

# Broadwater Bulletin

May 2013

Principal - Joe M. Halligan

## EVENTS IN MAY

Talent Show - Students only	1
No School - Spring Day	3
Teacher Appreciation Week	6 - 10
Talent Show - 7:00 PM - Lewis and Clark - Families	7
4th Grade Recorder Concert - 1:45 in the gym	8
Bike and Walk to School Week - Bike/Shoe giveaways	13-17
PTA/Spring Title I Meeting @ 6:30 in the gym	14
2nd Grade Music - 1:15 PM	15
1st Grade Music - 2:00 PM	
5th/6th Grade Music - 2:15	
All performances in the gym	
5th/6th Grade to Lewis and Clark for school tour - 12:45	16
Parent Open House at 7:00 PM	
5th/6th Orchestra Performance - 11:00 in the 1st floor foyer	17
PTA - Working Bee from 9:00 to 12:00 PM	18
5th/6th Grade Band Concert - 1:15 PM in the Gym	20
Great Northern Book Fair in the Library	21-22
Broadwater Carnival - 6:00 to 7:30 PM - On the playground!	23
Broadwater Field Day at Terry Park - 8:45 to 2:30 PM	24
5th Grade Field Trip and Graduation Party - 6:00 PM	28
4th Quarter Honor Roll/BUG Assembly - 2:00 in the gym	29
6th Grade Field Trip and Graduation BBQ at school - BBQ starts at 2:30 PM	30
Last day of School for Students - 12:00 Dismissal	31

# 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 6th marks the beginning of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - 2013, 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. Robson and Mrs. Elenbaas  
**1st** - Mrs. King, Mrs. Lunder, Mrs. Hernandez and Miss Stanaway  
**2nd** - Miss Barker, Mrs. Gransberg and Mrs. Rott  
**3rd** - Mrs. Bertelson and Mrs. Reichenbach  
**4th** - Mrs. Ashmore, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Harvey  
**5th** - Miss Brinkman and Mrs. Cline  
**6th** - Mr. Steier and Mrs. Weber

## SPECIALISTS:

**Resource/Read 180** - Mrs. Orner **Library** - Mrs. Evans,  
**Health/PE** - Mr. King, **Title I** - Ms. Hippler 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, Ms. Hofstad **Custodial** - Mr. Rathie and Mrs. Holzworth, **General Duty Aides** - Mrs. Martens, Mr. Bonner, Mrs. Brester, **Crosswalk Guards** - Mrs. France, Mr. Bonner and Ms. Kappert **Lunchroom Servers** - Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Persinger, **Secretary** - Mrs. Kramer, **Nursing Staff** - Mrs. Trost, Mrs. Archilla and Mrs. Cannon

## YMCA Principals' Leadership Award

Broadwater School is proud to recognize 6th grader, Samantha Allie as this year's recipients of the YMCA Principals' Leadership Award. Sam is a leader among her peers in 6th grade, and has been a positive citizen at Broadwater for many years. She demon-

strates every day what it means to be a successful student at our school. On April 17th, Samantha attended a luncheon at the YMCA in her honor, and she was accompanied by Mr. Halligan and her mom, Janna. Way to go, Sam! We are all very proud of you!



Principal's Award recipient Samantha Allie enjoys the reception at the YMCA on Wednesday, April 17th with Mr. Halligan

## BROADWATER TEACHERS AWARDED GRANTS

This year the Education Foundation awarded \$2,666 to three teachers at Broadwater Elementary. The Education Foundation believes that directly supporting our classrooms is one of the best ways to help students achieve and succeed. Classroom Grants from the Education Foundation are designed to meet the following goals.

