March 2022 Board Report

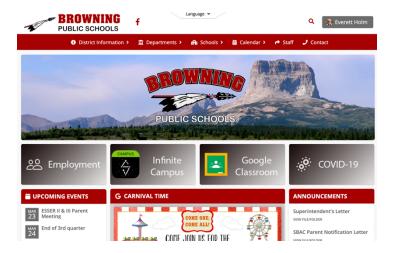
E-rate

No news is good news during this time in the e-rate filing windows. Our Form 471's for internet and hardware switches have been submitted and we patiently wait for the e-rate guru's to approve our submissions.

Welcome new www.bps.k12.mt.us

You may have noticed a new look and feel for the district website. Our existing site had some support issues the site hosting company was not able to fix as well as being held hostage by a company they work with to make our now old site ADA compliant. Our site is now hosted with School Blocks which for the benefit of the district has many benefits including ease of updating (the old site took upwards of 15-20 steps to get content loaded/updated, the new site takes 2-3 steps), ADA compliance guaranteed (School Blocks works with OCR, the Office of Civil Rights, on at least a quarterly basis and addresses any ADA compliance issues), as well as School Blocks now not only hosting Browning but another 2,500 districts around the country.

Some of the items you will notice is each school will have a calendar and it's events will be incorporated into the main district calendar, a staff directory, different pages/sections for our various departments, enhanced site searches and more. We've already received several positive comments about the new site.



T-Mobile cell tower progress

Progress continues on the cell site with the next steps being Glacier Electric running power to the cell site as well as running fiber to carry the voice and data traffic to the site. Otherwise we excitedly await the completion of the tower.