

BROADWATER BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2011

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PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE!!

Please check in at the office anytime you are at Broadwater School! All main building doors are locked for safety purposes. Please do not enter the main (old) building without first letting the office know and getting a visitor pass - For the safety of all students!!

REMINDER

Call 281.6207 by 8:30 anytime your child is absent from school or will be tardy!

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 2nd - 4th are scheduled for Parent/Teacher conferences. By now you should have received a confirmation of your assigned conference time(s). If your child has not brought one home, please call our office at 281.6207 so our secretary can schedule you for a conference time.

All grades will be dismissed at 12:00 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that week.

Our conference times are:

Wed: 7:30 - 8:15 AM

12:45 - 4:00 PM

Thu: 7:30 - 8:15 AM

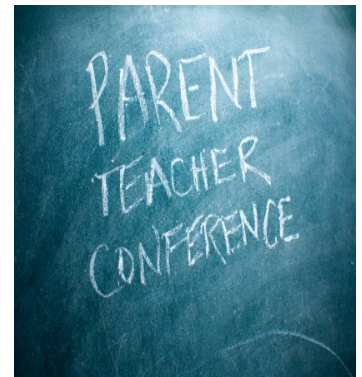
12:45 - 6:00 PM

Fri: 7:30 - 8:15 AM

This is an important time for you to meet with your teachers one on one to discuss your child's academic progress. Please be on time, as teachers have several conferences scheduled in a row. If you are unable to make your scheduled conference time, please contact the office and let us know. We will do our best to find a new time that will fit your schedule.

In October's newsletter, we set a goal for 100% parent attendance for conferences this year...please help us reach our goal!

SEE YOU AT CONFERENCES!



Every fall our teachers look forward to the opportunity to meet parents and family members during conferences. Please support your child by making attendance a priority this week.

P / T CONFERENCE HINTS

Here are some helpful tips for a successful conference with your child's teacher(s):

Before the Conference:

Talk with your child about school.

Write down your concerns to share with the teacher(s).

During the Conference:

Discuss concerns you have.

Listen carefully to everything the teacher says and take notes.

Ask for explanations of things you don't understand.

Ask for suggestions.

Assure the teacher of your continued support from home.

After the Conference:

Talk with your child about the conference; share positive comments the teacher made.

Follow up with any suggestions you and the teacher agreed upon.

Be sure to call the teacher any time you have questions or concerns.

COMMUNICATE - COMMUNICATE!

BROADWATER RUNNERS SHOW UP!

On Thursday, October 13th, almost 50 young runners from Broadwater School represented the Panthers at the Yellowstone County Cross Country Meet at Pioneer Park! As a result, our school brought home the "Spirit" trophy for having the most runners of any school. Overall, almost 600 students from 40+ schools competed in the meet.

Thanks go to Mr. King and Chris Cook for coordinating such a successful effort! Mr. King and Mr. Cook meet with runners in grades 4 - 6 every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8:00 - 8:20, during the months of September and October. Their hope this spring is to continue the running club and include even more students. Plan to

be there this spring! Some individual and team achievements are worthy of special recognition:

6th grade girls' team: Recipients of the Team Trophy for a 1st, 2nd and 4th place finish. Three girls finished with times under 7 minutes.

Best Overall Time:
Briana Haskins - 6:18



Way to go Broadwater Panthers
You all rocked it at the County Cross Country Meet!

800—CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each year, Mr. King has the 4th - 6th graders run the 800 - meter course as part of the physical fitness test in P.E. The top boys and girls were as follows:

Boys:

- 5th** - Caeland Ackerman - 3:01
Aidan West - 3:08
- 6th** - Latrell John - 2:59

Girls:

- 6th** - Briana Haskins - 2:51
Madison Gilsdorf - 2:57
Kathryn Pannell - 3:12
- These students competed on October 19th and the fastest boy and girl in the 800 - meter were crowned in front of their classmates. We are proud of all the runners and each one is a winner in our book!

Students are encouraged to keep training for the next Physical Fitness test coming up this spring. Mr. King will hold another 800 competition as we get closer to the end of the year! We are excited to see how much students will improve their physical fitness abilities!

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MORNINGS AT BROADWATER SCHOOL

You might have noticed that our morning routine at Broadwater School is a little different than it has been in the past. Our number one goal is, and always will be, student safety. Unattended students on school grounds can be cause for teacher and parent concern.

