

## **Browning Middle School Board Report September 2016**

### Positives

Despite a new schedule and many new teachers, this year is off to a productive and positive start. The schedule has changed so we have 45 minutes of science, social studies, pe/health, and two electives, and 67 minutes of math and language arts per day. Electives include supplementary math, supplementary reading, band, choir, general music, art, woods, technology, Project Lead the Way, and AVID. Our new teachers are proving to be knowledgeable, persistent, positive, and wonderful role models for our students.

### Curriculum/Instruction/PD

We spent part of each day the first week implementing the Olweus Bully Prevention Program. Mrs. Siliezar has set up a schedule to assure that we get through the entire Olweus curriculum during this year. The advisory classes meet once a week on Fridays, and they will utilize Olweus, MBI, and AVID strategies for their curriculum. A big part of advisory will be helping students look at their grades and assessment data, and set academic goals for the school year.

Because the high school made good progress on moving their Tier 3 students to Tier 2 utilizing the Read 180 and Math 180 programs this year, we are adopting those two programs for our supplementary programs. We are very lucky to have Angela Heavy Runner transfer to us to teach Math 180, and Andrea Evans transfer to us to teach Read 180. Both of these ladies, plus our coaches and special education teachers, will receive training next week in these two programs.

### Sports/Activities

#### BMS Cross Country Schedule 2016

- September 2, 2016: XC @Cut Bank 3:30 pm
- September 9, 2016: XC @Kalispell 5:00 pm
- September 16, 2016: XC @ Cut Bank 3:30 pm
- September 24, 2016: XC @ Missoula 10:00 am
- October 1, 2016: XC @ Havre 10:00 am
- October 3, 2016: XC @ BHS 3:00 pm

#### BMS Football Game Schedule 2016

- September 3, 2016: Havre Jamboree Schedule TBA
- September 10, 2016: Browning Jamboree schedule TBA
- September 17, 2016:BMS @Fairfield 10:00am
- September 20, 2016: BMS @ Conrad 4:30pm
- September 29, 2016: BMS @Shelby 4:30pm
- October 4, 2016: Cut Bank @BMS 4:30pm
- October 8, 2016: Choteau @BMS 10:00am

## Girls Basketball Game Schedule

- September 10, 2016: Havre Jamboree Schedule TBA
- September 17, 2016: “A” Team VS. Cut Bank & “C” Team/Boarding School @BMS Gym 10:00am “B” Team VS. Shelby & Fairfield @Shelby Middle School TBA
- September 24, 2016: “A: Team VS. DeLaSalle & “B” Team @BMS Gym 10:00 am “C” Team/Boarding Dorm VS. Choteau & Shelby @Choteau Middle School Gym Game Time TBA
- October 1, 2016: “A” Team VS. Conrad & Shelby @Utterback Middle School Game Time TBA “B” Team VS. Cut Bank & Choteau @Cutbank Middle School Game Time TBA “C” Team/Boarding School VS. DeLaSalle & Fairfield @BMS Gym Game Time TBA
- October 8, 2016:”A” Team VS. Fairfield & Choteau @BMS Gym 10:00am “B” Team VS. Conrad & “C” Team/Boarding School @Utterback Middle School Game Time TBA
- October 17-22, 2016- ELITE 8 TOURNAMENT (SCHEDULE TBA)

### Behavior

We had two referrals in August: one for *physical altercation minor* and one for *disorderly conduct*.

Mrs. Siliezar has been working with the teachers to clearly delineate behaviors that are to be dealt with in the classroom and behaviors that are to receive a referral. She is also helping to fully implement MBI, which teaches the students the behavior expectations and how to follow them. I believe this new system will really help address student behavior in a positive manner.

### Attendance

7th grade - 83%; 8th grade - 78%; total 81%

As of Sept. 1, 2016 we had 166 7th grade students enrolled and 144 8th grade students enrolled, for a total of 310 middle school students.

We had a number of students come in the day after Labor Day, and have received quite a few transfer requests, so by the end of the week after Labor Day we should have a pretty good idea of our total count for the year.