

Browning Middle School
Board of Trustee Report
September 2, 2025
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The new year has gotten off to a good start. Staff are working on setting and maintaining consistent expectations for behavior, attendance, and academics. We have changed our schedule so that our advisory class is after 2nd period and changed the focus to advisory/powerblock. During this class we will not only incorporate DESSA and grade/attendance monitoring, but also provide enhancement and support for all students in ELA and Math. We are also focusing on writing at BMS. Each of the content areas will have a minimum of 1 writing assignment per quarter. During the first quarter we will be working on the writing process. How to organize a paragraph then write. This is based on the need for improvement in organization skills shown in reviewing our district writing assessment results from 2024-25.

Our first full week included dress up days and many students, as well as staff, participated.

Attendance:

Below is our attendance from 8/22/25-9/2/25

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Grade	Student Count	Membership Days	Absent Days	Present Days	ADM	ADA	Unexcused Absences		Percent In Attendance
							Days	Avg. Daily	
06	148	1036	221.89	814.11	148.00	116.27	212.06	30.32	78.58%
07	137	942	185.78	756.22	134.57	108.04	176.41	25.20	80.28%
08	120	826	180.86	645.14	118.00	92.17	169.55	24.22	78.10%
Total	3	405	588.53	2215.47	400.57	316.48	558.02	79.74	79.01%

We do have some students who started late and that has dropped our percentages for the first two weeks of school. We do have 136 students who have 95% or better attendance so far, and 67 of those have perfect attendance. We will begin our weekly SUKAPI student recognition beginning on Monday September 8, 2025, and recognize weekly perfect attendance. This year we tried something new and had 6th grade only on the first day of school. This gave them the opportunity to learn about the school, find all of their classes, meet their teachers, and learn how to open lockers without the upper classes in the building. This helped relieve some anxiety and start the year off on a positive note for them. We had 124 out of an expected 147 6th grade students attend.

We will begin home visits this week for students who have not yet enrolled/attended school for this year.

Behavior:

We have had a couple behavior incidents to start off the year. Several of them were conflicts between students. We were able to intervene on have a successful conflict resolution process for two incidents, but we did have one fight that occurred prior to us finding out about the conflict. We did have one vape alarm, but could not determine which student had a vape.

EVENTS:

Open House: On our open house night we provided an opportunity for parents to come in and meet their student's teachers and counselors. We also provided a meal of hot dogs, chips and a drink. We had parents/guardians of 20 of our 6th grade students, 13 of our 7th grade students, and 6 of our 8th grade students attend.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

One of focuses this year will be to continue and improve parent communication through positive contact and relationship building. All teachers will be sending out positive contacts weekly, administrators and counselors will be working on positive reinforcement, and teaching communication and interpersonal relationship skills to prevent and resolve conflict. We are still searching for a parent will be a part of the BMS School Leadership Team (SLT).

BMS Instructional Coaches: Andrea Evans & Genevieve Bragg

We are so excited to be new members of the Browning Middle School team as Instructional Coaches. Since the start of this year, we've been working hard to build meaningful relationships with both staff and students, fostering a positive and collaborative environment. We've also been learning new routines and procedures, diving into the various content areas taught across the school, and exploring the best ways to support teachers. Our main goal is to help staff feel empowered and equipped to be their best for students, and we're looking forward to continuing this journey of growth and collaboration with the entire school community.

Fall Sports:

Fall sports at BMS include football, volleyball, and cross country:
The schedules are below.

Football			
Date	Location	Participants	Time
Saturday, Sep 6, 2025	Fairfield Jamboree	All Teams	10:00
Saturday, Sep 13, 2025	Conrad	Browning	10:00
Saturday, Sep 20, 2025	Browning	Fairfield	12:00
Saturday, Sep 27, 2025	Havre @ Blue Pony HS Stadium	Browning	10:00
Saturday, Oct 4, 2025	Shelby	Browning	10:00
Saturday, Oct 11, 2025	TBD - 8th Grade Playoffs	TBD	TBD

Volleyball Date	Location	Participants	Time
Saturday, Sep 6, 2025	Choteau	Browning A & B, Fort Benton	9:00
Saturday, Sep 13, 2025	De La Salle (BMS)	Browning A & B, Cut Bank, Rocky Boy	9:00
Saturday, Sep 20, 2025	Fort Benton	Havre, Browning A & B	9:00
Saturday, Sep 27, 2025	Fairfield	Choteau, Shelby, Browning A & B	9:00
Saturday Oct 4, 2025	Havre	Browning A & B, De La Salle, Cut Bank, Fort Benton	9:00
Friday, Oct 10, 2025	Rocky Boy	6th Grade / C Tournament - Participants TBD	12:00
Saturday, Oct 11, 2025	Havre	7th Grade / B Tournament - Participants TBD	9:00
	Choteau	8th Grade / A Tournament - Participants TBD	9:00

Cross Country Date	Location
Friday, Aug 29, 2025	Cut Bank Time Trials
Monday, Sep 8, 2025	Box Elder / Rocky Boy Invite @ Havre - Beaver Creek Golf Course
Friday, Sep 12, 2025	Havre (TENTATIVE!!!!)
Saturday, Sep 13, 2025	Browning
Monday, Sep 15, 2025	Shelby
Saturday, Sept 28, 2025	Missoula / Mountain West Classic
Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025	Polson / Mission Shadow Duals