

BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWS

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Important Dates for October

- October2-13: Montana College Application Week
- October 2-27: DESSA mini screening
- October 16-18: BHS Midterms
- October 19-20: No School MEA PIR
- October 23-31: Red Ribbon Week
- October 25: BHS Noon Board Meeting
- October 25: End of 1st Quarter/Midterm
- October 27: Midterm grades due
- October 28: National ACT exam 8am-2pm
- October 30 November Food Drive Begins
- October 31: Lights on After Dark

<u>October Stats:</u>

Average Daily Attendance (ADA): 9th: 84% 10th: 88% 11th: 88% 12th: 75% (10th & 11th grade with the highest daily average 85%) Total Student ADA: 85% Certified Attendance: 90% Classified Attendance: 89% Enrollment: 9th: 167 10th: 152 11th: 105 12th: 98 Total: 522 Transcripts: 30 Transfers: IN: 8 OUT: 8 Referrals: 26 Bully Reports: 4 Home Visits: 23

Congratulations to Mr. Kevin Kicking Woman – Montana Teacher of the Year 2023

On Sept 28, MT Superintendent of Schools Elsie Artnzen made a surprise visit to BHS to inform all of BHS, BPS, Browning, Blackfeet Nation, Glacier County, and the entire state of MT that our very own BNAS teacher Kevin *Kicking Woman* was selected as the Mt Teacher of the Year 2023. Mr. Kicking Woman had been waiting since Sept 13 for any word of how the final interview went. We were able to secretly invite his family, students, staff and other dignitaries to BHS to be a part of his award celebration.



The 2024 Montana Teacher of the Year, Kevin Kicking Woman, stands in front of the Browning High School student body during the award assembly on Sept. 28, 2023, in Browning, Montana. (Photo by Kolby Kicking Woman, ICT)

Browning High School Students and Staff are proud of their Montana Teacher of the Year 2023!!

Honor Dinner

On Sept 28 BHS, BPS, and BNAS honored Mr. Kicking Woman with a dinner. Originally advertised as an honor dinner as being in the top 4 finalists of MTOY, once we were able to formally announce OPI's final selection, it turned into MTOY honor dinner! BHS students assisted with preparing the meal along with BHS cooks-Carla, Joann and Ron. BHS students-Haiden, Jessa, Shania, Sophia, Latesha, Kellan, Tanner, and Rae Shaun served frybread, salads and cake. BHS staff Melanie, Ladean, Fran, Angel, Lucy and Johanna served plates and assisted with clean up. Thank you to the custodians for setting up along with working the volleyball game-Phillip, Anson, Russell, George and Brynlee.

Independent Study Class: Pikuni & Computer by Mr. Travis Miller & Mr. Tanner Iron Pipe

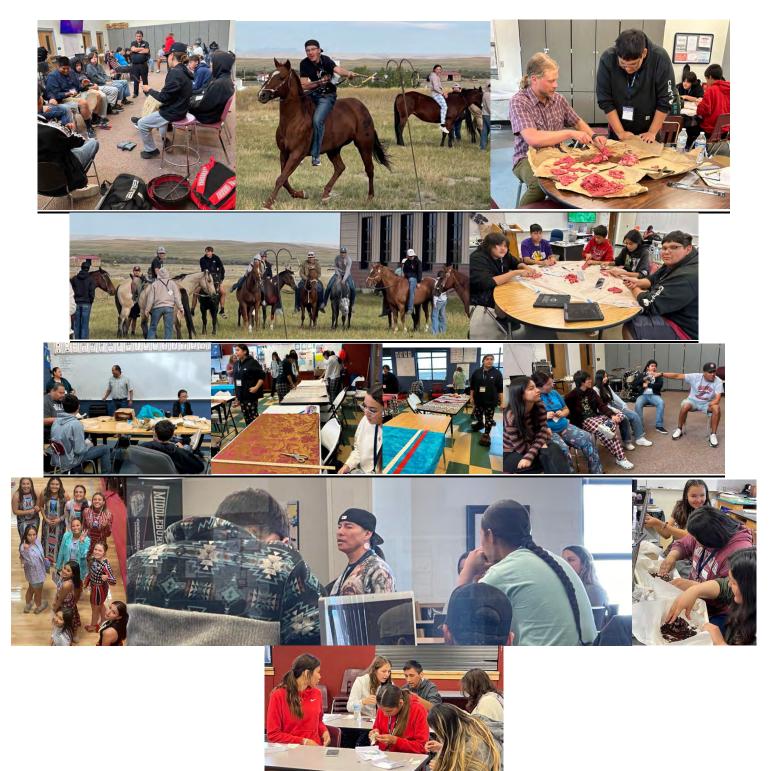
Mr. Travis Miller- "{Tanner Iron Pipe is probably the only person in the country doing an independent study involving native language and computers - Pikuni and computer science. We are proud of you."

