

THE BROADWATER BULLETIN

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Welcome, Visitors!



**VISITORS TO OUR
SCHOOL ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME—YOU
BRIGHTEN UP OUR DAY!**

At Broadwater School, we welcome all visitors wanting to see what goes on every day within these walls. Additionally, our staff places the highest priority on student and

school safety. For that reason, we require all visitors to check in with Diann at the office before heading to their destinations. Our goal is not to inconvenience anyone wanting to visit, but rather ensure the safety of all students and staff members. We know that you, as parents and family members, would want nothing less than the best when it comes to the safety of your children, so we thank you in advance for taking the time to check in with Diann, say “hi” to the office staff, and pick up a visitor’s badge to take with you. We try to expect the same out of everyone visiting our school, so whether you are new to

Broadwater, or you have been part of our school community for the last 10 years, please pop into the main office before visiting your child or their classroom. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this school policy, please do not hesitate to contact us, or schedule a time to visit. We know that you, as parents and family members, are a valuable part of this team and we appreciate your commitment to our school and to your students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ **October 4 - Picture Day**
- ◆ **October 11 - PTA Meets at 7:00 PM in the gym**
- ◆ **October 13 - County Cross Country Meet at Pioneer Park**
- ◆ **October 17 - Vision Screening**
- ◆ **October 19 - Early Out**
- ◆ **October 20-21 - MEA/PIR - No School**
- ◆ **October 27 - PTA Chili Night - 5:30 PM**
- ◆ **October 28 - End of 1st Quarter**

Red Ribbon Week at Broadwater School

Throughout the country, October 24th - 28th is designated as Red Ribbon Week. Every year we teach our students about safe and drug-free schools through programs like Red Ribbon Week. During the week of the 24th, Broadwater School will recognize Red Ribbon Week by wearing different things to demonstrate our commitment to remaining Drug Free. Your child’s teacher will be sending home a note the week before to help remember these special ‘theme days’,

but they are included in this edition of the Broadwater Bulletin, as well. (See the right margin) During the week, all classes will be doing various activities surrounding Red Ribbon Week and will be receiving various related materials. As parents and family members, you too can help communicate the important message of staying drug-free at home with your kids! This is one program that our school and district supports wholeheartedly. It is our hope

that students see the value in living a life that is free of drugs and alcohol. Coming from moms and dads, this message becomes even clearer! Thanks for supporting our school in this important campaign. Our kids deserve the best, and together we can help make that happen!

**AT BROADWATER
SCHOOL, WE VOW TO
BE DRUG FREE!**

RED RIBBON THEME DATES:

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| “ <i>Lei off Drugs</i> ” - Wear a Hawaiian Lei Today | 24 |
| “ <i>Don’t let Drugs Tie you Up</i> ” - Wear a Tie Today | 25 |
| “ <i>Drugs Stink</i> ” - Wear Pink Today | 26 |
| “ <i>Sock it to Drugs</i> ” - Wear Crazy Socks Today | 27 |
| “ <i>Team up Against Drugs</i> ” - Wear your favorite sports team Today | 28 |

Broadwater Emergency Contact Information



When our new Power School Student System was activated, only parents and one other contact were imported. Many students have more than one contact other than parents. If you have questions about who is on your child's Contact List, please call the school at 281.6207. **If you would like to make changes or additions to this list, please complete the form below and return to the school office.** Please DO NOT list parent names again on this list! We only need the names of those people who may pick your child up other than names you have already provided.

Please list only people who live in the Billings area.

Name of Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

Teacher(s) _____

Contacts Other than Parents

Contact	Name	Relationship to Student	Phone #	Phone Type
#1	_____	_____	_____	H W C
#2	_____	_____	_____	H W C
#3	_____	_____	_____	H W C
#4	_____	_____	_____	H W C

“THIS YEAR, OUR GOAL
IS TO HAVE A 100%
TURNOUT FOR
PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCES...
PLEASE HELP US
REACH OUR GOAL!”

Parent Teacher Conferences are Coming Up!

Parent/Teacher conferences for the Fall of 2011 are right around the corner. Your child should be coming home very soon with an information sheet for you to fill out so that we can schedule your conferences during the most convenient time(s). The Fall Conference sheet will include valuable information for you regarding student dismissal, lunches provided during the

week, among other things. It is important that you complete this form as early as possible to ensure that we are able to schedule the best time for you to meet. This year, our goal is to have a 100% turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We understand that sometimes schedules will not allow you to make it to school during normal hours, so please let us know if that is the

case. Our teachers and staff members welcome the opportunity to visit with you about your students, so please call and we will find a time that will work for your schedule. Please help us reach our goal of 100% attendance this year—Parent/Teacher communication can make all the difference!

