

Broadwater Bulletin

May 2015

Principal - Joe M. Halligan

EVENTS IN MAY

- 1 - No School - Holiday
- 4 - 800 Championships at Terry Park @ 10:30 AM
- 7 - Mom's Day in Mrs. King's @ 8:30 AM; PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM - Final meeting of the year; 1st Grade to the Zoo @ 9:30 AM
- 8 - Sodexo BBQ during lunch
- 11 - 4th Grade Wax Museum
- 14 - Dad's Day in Mrs. King's @ 8:30 AM
- 15 - Sealants for Smiles at Broadwater School all day
- 15 - Speech students to Terry Park @ 9:15 AM
- 16 - Bike Rodeo at Albertson's on 6th Ave.
- 18 - The Sidewalk Begins in... 3rd Grade - Miss Brinkman's class - 1:00 PM
- 19 - Community Tour of the New School Building @ 5:00 PM
- 20 - 5th Grade Orchestra Concert @ 8:30 AM in the gym
- 21 - Elenbaas/Robson to Senior High for Science @ 8:30 AM
- 22 - Field Day at Terry Park - K-2 in the morning and 3-5 in the afternoon
- 25 - Memorial Day - No School
- 28 - Miss Gratwohl's Zoo Trip

EVENTS IN JUNE

- 1 - 3rd Grade to FWP @ 8:30
- 2 - BUG/HR Assembly @ 9:00
- 3 - 5th Grade to Pioneer Park
- 4 - **Last Day of School for Kids** Kindergarten Graduation - 12:30 5th Grade to Geyser Park Report Cards go home with kids

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Kindergarten registration is now open! Come in to the office to register any new students for the fall of 2015!

The time has come, once again, for the final Broadwater Bulletin of the year! This year has been filled with transition and construction, but we have all survived...barely! With all the excitement and change, we cannot forget to honor and thank all of the professionals that make this school as great as it is.

Monday, May 4th marks the beginning of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - 2015, and we will be celebrating our wonderful teaching staff all week. I hope that you will help by saying "thank you" to those who serve your kids each day.

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

TEACHERS:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Elenbaas and Mrs. Robson
1st Grade - Mrs. Mehling, Mrs. Romei and Miss Stanaway
2nd Grade - Miss Barker, Mrs. Gransberg, Mrs. King and Mrs. Rott
3rd Grade - Miss Brinkman, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Reichenbach
4th Grade - Mrs. Ashmore and Mrs. Brown
5th Grade - Mrs. Cline and Mr. Steier

SPECIALISTS:

Resource Room - Mrs. Montgomery; **Library** - Mrs. Evans; **Health/PE** - Mr. King; **Title I** - Ms. Hippler; **Speech** - Mrs. Hogan; **Counselor** - Mrs. Klaboe; **Psychologist** - Mr. Bartsch; **General Music** - Ms. Grass; **Band** - Mrs. Maurer; **Orchestra** - Mrs. Wells; **Art** - Mrs. DelCostello and **Extended Studies** - Mrs. Williams

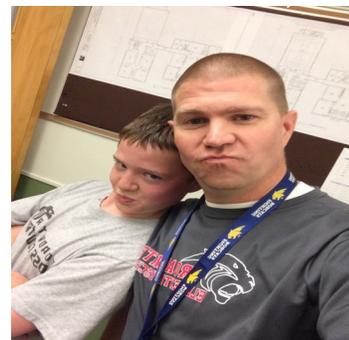
SUPPORT STAFF:

Family Resource Center/IPP - Mrs. Alpers, **Instructional Paraprofessionals** - Mrs. Cockburn, Mrs. Hoenke and Mrs. France, **Custodial Staff** - Mrs. Holzworth and Mrs. Stoltenberg, **General Duty Aides** - Mr. Clark, Ms. Carter and Mrs. Nichols **Lunchroom Servers** - Mrs. Slevira, Mrs. Persinger, Ms. Lorena Longee **Secretary** - Mrs. Kramer, **Nursing Staff** - Mrs. Archilla, Mrs. Canon, Mrs. Evenson, Mrs. Davis

YMCA PRINCIPAL'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

Broadwater School is proud to recognize 5th grader, Hayden Allie, as this year's recipient of the YMCA Principal's Leadership Award. Hayden is a leader among his peers in 5th grade, and has been a positive citizen at Broadwater for many years. He demonstrates every day what it means to be a successful student at our school. His 5th grade

teachers, Mrs. Cline and Mr. Steier, decided unanimously that Hayden should receive this award for the 2014-2015 school year. On May 13th, Hayden will attend a luncheon at the YMCA in his honor, and will be accompanied by Mr. Halligan and his parents, Nate and Janna Allie. Way to go, Hayden! We are all very proud of you!



Principal's Award recipient, Hayden Allie poses with Mr. Halligan after receiving the YMCA Principal's Leadership Award at Broadwater School.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Mrs. Klaoe, our school Counselor, is at school every day to help students and families in need. Please call her if you would like to schedule a time to visit!
281.6426

Is Family Mealtime Important?

By Leah Davies, M.Ed.

