

THE BROADWATER BULLETIN

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Principal's Pen - New School Year "STUFF"

The start of every school year is exciting and often busy for teachers, students and families. This year is no different! We have many things going on around our school and in the community, and we appreciate your support as parents and families.

As I hope all of you know, our number one concern at Broadwater School is the safety and well-being of all students. Our goal is to make it possible for all of our students to be in the best position to LEARN every day. With that being said, here are just a few reminders that you, as parents, can consider as you partner with us:

1) **Arrive to School on Time Every Day** - We know that there will be some days this is not possible. (Doctor appointments, etc.)

It is, however, crucial for your child to be here to start every day with their classmates. Valuable learning takes place even in the first 10-15 minutes of class.

2) **Dropping Students Off/Picking Students Up** - It doesn't take long to figure out that our school is faced with a challenge when it comes to parking and drop off areas. Every day we post a sign reminding parents that the alley is not the safest place to drop off kids, but often it is ignored. There is no easy solution, so we ask that you do your best to drop kids off near a sidewalk each day. When picking your child up early, **you will be asked to provide a picture ID at the office.** This has become a district policy over the last year, and we do enforce it. While it may cause

frustration on the part of some, it helps to ensure the safety of all our students.

3) **Being an Active Member of your child's learning**
We enjoy partnering with all parents to give kids the best experience possible. Please contact your child's teacher if you can somehow become involved in the classroom.

Here's to another great year at Broadwater! Thanks for your support in what we do!

Mr. Halligan - Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ October 7 - Cookie Dough order forms are due to teachers
- ◆ October 8 - Yellowstone County Cross Country Meet @ Pioneer Park
- ◆ October 8 - PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- ◆ October 9 - Walk/Bike to School Day
- ◆ October 15 - LifeTouch Picture Day
- ◆ October 15 - Broadwater Community Meeting @ 7:30 PM in the gym
- ◆ October 16 - Early Out - 12:00 dismissal for all students
- ◆ October 17-18 - MEA/PIR - No School for students/teachers
- ◆ October 29 - Pick up Cookie Dough
- ◆ October 29 - PTA Chili Night - 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Wear your costumes!
- ◆ November 1 - End of 1st Quarter

Red Ribbon Week at Broadwater School

Throughout the country, October 21st - 25th 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 21st, 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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| "No Drugs/Alcohol - No Sweat" Wear Sweats today | 21 |
| "Don't Cut your Life Short by doing drugs" Wear shorts today (unless it's too cold!) | 22 |
| "Hide from Drugs and Alcohol" Wear Camouflage today | 23 |
| "Don't be Crazy - Stay away from Drugs" Crazy Socks or crazy hair today | 24 |
| "Team up Against Drugs" Wear your favorite sports team today | 25 |

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Mrs. Klaboe, our school Guidance Counselor, can be reached at 281.6426. If you are struggling with family or child issues, please call her to set up a time to meet. She tries to meet weekly with parents and families who might need some additional support, or just some fresh ideas, in the home.

Broadwater School - Counselor's Corner

October is National Bullying Prevention Month - Help your Child Recognize the Signs of Bullying

Children may not always realize that they are being bullied. They might think it is bullying only if they are being physically hurt; they might believe the other child is joking; or they may not understand the subtle social norms and cues. Children can benefit from a definition of the differences between friendly behavior and bullying behavior. The basic rule: Let children know that **if the behavior hurts or harms them, either emotionally or physically, and there is an imbalance of power, it is bullying. Many children slip into disrespect and treat even their best friends poorly at times. While that behavior is unwelcome and unwanted, it is not true bullying unless the power between the perpetrator and the target is not equal. Often, true bullying is repetitive in nature.** Parents can prepare themselves to talk with their children by considering how they are going to respond to their child's questions and emotions. They can also decide what information they would like to give their child about bullying. Parents should be ready to:

