

Browning Elementary Board Report for August 13, 2019

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- Browning Elementary School's symbol is the lodge (Niitoyis). The door faces east (Pihkoohtsi) to greet the sun (Naahtoosi). To represent our ties to the sky, the seven brothers-the big dipper & bunched stars-pleiades are on the ear flaps and a puff ball (star) is on the bottom. Also at the bottom of the lodge are triangles that represent our mountains. We do not have anything painted in the middle as that is reserved for transfer rights to individuals.
- Historically our families lived in lodges made of buffalo robes that were able to be erected and taken down for our nomadic lifestyle. Due to the small nature of the lodge inside, routines and protocols were taught to children for discipline and respect. Children were taught using nature, the stars, everyday responsibilities and through stories.
- Each classroom is a lodge (Niitoyis) and therefore they have routines and protocols for children to follow (MBI Classroom Universals). Our school building is OUR lodge (Niitoyis) and we also have routines and protocols for children and staff to follow (MBI Universals, Student/Parent, & Staff Handbook).
- Each person who enters our school-lodge (Niitoyis) need their Basic Needs, Psychological needs and Self Fulfillment needs met. Staff must focus on their own self care. We have a framework to assist with those needs. We must focus on relationships with students, parents/families/community, each other and with administration. All decisions will be made with students in mind.

Principal Introduction - Sheila Hall

Oki, each year August is always a great time of eager anticipation for the new school. This August is particularly meaningful because it will mark the beginning of my leadership role as the principal of Browning Elementary. It is with great excitement and honor that I look forward to serving as the Browning Elementary principal partnering with you on a journey to serving the children and families of the Browning community.



Assistant Principal - Arlene Wippert



Oki, I am excited and honored to continue to be a part of Browning Elementary School in my new role as Assistant Principal. I am excited and look forward to supporting our goals at BES. August has been busy with fresh ideas and new opportunities planned for the school year!

Our school leadership team

Lots of prep and planning goes into preparing for a new school year. Thanks to the dedication of the Browning Elementary School leadership team. They came in for leadership week at the administration building to prep, analyze data, layout the year and provide valuable input for what works best for students.



Left to right: Elisha Kennedy, Shawnee Momberg, Arlene Wippert, Sheila Hall, Samantha Grant, Vivian Sanderville, Willie Tailfeathers

Browning Elementary MTSS/MBI Summary

This summer Browning Elementary School was recognized in Bozeman at the MBI conference for achieving Bronze recognition for successfully implementing MTSS (MBI) in Tier 1 for the 2018-19 school year. This is credited to the staff for implementing school wide universal positive behavior support to all students. To develop our tiers of support the team this year will work on implementing Tier 2 strategic behavior interventions. Browning Elementary has implemented Tier 1 of positive behavior interventions and support with sustainability. They are beginning to use behavior data for problem solving to create a safe, welcoming environment for all staff, children and their families. The MTSS team have used the results from the yearly TFI (Tiered Fidelity Inventory) and SAS (Self-Assessment Survey) to drive their action plan for continued improvement.



Prepping the school

The custodians have diligently worked hard over the summer getting the school prepped for another school year. All the rooms were cleaned, floors stripped and waxed, and carpets shampooed. They washed windows, doors, walls, and rails. They stripped and waxed the cafeteria and bathrooms. The school is looking fabulous for students and families for the first day of school.