

Browning Middle School  
Board Report  
November 9, 2021



6<sup>th</sup> grade – 132

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 148

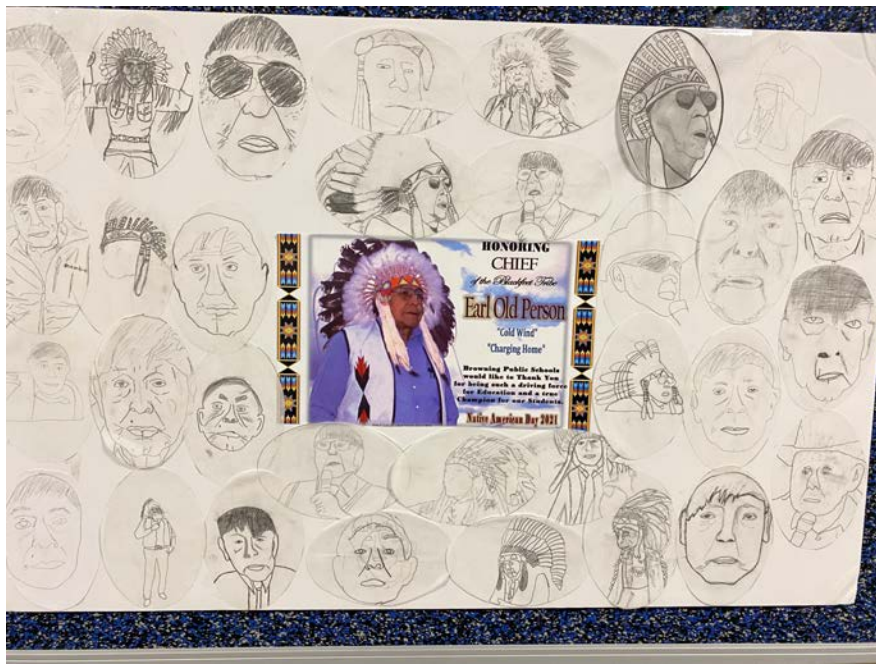
8<sup>th</sup> grade – 138

**Total = 418**

**504 students - 10  
Remote learning - 11**



**Building Update**



This is an art assignment from April Jiminez's art class during Native American day. Her students watched a biography about our Chief Earl Old Person and they were asked to Google a picture of Mr. Old Person of their choice, and copy that picture to put on a collective poster. When Mr. Old Person passed away, the students asked Ms. Jiminez to put it out in the hallway in memory of our Chief. :) It was entitled "The Faces of our Chief Earl Old Person."

## FACS Field Trip

Ms. Gilroy states, “our field trip to Glacier Park was thought to be just an educational and IEFA trip, but turned out to be so much more. This was an educational trip for the students to be able to see and experience Glacier Park as their homeland. Students were able to see and learn about some of the names of our mountains and our lakes.

Sun Point is where we started, a small peninsula on St. Mary Lake. Sun Point provides a panoramic view of upper St. Mary Lake and mountain range. We then took the nature trail to Baring Falls and then onto St. Mary Falls. Students got to see some of the results of the 2015 Reynolds Creek fire and also the new underbrush that has grown since then. This fire burned up to 4,000 acres and forced evacuations. We were still able to identify some native plants as well.

Most importantly this was a trip that I believe positive relationships were built. With the pandemic that we have all experienced it was good to see students get outdoors and be able to get some exercise and forget about some of the real life tragedies that have taken place. I believe the students really enjoyed their trip and had a great time. Some students have asked when we can do this again.”



## **BMS Student Learning HUB**

On Monday October 11th, BMS launched the Student Learning HUB, which is located on the stage in the cafetorium.

The purpose of the HUB is to help remedy the shortage of subs in our building and the current workload on our awesome TA's.

When a teaching staff member is gone and we aren't able to cover their classes, students are sent to the HUB for that class/period to work in their Google Classroom. The HUB can be monitored by one person, so several classes can be in there at the same time.

Once a student is done with a class that requires them to go to the HUB, they will resume their normal daily schedule.

New crescent desks and chairs, as well as a teacher desk and chair are on the stage, and PPE is provided.

Dividers were placed across the front of the stage, visually separating the students eating lunch from the students in the HUB during the three lunch periods, and earbuds are available for students to help eliminate noise from the lunch crowd.

## **Smiles Across Montana**

October is the national Dental Hygiene Month, and the Smiles Across Montana Team came to the BMS campus October 12-14, 2021.

SAM's purpose is to make sure children have a positive dental experience, especially those who do not have a dental home due to lack of dental insurance or any other reason. The founders of SAM feel there is no reason children can't be seen in a comfortable and safe environment, while allowing parents the opportunity not to miss work while providing their children preventive dental care.

Here is a summary of the services they provided during their three days at BMS.