Mr. Tanner Iron Pipe - "My work with Robert Hall has been somewhat in the making for a couple of months, and I'm glad we were finally able to being. This all started with Blackfeet Language classes I had taken with Mr. Kicking Woman (Montana Teacher of the Year!!), those classes being where I began taking an interest in my own language. From there I started to learn about how Robert Hall has been implementing the Big Bull writing system, and how he had also begun making his own version of an online Blackfeet dictionary. This piqued my interest quite a lot, as I was very curious of how they dissected the morphemes of the words and explained them. From there it was just about getting communication with Robert Hall and asking his about this project. Working on this project has fueled the flame of curiosity and interest for my language, opening my mind into understanding not only the language, but also the history behind how it has come to where it is today. I'm very excited to continue learning and developing my Blackfeet language skills during this project, and I'm glad I've gotten this opportunity."



2nd annual Cultural Day sponsored by BHS & Manpower





Prizes were given to winners of the following contests: Essay (Tribal Council Speech), Art, Dry Meat Cutting, Fry Bread Making, Berry Soup Making, and Stick Game Tourney. Winners Link

Homecoming Parade Winners 2023-2024

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HuBWP9utX3j8lAgwK_9hJLPFCaXjv4qlJBoLWXh0aJ4/edit?usp=shari ng

Homecoming Royalty and Student Council Members 2023-24

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IB-DeKr_brGSfZJoxuikKhjPMTHGevUjjajqX0WFu9Y/edit?usp=sharing

<u>Check Browning Public School facebook page for videos and pictures of</u> <u>all things BHS</u>

Miss Last Chance Gulch Princess 2023-2024

This weekend Ms. Jazlyn New Robe was crowned Miss Last Chance Gulch Princess in Helena, Montana. She is a sophomore here at BHS and participates in Volleyball and Basketball. She loves to bead, dance and travel to powwows. Congratulations Jaz and good luck representing Last Chance Gulch, your family, Blackfeet Reservation and BHSL



Journalism Class by Mrs. Taylor Crawford

BHS Journalism class is excited to announce their collaboration with BHS alumni JoVonne Wagner and the Montana Media Lab out of Missoula, MT! On Wednesday, September 20th 2023, Montana Media Lab came and conducted an audio storytelling workshop with the journalism students. This workshop consisted of listening to and analyzing podcast news stories, learning how to use audio/recording equipment, and brainstorming for an upcoming podcast project that will be focused on wildfires in Montana. We are also excited to share that the MML has loaned some recording equipment to the BHS journalism class to use for their litoomoo student newspaper interviews! The class will be collaborating with the Montana Media Lab for the rest of the semester until the culminating project is completed. The podcast will be entirely student made and will be featured on Life with Fire Podcast sometime after November. Stay tuned!



Suicide Prevention Project by: Mrs. Jimi Champ

Browning Oh'kitopii Rodeo Team paired with Blackfeet Tribal Health program for a special suicide project on Wednesday, September 20. Student athletes shared a positive message geared toward seeking help and striving to see the best in life's situations. Rodeo athletes dressed in their finest rodeo gear and voiced a message that will be shared with the Blackfeet community and beyond in the weeks to come. As rodeo athletes, they each have first-hand knowledge of the power of strong mental health and the power of positive thinking. These young people travel the state and the country sharing their resiliency and grit. True role models to all, our Oh'kitopii Rodeo team has made their mark on the Montana and are excited to share this project with their home community.



We have many positives happening at BHS:

Bell ringers, exit tickets, best practices for teaching, projects, career exploration, laughter, discussions, mindfulness, exercise, questions, excitement, pride, support, support, guidance, growth, good student/staff attendance and great grades! BHS is a place of safety, comfort, consistency, happiness and pride!