

ACT

On March 19th the Junior class took the ACT assessment. The assessment took place in the gym for all juniors in the high school. Those 11th grade students who attend the academy took the assessment there. We did have 14 students not in attendance that day and they will take the ACT during the make-up day on May 3rd. The counselors did a good job of making phone contact with as many parents as they could reach to inform them of the test date and the importance of their students being in attendance on the day the ACT was administered. We also sent out automated text messages and mailed letters home. We will not have the results of the ACT until the August Board meeting.

We will also be giving the AP, Advanced Placement, tests in May. We will have 18 students taking the 12th grade ELA test, 8 students taking the Biology test, 4 students taking the Calculus test, and 27 taking the 11th grade ELA test. The AP tests will be given on May 3rd-11th. We will also begin the end of year ISIP, IStation Indicators of Progress, literacy assessment and end of year STAR math Assessments beginning May 8th

Senior Portfolios

On March 25th the class of 2017 presented their senior portfolios. There were 91 seniors who presented their portfolios. The seniors presented work samples from their high school career, information on college preparation that they have done such as: college acceptance letters, scholarships they have applied for and received, ACT scores, and life goals essays. The presentations are a great opportunity for our students to truly shine. They discuss their triumphs and obstacles that they had to overcome in order to get to where they are today. They talk about their own personal lives, the teachers and staff who have had an impact on them, and also discuss mistakes that they have made and what they learned from them. This is one of the most rewarding opportunities that we have in terms of interacting with our students. Every person who volunteered to be a judge was close to tears more than once throughout the day as we helped our students celebrate their accomplishments, relive failures and how they overcame them, and interacted with the students on a very deep and personal level. Despite the fact that this is such an important day in our student's lives, and that the experience is so rewarding we often struggle to find enough people to help with the portfolio judging. Because of this I would like to recognize the following for giving of their time to participate as a judge. Gina Dosch, Olivia Davis, Alicia Raining Bird, Kathy Broere, Richard Hagberg, Elizabeth Coleman, ShyAnn Raining Bird, Edith Wagner, Lisa Jordan, Donel Hall, Josephine Lehrwyn, Jerci Powell, Brian Harrell, Katherine Bell, Ashton Smith, Gerald Wagner, Lea Lorrie Tatsey, Tammy Hall-Reagan, Joyce Watts, Matthew Johnson, and Jennifer Fenner. I would also like to offer a huge thank you to Brenda Hoyt who has put in countless hours preparing for the presentations, helping students, and working all day during the presentations.

GearUp

On March 28-29 the BHS GearUp team attended the annual spring planning meeting in Helena. While at the meeting we reviewed data on BHS academic achievement in math and literacy, reviewed our budget and prioritized needs for the 2017-18 school year. The Goals of GearUp are:

1. Increase the academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education.
2. Increase the rate of high school graduation and enrollment in postsecondary education.
3. Increase GearUp students' and families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation, and financing.

The activities that are funded through GearUp include trips to college campuses for each grade level. We give them the opportunity to visit Vocational 2 year programs, 4 year universities, and tribal colleges, so that they know what programs each type of school offers, the associated costs, and to familiarize them with the campus and student services at each campus. We also work on college applications and each student has up to \$45 paid for a college application. We help students find and apply for scholarships. We hold fafsa nights to help students and their parents complete their financial aid applications each year. We offer tutoring and academic counseling, and we pay for some families to attend orientation week with their students at the college they will be attending. In addition the GearUp staff help with a variety of activities at school to include the annual Cat/Griz pep assembly, literacy nights, and other after school events.

Science Club

On March 30th the BHS Science Club and their advisor, Ms. Melody Small, went to Babb to give a presentation to the elementary students and to help them complete a variety of science experiments. The students involved were: Kaitlyn Sharp, Brendon Galbreath, Zac Ridesatthedoor, Hailie Henderson, Raynell Cree Medicine, Hayden Campos, Jason Sure Chief, Domineek CrossGuns, Preston Racine, Jolee BullShoe and Samantha Reed.