Total of students seen: **54**

Total number of referrals: **36**

Total number of per tooth services provided (this includes cleaning, fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, exams (teledental), x-rays, sealants and sealant repairs, tobacco cessation, oral hygiene instruction, and nutritional counseling): **754 total teeth serviced!!!**

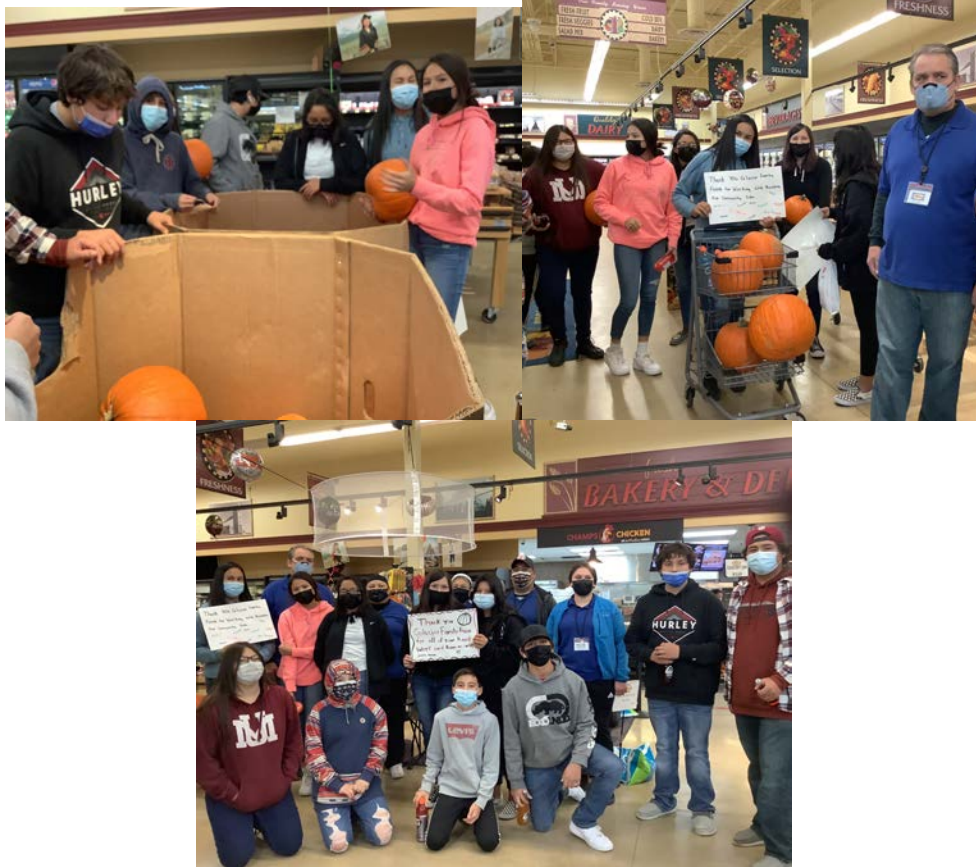
We hope to continue to provide this opportunity to our stakeholders, and SAM's plan is to return to our campus every three months!

## **Friday Advisory**

Beginning on Friday, October 1st, BMS transitioned to a Friday Advisory Schedule. Under this model, students spend the entire day each Friday with their advisory teacher and the same advisory classmates. The day is used to Check and Connect in the morning (grades, make-up work, build relationships, etc.), then breakfast, followed by DESSA lessons for Social Emotional Learning, IEFA lessons, and completing the day with Project Based Learning (PBL).

Below is an example of Ms. Margaret Tailfeathers' Advisory class PBL on October 15th where they thanked Glacier Family Foods workers for their service during the pandemic and all their essential workers.

Ms. Tailfeather said that, “they bought pumpkins, weighed them, and estimated their cost. The students verbally thanked the workers. BMS students rock!!”



## Sports

Congratulations to our 7th grade and 8th girls basketball players and coaches for both making it to The Final Four! Way to go - we are proud of you!

Winter sports are starting up, and the schedule of events for boys basketball is listed below:

Oct 18, 2021

- First day
- Parent/Athlete/Coach meeting 5:30pm
- Expectations, schedule (site NMSAA.org)
- physicals/handbook (concussion, health, sports agreement, etc)
- Covid



- Eligibility and attendance
- Parent/athlete/coach responsibilities
- Last day to join Oct 29, 2021

Practices:

- Mondays 4-5, 5-6:30, 6:30-8
- Tuesday 4-5, 5-6:30, 6:30-8
- Wednesday 5-6:30, 6:30-8
- Thursday 4-5, 5-6:30, 6:30-8
- Friday 3-4, 4-5:30, 5:30-7

Games:

Oct 30, 2021 @ Havre -BMS A & BMS B

Nov 6, 2021 @ Cut Bank - BMS B

@ Conrad - BMS A

Nov 9, 2021 @ Shelby -BMS A

@ Fairfield \_ BMS B

Nov 13, 2021@ Choteau - BMS A

@ Rocky Boy - BMS B

Nov 20, 2021@ Home BMS A & B vs DeLaSalle

Nov 25, 2021 Thanksgiving Weekend No practice

Nov 29, 2021@ Home Fairfield v BMS

Google meet for standings on wins and loss

Dec 4, 2021 Seeding Tournament - TBA

Dec 11, 2021 Final Four

This schedule is for 7th and 8th grade. Once again 6th grade will be scheduled for by the week due to the lack of participation from other schools. Ms. WhiteGrass will do her best to arrange as many games as she possibly can. Those 6th grade games will be during the week day never on weekends unless other schools absolutely cannot play on weekdays.



## School Newsletter

Here is a link to our newsletter from October - enjoy!

[BMS October 2021 Newsletter](#)



Quarter 1 ended on Wednesday, October 27th, and grades will be posted on Monday, November 1st. Students will be recognized for their academic and attendance efforts once grades have been sent out.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**



Be well!  
William Huebsch  
BMS Principal