Have you Changed an Address or Phone Number?

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: _____



Yellowstone County Cross Country Meet

On October 13, 2011, students from across the county will be gathering at Pioneer Park for the 3rd Annual Yellowstone County Elementary Cross Country Meet. At Broadwater School, we have a Running Club that meets twice a week to train for this event. The Running Club is open to all students in grades 4-6 and meets on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at the school. Students run and train from 8:00 - 8:20 both mornings. Mr. King, our PE teacher, along with community volunteer Chris Cook, spearhead this program at our school and welcome any student

interested in working hard and being healthy. If you would like to participate in the Running Club or the Cross Country meet on the 13th, let Mr. King know. You can also register online at:

www.bigskygames.org - click on "Elementary School CC Meet"

Help Broadwater School 'represent' at this event on Thursday, October 13th!



Broadwater School Halloween Policy

At Broadwater School, our desire is for every student to feel safe and respected at all times. As Halloween approaches, students will be asking teachers if they can wear costumes to school during the day of Halloween. Our school policy states that students will not wear costumes to school, as they can be

distracting to many students. Our focus, during the school day, is on academics and the work that happens in the classroom. We will provide school-appropriate activities when necessary. With our school's participation in the Healthy Schools Program, we would ask that you not allow students to bring Hal-

loween treats to school. On Thursday, October 27, our PTA will be hosting a chili night where students and families are encouraged to wear costumes for everyone to enjoy! Listed below are some Halloween Safety Tips for you to consider as you prepare for this fun night!

"JOIN US ON
OCTOBER 27TH
FOR THE PTA CHILI
NIGHT! STUDENTS
AND FAMILIES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
WEAR THEIR
COSTUMES TO THIS
EVENT!"

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Costume Safety Check -
 - a. Wear light colored clothing or reflective tape
 - b. Make sure you can see through your mask
 - c. Try using face make-up instead of a mask
 - d. Make sure your costume isn't too long that you might trip
2. Always trick or treat with a group
3. Only go to houses in your neighborhood
4. Never talk to strangers
5. Never get into a car with a stranger
6. Stay on sidewalks, cross the street at a corner and look both ways
7. Have your parents check all your treats before you eat them
8. Beware of treats that look as if they have been tampered with

MOST OF ALL, HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HALLOWEEN!



BROADWATER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - HOME OF THE PANTHERS

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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.”

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.

Odds and Ends...

Parking/Picking up at Dismissal

Thanks to everyone who has helped to make our parking and student pick up process more manageable and successful! With the designated “Pick-Up” zone for Daycare providers, we have been able to create a safer and more ‘user-friendly’ system!

Lost and Found Items

Please check the Lost and Found in the main building at the bottom of the stairs on the right. Because of the huge amount of clothing, items will be bagged up and donated to Family Services if they are not claimed!

Cell Phone and Cartridge Recycling

Our 4th grade classes collect and recycle used cell phones and computer ink cartridges to earn money for field trips and other special programs. You can drop off your items by the office area. Please help our students and the environment through this recycling program!

Medications at School

All prescription drugs need to have a form signed by a physician. The original prescription bottle must be kept at the office and be locked in the safe. Non-prescription, over the counter medication, needs to be in the original bottle and a form to administer must be completed by parents. If medication is sent to school with students, they will not be allowed to take it without this form completed.

Thanks to Ed and Joy Thurner for sponsoring our recycling program at Broadwater School!

BoxTops and Campbell Soup LUPC labels are being collected at Broadwater! Please have students turn them in to their teachers!

Principal’s Pen

Thank You All

For a Wonderful Saturday Live!!

On Saturday, September 24th, kids and families swarmed Pioneer Park for the 18th annual Saturday Live event. Thanks to you and the generosity of our Billings community, Broadwater School was able to raise around \$4000.00 to put toward our playground improvement fund!

I don’t know how many times I heard throughout the day that Broadwater School offered the best food, hands down, in the entire park! A huge thanks goes to the Hinthorne family, and all of the volunteers, both staff and PTA, for making that event a success.

Broadwater School is blessed to have the support we do from our parents and our teachers/staff.

I can’t wait for next year!

Enjoy the month of October, and come visit the school whenever you get the chance. We have a lot of great things happening every single day!

With Appreciation,

Joe M. Halligan - Principal