We are working hard to make sure that all students check into the building and remain there until 8:10, at which time teachers are on Morning Duty. You can help by making sure your students do not come to school before 8:10, unless they are part of the Break-

fast Program. Students who do show up early will be expected to sit in the gym with their classmates until there is teacher supervision on the playground. Thank you for helping to make our school a safe place for all students and staff members!



Please make sure kids are not arriving to school before 8:10, unless they are part of the Breakfast Program.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY...

Every year, almost 22 million school days are lost, nation wide, to things like the common cold/flu bug. Knowing that, every day that we have with our students is critical to their learning and success as students. We know that many families have multiple kids in our school, and some days those kids have appointments of all kinds. If you, or someone in your family needs to schedule appointments, please

try to do so outside of the regular school day. We understand that some offices, particularly local doctors, do not schedule appointments after 3:00 or 3:30 PM, which makes it difficult for families with school-age children. At Broadwater School, our teachers maximize every minute they have with your kids, so missing school time can really add up. Thank you for helping our school and your children by

scheduling appointments as late as possible and checking them out of school as close to dismissal as you can. Your students will see the benefits of increased classroom and instructional time, and our teachers and staff members will be able to keep moving forward for the good of all students. We appreciate your vital partnership and know that we need you as parents and families!



MS. EVANS GIVES THANKS

As all of you know, Broadwater School has a new librarian this year, and she is settling in nicely. Already she has done many great things to make our library a fun place to be. She wanted to share a few words with the families of our school to express her gratitude for all you have done this year. Please take the time to read her note and pop in to say hello to her, if you haven't already.

“Thank you, Broadwater families, for your support of our fall Book Fair. Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase over \$400 worth of new library books! Also, thank you for your kindness shown in welcoming me to your school. It's a fabulous place to work. Upon hearing that I would be replacing him, Mr. Casey emailed me last spring saying, “You'll love it at

Broadwater!” He was correct.

Once again, thank you for your support. I hope to see you at our spring Book Fair which will be held in May of 2012.”

Very Sincerely,

Rita Evans
Broadwater Librarian

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PTA CHILI NIGHT-A HUGE HIT!

Thanks to the parents and families who pitched in to make this year's PTA Chili Night bigger and better than ever! This year the PTA decided it was time to thank our students, parents and families for their overwhelming support of our latest fund-raising efforts. Both the Saturday Live event and our Cookie Dough sales

garnered amazing support from the surrounding community of Broadwater School! What a great night it was for students, teachers, parents and families to enjoy a meal and just be together. It was fun to see all the students (and parents) dress up in costume to support this evening of food and fun. If you are interested

in joining the PTA at Broadwater School, we always welcome new membership and parent contributions! Please contact the school so that we can put you in touch with our PTA president, Carol Haskins. Your support of our school makes us what we are! Please consider joining today.



**Thanks to our corporate sponsor - St.
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"THE MISSION OF BROADWATER SCHOOL, ALONG WITH STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, IS TO DEVELOP SELF-DIRECTED, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS BY PROVIDING RELEVANT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN A SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENT."



FAMILY SKATE NIGHT!

Who: Broadwater families, friends, teachers and staff members

What: A fun night of skating or just hanging out with friends and family - cost is just \$5.00 per skater

When: Tuesday, November 15th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Where: Skate World - 701 Rosebud Dr. Off King Ave. and 29th Street West

Why: One of our goals at Broadwater School is to increase parent and family involvement. This night is designed to get families involved in a fun way at Broadwater School!

For more information about this event, please call Sheryl Alpers at the school: 281.6424

THE HONEST TRUTH ABOUT BULLYING BEHAVIOR

Throughout the year at Broadwater School, we have a number of topics about which we try to communicate with students and parents on a regular basis. One of these topics is bullying. That word is used and misused every day, and we feel it is important to teach our students the realities and truth behind true Bullying behaviors. 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, etc.) usually repeatedly. The balance of power between the bully and the target is NOT EQUAL. Every day we visit with students to help them determine whether or not what they experience is truly bullying. We never turn a blind eye to unwanted behavior, and we try to help our students become problem solvers. If your student expresses to you that they are being bullied, please encourage them to talk with an adult at the school. If necessary, we will set up a meeting to help any way that we can. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.



PLEASE KEEP US UPDATED!

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.

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

New Address _____

New Phone Number _____ Please indicate: Mother Father

INFORMATION SCHOOL NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF: _____
