people who give of their time in the midst of their busy schedules at St. Vincent's Hospital, Yellowstone Bank and Holland and Hart Law Firm. You folks really do make all the difference in the world and we are lucky to have such dedicated and compassionate volunteers like you! The students, staff and parents thank you for all you do for us!

St. Vincent's Hospital:

Danielle Grusonik, Eric Ekker, Karen Ericson, Kim Plaggemeyer, Misse Iver-son, Jeff Steinke, Tabitha Maust, Chris Cook, Melissa Kuntz and Wendy Ross

Yellowstone Bank:

Ty Elkin, Pam Ivanoff, Spencer Frederick, Deb Malvey, Garrett Scott and Greg Jepperson

Holland and Hart Law Firm:

Chuck Hingle, Bill Mercer, Adrian Miller, Vicka Lanier, Barbara Bowler and Leslie Thompson

We also have a host of parents who contribute to our classrooms every day...Please take time to thank them the next time you see them!

Gala Thompson, Brian Thompson (PTA), Jodi Schreiber, Cathy Haslam, Lynette Muri, Tamara Barnhart, Sarah Rainey, Lisa Linday (PTA), Melissa Hernandez, Mike and Inger Curtis, Carol Haskins (PTA), Lucy Ellefson, Sharon Miller, Wade Gilsdorf (PTA), Pax Haslem, Mandy Torgerson, Karen D'Anna, Heather Wheeler, Tom and Abby Hinthorne

If we have forgotten your name, we apologize, but we will not forget the contribution you've made to Broadwater School this year! Thank You!!

Please Cut on the Dotted Line and Return to School!

Every month, our Broadwater Bulletin includes this portion to help us stay in touch with you. Please help us keep our records current and up to day. 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:

