

THE BROADWATER BULLETIN

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Principal's Pen - "Construction Chaos"

There is a very likely chance that you will get tired of me talking about all the progress being made on our new school, but it is exciting to watch every day!

By now, I'm sure you have been able to visit the school and see first-hand all that is going on.

With all this progress, however, comes increased "chaos" and risk of injury and accident. Our contractor, Hardy Construction, has done a fantastic job of keeping their job site separate from what is going on day to day at the school. The proximity, however, inher-

ently makes them part of school life each day we are in the classroom. You might have heard your child talk about the noise, or the ground vibrations, and those are great conversations to have. Each one is an opportunity for a teachable moment!

As the weather begins to cool off, and we start to experience more inclement weather, it is imperative that all parents and families be aware of what you can do to help us maintain the already established routines and expectations.

Please do everything you can to park off campus

when picking up your child at dismissal. I know that walk might be a little inconvenient, but use that time to visit with your son or daughter about what happened at school that day.

There is no easy answer to our parking and pickup dilemma, until next year, that is. In the meantime, each of us needs to do our part to help in this process. Please do not speak rudely to one another, or school staff, who may simply be trying to help.

I appreciate your support thus far. Please call with any questions.

Mr. Halligan - Principal

Dates to Remember

- ◆ **October 2** - PTA Meets at 7:00 PM in the gym
- ◆ **October 7** - LifeTouch Picture Day/Cross Country Meet at Pioneer Park - Bus leaves Broadwater at 3:45 PM - Parents pick up at the park after the race!
- ◆ **October 15** - Early Out Day - Students dismiss at 12:00
- ◆ **October 16-17** - No School
- ◆ **October 22** - Great Montana Shakeout - Earthquake Drill
- ◆ **October 28** - Cookie Dough Delivery and Pick Up
- ◆ **October 28** - "Western" Family Chili Night - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Wear your costumes, or come in Western Wear to support Red Ribbon week at Broadwater!
- ◆ **October 31** - End of 1st Quarter

***Be on the lookout for Parent/Teacher Conference forms coming home with kids in October! Please return them to school ASAP!**

Red Ribbon Week at Broadwater School

Throughout the country, October 23rd - 31st 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 27th, 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", and they are also included in this edition of the Broad-

water Bulletin (see the right margin). During the week, all classes will be doing various activities surrounding Red Ribbon.

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 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:

- "United we Stand, for a Drug Free Land"* - Wear red, white and blue today 27
- "Boot Out Drugs"* - Wear western/cowboy clothes today 28
- "Be a Hero, Not a Zero"* - Dress like your favorite super hero today 29
- "Too Cool for Drugs"* - Wear a pair of sunglasses today 30
- "Build a Wall Against Drugs and Alcohol"* - Wear construction clothes today 31

If your child comes home with a RED attendance form, it indicates that they have had 3 or more tardies or unexcused absences in one week! Please make sure your kids are here on time, every day, so they can be successful!



WE ARE, ONCE AGAIN, TRYING TO BRING HOME THE SPIRIT AWARD THAT TRAVELS FROM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL EACH YEAR...

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY MEET

On Tuesday, October 7th, 2014, students from across Yellowstone County will be gathering at Pioneer Park for the 6th 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 afternoons and Friday mornings. Students train from 2:30 - 3:00 (3rd grade) and 3:15 to 3:45 (4th/5th grades) at Terry Park on Wednesdays, and from 7:30 to 7:55 on Friday mornings.

Mr. King, our PE teacher, along with Community Volunteer Mr. Chris Cook, spearhead this pro-

gram 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 7th, let Mr. King know. You can also register for the mile run online at:

yes.bigskygames.org - click on "Register Now".

We are once again trying to bring home the Spirit Award that travels from school to school each year. In order to do this, we must have a greater percentage of students participating than any other elementary school. We've done it before, and we can do it again!

As a way to help parents this year, Mr. Halligan has ordered a bus that will pick up all of our

Cross Country runners at Broadwater School and take them to Pioneer Park, where they will run their race, and later be picked up by parents.

When: October 7th @ 3:45 PM
Bus will arrive at school and kids will travel together to the park.

Race times will be staggered, depending on the age/gender of your child. 4th grade girls will run first, followed by the boys. 5th grade girls and boys will run after the 4th grade races.

***Parents please make sure you are at Pioneer Park by 5:00 to pick your students up.**

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 activi-

ties when necessary. With our school's participation in the Healthy Schools Program, we would ask that you not allow students to bring Halloween treats to school before or after Halloween. On Tuesday, October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, our PTA will be hosting a Chili Night free to all Broadwater students and immediate family members. At this event, everyone is encouraged to wear their "school appro-

ropriate" Halloween costumes for everyone to enjoy! Also remember that the week of Halloween is also Red Ribbon Week, and students are encouraged to show their spirit by supporting the Red Ribbon theme days, and dressing accordingly. You can wear your Western wear for the Chili Night if you don't have a Halloween Costume!

Listed below are some Halloween Safety Tips for you to consider as you prepare for this fun night!



Halloween Safety Tips

1. Costume Safety Check
 - Wear light colored clothes or reflective tape.
 - Make sure you can see through your mask.
 - Try using face paint instead of a mask.
 - Make sure your costume is not too long that you 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, or take a ride 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!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Research suggests that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. **So it's good news that the most important (and simple!) step a parent can take in helping their school-age child to be successful in life is to get them to school every day and on time.**

Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue them throughout their school career. Here are some ways to support your child's good attendance.

Eight Tips for Good Attendance

1. Get your child to school on time every day.
2. Extended vacations, long weekends, and frequent doctor appointments during school hours will cause your child to fall behind in class...make an effort to schedule around your child's school day.
3. Being in school every day raises your child's chances for scoring well on

important tests throughout the year.

4. Allow your child to stay home only when s/he has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable at school.
5. Make sure your child exercises, eats a balanced diet and gets plenty of sleep. This will help him/her to be mentally and physically ready to learn, and strengthen the immune system.
6. Read all information sent home by the school. Post important dates on a family bulletin board or calendar.
7. Give your child enough time to get ready for school in the morning. Prepare lunches, pack school bags and lay out clothing the night before.
8. Monitor your child's attendance. Parents of students in fourth grade and higher can access PowerSchool to monitor attendance records.

What Else Can I Do?

Value education and give it high priority in your family! Convey a positive attitude about school and treat going to school as part of the normal course of events; something that is expected of your child. Let him know that school is the most important thing in his life at this time, and that his future job opportunities will depend on how well he handles his present "job" (school). Help her develop good study and work habits and praise her when she is successful. Get involved in school activities; attend plays and concerts, join the PTA, come and eat lunch with your child(ren), volunteer and/or read the school newsletter.

Mrs. Klaboe, our School Counselor is at Broadwater every day of the school, except for scheduled training days. She is able to meet with parents and families, by appointment only. If you feel that you need to visit with her at any time, please call her office at 281.6426.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Each year, several organizations send information to Broadwater to help families through the holidays. Please read the information below, and return the bottom portion to the school, if you are interested.

Dress-A-Child Program: An application will be included in this newsletter. Complete the application and send it to the Salvation Army, NOT to the school.

St. Thomas Food Baskets: Applications will be provided by St. Thomas Church, and there no longer is a limit on families served. These applications are due by the end of October. If your child brings an application home, and you prefer not to participate, please send it back to school, so another family can have the opportunity.

Scottish Rites: The Scottish Rites provides shoes each year in the fall and spring. The school receives coupons that are randomly sent home to families. If you would like to receive a coupon, please indicate on the sheet below and return it to school.

CLIP AND RETURN THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS SHEET TO THE SCHOOL!



Please check the lines for services you desire, clip and return this portion to the school office ASAP.

Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Date _____

Parent Name _____ Phone Number _____

_____ Dress-A-Child _____ St. Thomas Food Basket _____ Scottish Rites Shoe Program

(Application needs to be sent to Salvation Army)