- **Increase student engagement, motivation, and exposure to new concepts and ideas.**

- **Create opportunities to allow all students to reach their full potential through enriched learning environments.**

- **Strengthen teaching tools and strategies in core academic subjects, including the arts.**

- **Encourage collaboration and professional development among teachers.**

- **Increase parent and community**

### involvement in our schools.

Throughout Billings Public Schools, the Education Foundation awarded \$90,000 in Classroom Grants to 115 educators. A selection committee from the community reviews the grant applications and awards the grants based on innovation, creativity, and applicability to the classroom. **Classroom Grant** recipients will receive new technology, as well as supplemental literacy, writing, and math materials for use in the classroom to reach students of all learning abilities and styles. The grant program also provides funding for art and music programs that benefit students in elementary through high school.

The funding for the Classroom Grants program comes from individual donors and businesses, funds raised at Saturday Live, money earned from the Foundation's endowments, and BPS educators and staff who give to the Foundation through payroll deduction.

The mission of the Education Foundation is

to promote excellence in education by providing opportunities and resources to Billings public school students. The Foundation works in cooperation with the public school system, but operates independently. The Education Foundation is focused on connecting teachers, students, families, parents, volunteers, and donors to enrich our schools. To learn more about Classroom Grants and supporting the Foundation, visit the Foundation's website at [www.efbps.org](http://www.efbps.org)

### Broadwater CLASSROOM GRANT RECIPIENTS :

**Sally Bishop - "Let's VOTE to Improve Student Learning"**

**Erin Elenbass - "Enhancing Learning through iPads"**

**Diane Brown - "Lily Pad of Learning"**

## 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.



### CELL PHONES AND TWEENS

We all know that students are using cell phones at younger and younger ages. The up side is that they afford parents both convenience and peace of mind when children are away from home. The down side is that there are safety and health issues connected to cell phone use, especially when using a 'smart' phone with internet access. Cyber-bullying and the reality of cyber-predators are two of the most common concerns of parents and educators. There are a few issues that are of specific concern to parents of younger students.

Most importantly for you and your child is that with rights comes responsibility. Talking to your children about your expectations for cell phone use before trouble begins can make the experience a lot less stressful on everyone.

Kohl's, in conjunction with the Injury Prevention Center of the Connecticut Medical Center, has an **excellent** Cell Phone Pledge that addresses specific tween issues and concerns. This agreement will give you and your child an opportunity to talk about general and specific rights and responsibilities for everyone that will go a long way in keeping your child safe and healthy.

COUNSELOR'S  
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## 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 2013 - 2014 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 2013 - 2014?

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 over \$1200 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 24th 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**

#### 5TH/6TH GRADE TO LEWIS

On Thursday, May 16th, the 5th and 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 there, they will tour the building, checking out classrooms, commons areas and the gym. Students will be able to ask questions, and become more familiar with the school before making the transition in August. **PAR-ENT OPEN HOUSE will be that same night at 7:00 PM.**

#### 2013 - 14 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](http://www.broadwaterschool.weebly.com)

#### BROADWATER PTA WORKING BEE

The annual Broadwater PTA Working Bee will be held Saturday morning, May 18th, from 9:00 - 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 2012-2013 school year on Tuesday, May 14th 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 - Thank you PTA - for everything!



2013 - 2014 Kindergarten Registration has begun! Please call the school to find out more, or go online to register your new kindergartener for the next school year! Currently, we are not taking out of area kindergarteners.

[www.billingschools.org](http://www.billingschools.org)

### Student Checkout = Show your Identification

Parents and families,

We would like to take a quick moment to address, once again, the school procedure that we have with regards to picking up students and presenting your identification. For some, this is a mild inconvenience, and we understand that. We do, however, feel that student safety and security trumps any inconvenience this may present.

Our goal is not to upset or offend anyone visiting our school. As mentioned many times before by Mr. Halligan, and all the school staff, our primary goal is student safety and well-being. This procedure of validating parent family identities helps us achieve this objective. One thing that you can do as parents is make sure that you have updated your school contact card, so that all family members are up to date. We cannot release students to adults not listed on your school contact card.

Thank you for being willing to support our efforts when it comes to maintaining the safety of our kids. Should you have any questions regarding this procedure, do not hesitate to ask.

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 and Evangelical United Methodist Church (EUMC) 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!

## Please Cut on the Dotted Line and Return to School!

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**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:**

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