According to recent surveys, less than half of the families in the United States actually sit down to a meal on a regular basis. Yet, studies report that family meals are strongly related to the development of adolescent mental health and stability. A Harvard Medical School study found that there are nutritional, as well as social, emotional and academic advantages that occur in children when families share meals together.

Why are family mealtimes important?

A sense of belonging and mutual trust is fostered when adults and children eat together and enjoy each other's company.

Family meals provide opportunities for adults to model table manners and nutritious food choices.

Eating together encourages adult-child communication skills such as listening patiently to each other and expressing one's opinion in a respectful manner.

Mealtimes provide a setting for moral and intellectual discussion where family values are shared.

Since children thrive on routines, family meals foster a sense of security and stability. When children help with meals, they learn skills such as shopping, setting the table, preparing food, serving food, and cleaning up. Family meals can foster family traditions and enhance cultural heritages.

What can busy families do to improve their mealtime enjoyment?

Keep in mind that if you are too busy to have family meals, you may be too busy! Plan ahead, think creatively, and make adjustments to fit your family's schedule. For example, you may want to change the time of day you eat together or have a picnic on a blanket before or after a ball game.

Have mealtimes without television. If your family usually watches TV during dinner, decrease the habit slowly. Begin with one or two TV-free meals a week and gradually increase the number. Limit other distractions as well.

Keep food simple and varied. Elaborate meals are not necessary for quality family time. Serve the same favorite food on a certain day of the week or month. To save time and effort, plan for and use leftovers.

Serve all family members the same food at the same time. Provide a variety of food choices and refrain from forcing children to eat certain foods. If your children are not hungry at mealtime, cut back on snacks between meals.

Limit the Table Discussion to Neutral Topics. Focus on the positive by asking questions such as, "Tell something good that happened today." Listen attentively and make sure the speaker feels respected. Mealtime is not the place for criticism or rude behaviors.

Involve the kids in planning, preparing and serving meals, thus building teamwork and cooperation. Listen to their meal suggestions and try to make eating together fun. Invite them to help create memorable holiday foods and decorations.

Try playing soft music, lighting candles or using flowers to create a pleasant atmosphere. For a special treat, have a family dinner in a quiet restaurant. Limit visits to fast-food establishments.

Teach by showing, not by telling. When you make pleasant family mealtimes a priority, your child or children will more likely be healthy, well-mannered and well-adjusted.

***We are sad to announce that Mrs. Klaoe will be moving on from Broadwater School after 12 years of dedicated service to our students, families and staff members. If you would like to schedule an 'exit' conference with her before the end of school, please call her office number at 281.6426. Broadwater School will miss her, but we wish her well in a new adventure at a new school in the fall of 2015!**

Out of Area Requests for Next School Year

If you are currently living out of our school's boundary area, this is a reminder that all out of area students need to have an Out of Area form completed for each school year. A letter was sent out the first week of May informing parents to contact their home school, if applicable. Forms for the 2015 -

2016 school year can be filled out at the end of this school year, and will be kept on file until August. Approval will take place approximately two weeks before school starts. Because of our diverse and fluctuating population, all out of area decisions are based on class size, history of discipline

issues and attendance and tardies each year. If you have struggled to get your out of area student to school on time, you may be invited to enroll at your home school to ensure attendance is not an issue. Call the office, at 281.6207, if you are unsure of the boundary lines. You may also use the district website to verify your home school address.



May I Make a Teacher Request for 2015-2016?

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 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 when 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 writ-

ing, no later than May 16th. 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

SODEXO LUNCH PROGRAM JOB FAIR

If you are looking for a job, and would be interested in a position with the school district's Food Services program, check out this information! On Wednesday, May 13th, Sodexo will be hosting an open house at their office building from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The address is 101 10th Street West. If you have questions about positions, you can call them at 281.5875. Positions for the 2015-16 school year will begin on August 19th, and will follow the school calendar. No nights or weekends; summer and holidays off! Substitute positions are available, if interested.

BROADWATER FIELD DAY

The Broadwater School Field Day will take place on Friday, May 22nd at Terry Park. Kindergarten - 2nd grade will participate in the morning from 8:45 to 11:10 and 3rd - 5th grades will be in the afternoon from 12:30 to 2:20. As always, students who have not demonstrated appropriate school and classroom behaviors will not be permitted to participate. Please make sure your child has adequate attire for the weather that day, tennis shoes and a water bottle. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend this event!

5TH GRADE TO LEWIS AND CLARK

On Thursday, May 14th, the 5th graders will be walking to Lewis and 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, the commons area and the gym. Students will be able to ask questions, and become more familiar with the school before making the transition in August. **Parent Open House will be that same night at 7:00 PM.**

Please join us on Tuesday, May 19th at 5:00 PM for a Community Tour of the new Broadwater School Building! Students, parents, families and community members are invited to stop by for a special guided tour to view the progress being made on our new school. You may RSVP by calling the school at 281.6207, or just show up before 5:00 that afternoon. We will meet on the south playground.

Please Return this Bottom Portion to the School!

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 changed phone numbers, please complete the form below and send back to school with your child(ren).

Student Name _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

New Address _____

New Phone Number(s) _____

Please indicate: Mother Father

INFORMATION SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF:
