

## BROADWATER BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 2013

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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 6 - November 8 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**

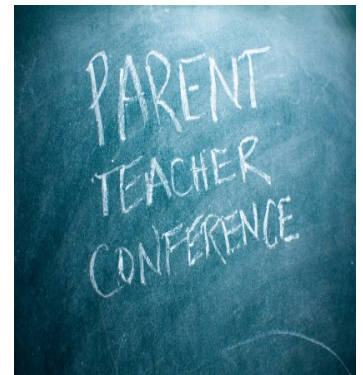
**Fri: 7:30 - 8:05 AM**

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 anytime you have questions or concerns.

**COMMUNICATE -  
COMMUNICATE!**

**BROADWATER RUNNERS SHOW UP!**

On Thursday, October 8th, 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 1000 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 3 - 5 every Wednesday 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.

Noteworthy finishers in the County Meet:

**Remy Lyle** - 6th place overall for 5th grade boys.

Our 5th grade boys placed 2nd overall out of over 30 schools!

**Michaiah John** - 40th 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 - 5th 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:**

- Remy Lyle - 3:07:27
- Burke Steppe - 3:10:70
- Liam Romei - 3:12:72

**Girls:**

- Michaiah John - 3:43:00
- Hannah Haslem - 3:47:69
- Hannah Leonhardt - 3:51:34

These students competed on October 16th and the fastest boy and girl will be crowned in front of their classmates at the Honor Roll assembly on the 12th. 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...”

**HELP NEEDED - PARENTS WELCOME!**

If you have ever visited your child over the lunch hour, you know that our tiny gym becomes a hub of activity for about 90 minutes straight! In such small space, it is easy to see how regular student activity can become a little overwhelming! I try to work in the lunchroom as often as possible to support the GDA's, but there are days

when I am unable to be in there. What we are looking for are parents or grandparents who might be willing and able to help out one day a week in the lunchroom.

If you are interested in volunteering, your duties would consist of helping students with lunch needs, ie. opening milk, grabbing silverware and napkins,

providing condiments like ketchup and ranch to kids who might forget and light cleaning (sweeping and wiping tables).

We do allow students to be social during this time, but not disruptive and disrespectful, so it can get a little “noisy” at times with kids talking. Please contact the school if interested!



## 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! **Please remember photo ID's when checking students out early, before dismissal time!**



## PERSONAL SAFETY LESSONS IN NOVEMBER

During the week of November 11th - 15th, Mrs. Klaoe 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"*

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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## FAMILY CHILI NIGHT - A BIG HIT!

Thanks to the parents, families and St. Vincent volunteers 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 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, Chantell Dickey. Your support of our school makes us what we are. Please consider joining today!



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**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 19<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**



**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

**The Importance of Listening**

For many of us this month, we will find ourselves gathered with family and friends -- sharing food, sharing stories. It is a time to reconnect with those we care about. It is a time to listen. Take a minute to think about the last time you felt like you weren't being listened to -- as if your thoughts, opinions, or desires were being dismissed. Did it make you feel angry, frustrated, sad? Listening is hard. It takes an amount of effort that sometimes we just can't muster at the end of a stressful day. A lot of the time, we don't even realize we are only hearing, not listening. Now take a moment to think about the last time your child was trying to tell you something, and even though you wanted to listen, there were bills to think about, dinner to make, another day to prepare for -- do you think your student might have felt a bit like you did when you felt you weren't being listened to? Making the time to listen can be a tough balancing act, no doubt, but here are some tips to help:

- **When your child(ren) are talking about concerns, stop whatever you are doing and listen.**
- **Express interest in what they are saying without being intrusive.**
- **Listen to their point of view, even if it's difficult to hear.**
- **Let them complete their point before you respond.**
- **Repeat what you heard them say to ensure that you understand them correctly.**
- **Soften strong reactions; kids will tune you out if you appear angry or defensive.**
- **Express your opinion without putting down theirs; acknowledge that it's okay to disagree.**
- **Resist arguing about who is right. Instead say, "I know you disagree with me, but this is what I think."**
- **Focus on your child's feelings rather than your own during your conversation.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_