- Listen - It is the child's story; let him or her tell it. They may be in emotional pain about the way they are being treated.
- Believe - The knowledge that a child is being bullied can raise many emotions. To be an effective advocate, parents need to react in a way that encourages the child to trust.
- Be Supportive - Tell the child it is not his fault and that he does not deserve to be bullied. Empower the child by telling her how terrific she is. Avoid judgmental comments about the child, or the child who bullies. The child may already feel isolated. Hearing negative statements from parents may only further isolate them.
- Be Patient - Children may not be ready to open up right away. Talking about the bullying can be difficult because children may fear retaliation from the bully or think that, even if they tell an adult, nothing will change. The child might be feeling insecure, withdrawn, frightened or ashamed.
- Provide Information - Parents should educate their child about bullying by providing information at a level the child can understand.
- Explore Options for Intervention Strategies - Parents can discuss options with their child to deal with bullying behavior. Check out www.pacer.org/bullying/ for resources such as bullying information and facts for parents and kids.

If you have further questions about bullying behavior, or would like to visit with a staff member, don't hesitate to call our school office and schedule an appointment with Mr. Halligan and/or Mrs. Klaboe.

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

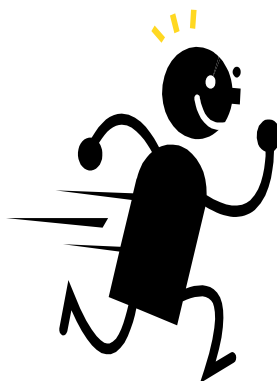
On Thursday, October 8, 2013, students from across the county will be gathering at Pioneer Park for the 5th annual Yellowstone County Elementary Cross Country Meet. At Broadwater School, we have a Running Club that meets twice a week to train for this event. The Running Club is open to all students in grades 3-5 and meets on Wednesday and Friday mornings at the school. Students run and train from 7:45 - 8:05 AM both mornings. Mr. King and Mrs. Cockburn, 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 8th, let Mr. King know. You can also register online at:

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

Help Broadwater School 'represent' at this event on October 8th! We are trying to bring home the Spirit Award once again, so please help us reach our goal of 65 students!!

Registration is free if completed before October 4th.



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 Tuesday, October 29th, 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 29TH
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!



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Cookie Dough Fundraiser for our Broadwater PTA

Once again Broadwater School and Elliot's of Montana have partnered up for our annual fundraising event. On Friday, September 27th, students were given packets of information that they are to use to sell food items to family, friends and neighbors. Every year, half of what we sell comes back to the school in the form of proceeds for our PTA, and this has always been a successful fundraising event!

Students will be selling cookie dough, and other items available through Elliot's, until Tuesday, October 6th. The very next day, Wednesday the 7th, order forms and money are due to teachers so that orders can be placed and delivery can be scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th, the night of our Family Chili Night!

This year our PTA has really stepped it up a notch with the prizes to be given away to our top sellers in each grade level category. Prizes are as follows for the top sellers in grades K - 1st, 2nd - 3rd and 4th - 5th:

1st Place - Next® 7" 8GB Tablet (similar to the Kindle Fire) - 3 Winners!

2nd Place - A new bike - 3 Winners!

3rd Place - Season pass to the Reef Waterpark - 3 Winners!

4th Place - 4 passes to Steep World Climbing Gym - 3 Winners!

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! A good time to do this will be at Parent Teacher Conferences!

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 completed form.

Community Services

The annual **Dress-a-Child** program is coming up. Please see the application attached to this newsletter!

St. Thomas Food Baskets - Applications will be provided by St. Thomas Church, and are available for 10-12 families at Broadwater School. These usually need to be turned in by the end of October. If your child brings a St. Thomas application home, and you do not desire to participate, please let the office know, or return the application so another family can have the opportunity to receive the application.

Scottish Rite - The Scottish Rites provides shoes each year in the fall and spring. The school receives coupons, and these are sent home with students in need. If you would like to receive coupons, please let the school know ASAP, as this event is usually scheduled for the first or second Saturday in October.

Student Pickup After School

One of our primary goals at Broadwater School is keeping all students safe at all times. In order to accomplish that goal, we need your help! If you are not the person who normally picks your child up, please let the office know the names and relationship of anyone who might be picking them up. If we have a person come into the office and request to pick up a student, and that person is not on the list, we will **NOT** release the student. It is your responsibility to ensure that your pick up list is up to date!

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.