

**Browning Middle/High School GEAR UP
August 2021 Board Report**

Summer Programs Update:

BHS Credit Recovery

Browning High School GEAR UP funded the first session of the BHS Credit Recovery summer program that took place June 7th – June 30th. We had 35 students participate with a total of 18 credits recovered.

BHS IT Raspberry Pi Camp

We had to cancel this camp because the materials didn't arrive on time per the teacher's schedule.

BMS Photojournalism Camp

Due to the low interest, we had to cancel this program. MAPS Media Institute did share that they were applying for grant monies and Browning Middle School was first on their list to do a project this school year!

MTGU Summer Camps

We had a total of 9 students participate in GEAR UP summer camps (free to GEAR UP students) sponsored by our State Office and college/organization partners. The travel costs were paid for out of our local summer GEAR UP budgets. The camps and participant numbers are as follows:

Yellowstone Ecology Project (June 18-22) – 3 students

An experiential science education program that partners high school students with scientists and conservation professionals to address critical conservation issues in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). This Program inspires students to incorporate the scientific process into their daily lives, consider science and research careers, and become community leaders. Students learn by doing and contribute in meaningful ways to research and service projects.

MSU Explore Camp (July 11-16) – 5 students

MSU Explore: Earth and Space Science Camp (ESS) is a five-day summer camp designed to encourage middle school students to learn more about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). It inspires students

to consider science-related careers and encourages them to pursue a college education by experiencing college life.

UM Exploration (July 24-31) – 1 student

Students will get an in-depth look at college life on the University of Montana campus, field work, college coursework. The experiential out-of-the classroom activities will include hiking the "M", visiting the campus recreation center, hearing from other current UM students and departments on campus, a campus tour and a BBQ.

GEAR UP Staff

All GEAR UP staff are back at work and excited to see all of our students (7th-12th grade) and resume our normal activities! In addition to our usual activities i.e., campus visits, STEM activities, Career Day, GEAR UP advisory lessons, etc., we also plan on providing professional development for all staff (BMS, BHS and WBH) in supporting our students with social and emotional skills especially after a challenging virtual year and a half with CO-VID.