

## BROADWATER BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2012

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DATES TO  
REMEMBER

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES 12:00 DISMISSAL	<b>31- 2</b>
ELLIOT'S COOKIE DOUGH DELIVERY TO BROADWATER	<b>1</b>
HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY @ 2:15	<b>5</b>
OFF CAMPUS DRILL AND LIFETOUGH PICTURE RETAKES	<b>14</b>
VISION SCREENING AT 12:45	<b>19</b>
EARLY OUT - 12:00 DISMISSAL K-6	<b>20</b>
THANKSGIVING BREAK	<b>21- 22</b>
FAMILY SKATE NIGHT	<b>27</b>

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

October 31 - November 2 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 Diann 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 - 8:05 AM**

**12:45 - 4:00 PM**

**Thur: 7:30 - 8:05 AM**

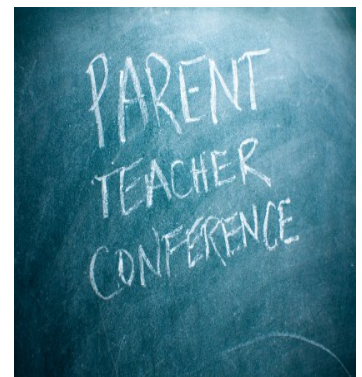
**12:45 - 6:00 PM**

**Fri: 7:30 - 8:05 AM**

This is an important time for you to meet with 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 11th, almost 40 young runners from Broadwater School represented the Panthers at the Yellowstone County Cross Country Meet at Pioneer Park! While we did not bring home the Spirit Trophy, we did represent Broadwater School very well! Overall, almost 800 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 met with runners in grades 4 - 6 every Thursday and Friday morning, from 7:45 - 8:05, during the months of September and October. The Running Club will continue this spring, starting in March, when 3rd grade students will be invit-

ed to join runners in 4th - 6th grades. Please be watching for details in upcoming newsletters!

Noteworthy finishers in the County Meet:

**Zach Byrd** - 5th place overall for 6th grade boys.

**Anya Wolf** - 3rd place overall for 5th grade girls  
Congratulations runners!



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 three boys and girls were as follows:

### Boys:

- Zach Byrd - 3:12.33
- Kayden Roberts - 3:23.70
- D'Andre Hidalgo - 3:23.94

### Girls:

- Anya Wolf - 3:10.39
- Emilie Haskins - 3:34.11
- Samantha Allie - 3:35.94

These students competed on October 17th and the fastest boy and girl will be crowned in front of their classmates at the Honor Roll assembly next week. 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 tests 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 times!

**“Students who show up early will be expected to sit in the gym with their classmates until there is teacher supervision...”**

## 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 7:55, at which time teachers are on morning duty. You can help by making sure your students do not come to school before 7:55, unless they are part of the Breakfast Pro-

gram. Students who 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!



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## 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 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!



## PERSONAL SAFETY LESSONS IN NOVEMBER

During the week of November 5th - 9th, Mrs. Klaboe and Mr. King will be teaching lessons on personal safety to Broadwater students in all grade levels.

These lessons are designed to educate students on some of the things with which they may be confronted down the road, in terms of their personal safety.

Each lesson is taught at appropriate comprehension levels. The following outlines the planned curriculum for this year's Personal Safety lessons:

Kindergarten - *"Joey Learns the Touching Rule"*

1st - *"What To Doo..."*

2nd - *"It's Your Body: You're in Charge"*

3rd - *"McGruff on Self-Protection"*

4th - *"Yes, You Can Say No"*

5th - *"When Should you Tell: Dealing with Abuse"*

6th - *"Break the Silence: Kids Against Child Abuse"*

As you can see, each lesson

focuses on how to distinguish between safe touch and unsafe touch. A consent form was sent home with each student, and should have been returned to their classroom teacher. If consent forms were not returned, your child will not participate in the lesson, and will be in an alternate setting during the instructional time.

Please call the school if you are unsure about the consent form, or if you have any other questions about the personal safety lessons.

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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! Like last 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 inter-

ested 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."*

**COUNSELOR'S  
CORNER**



**FAMILY SKATE NIGHT!**

**Who:** Broadwater families, friends, teachers and staff members

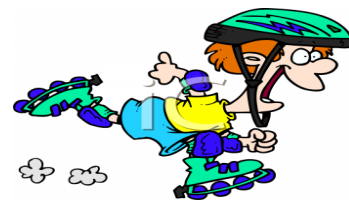
**What:** A fun night of skating or just hanging out with friends and family - cost is just \$5.00 per skater

**When:** Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Where:** Skate World - 701 Rosebud Dr. off King Ave. and 29<sup>th</sup> 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**



**Decisions, Decisions, Decision...How we can Help Make Smart Ones**

Pencil or pen? Jacket or sweater? Sundae or cone? Children make lots of simple decisions each day. As they get older, these decisions will get a lot harder. How can you make sure your youngster will choose wisely? By teaching decision-making skills while they are young. Here are three suggestions.

**Following Your Lead:**

As you're making decisions, think out loud so your child can hear you; Example: When deciding if your family should see a movie, talk about whether it's appropriate for everyone to watch or how much it will cost. Once you make the decision, try to follow through with it.

**Weighing Pros and Cons - Listing the "Good and the Bad":**

Looking at both sides often leads to better decisions. Suggest that your child write a problem on a piece of paper. (Should I spend all my money on a video game?) Draw a line down the middle and label the columns "pros" and "cons." Have him fill in the good points (I like the game. It's my money) and bad points (I won't have any money left. I may get tired of playing it).

**Living With It:**

If your youngster makes a poor decision, let him/her experience the result. Chances are, next time s/he will make a better choice. Example: Benjamin decides to buy the video game. Result: When he's invited to a movie with a friend, he doesn't have money for the ticket. He has to wait until next time.

**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 quickly!**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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