

**Browning Middle/High School GEAR UP  
October 2020 Board Report**

**BHS/WBH GEAR UP**

This month we continued our Brown Bag Sessions with students. We have offered a number of virtual workshops for students to hear from different professionals about their career and/or college experiences. Some examples we had this month were: STEM/Financial Literacy, Careers in the Foreign Service, Military Careers, et

We are also working on the following tasks this month:

\*FAFSA Support for our Seniors

\*Finalizing virtual campus visit (UM, Missoula College and SKC) for Seniors for next month. Normally this time of year we take our Seniors to visit those colleges in person but we are scheduling virtual due to CO-VID.

\*Finalizing dates for virtual FVCC Campus visit for Sophomores-Seniors (Due to CO-VID FVCC is limited campus visits to only sophomores-seniors)

*BHS GEAR UP Meetings*

We held our second meeting (a monthly meeting is required per our grant) on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> with our BHS/WBH GEAR UP Team. We finalized plans for a Trauma Informed Training for staff, we approved a plan to purchase an on-line career support program where teachers and students can access career information including video or live presentations from career professionals all over the United States. This is an important resource as we are so rural and often can't access career professionals due to our location.

*GEAR UP Career/College Prep Advisory Lessons*

We are continuing our 2 a month career/college prep advisory lessons. The first lesson occurred earlier this month (second one will be the last week of the month). Topics included goal setting, learning styles inventory and career exploration.

*WBH Support*

Besides the regular student support items noted above, GEAR UP also provides financial support to our alternative high school. This month we were able to buy them additional chrome books and classroom sets of books to help support instruction.

## **BMS GEAR UP**

### *BMS GEAR UP Meetings*

Monthly meeting isn't scheduled until last week of October. Plan is to also look at approving on-line career program and revisit any other needs for middle school that GEAR UP can help support.

### *\*GEAR UP/Teacher Collaboration Projects*

#### *-Virtual STEM Event*

We have a virtual STEM lesson about pumpkins that GEAR UP shared with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers. GEAR UP secured pumpkins and related supplies for all students and are working on a safe distribution plan so that students will have all the materials to be able to do the lesson the last week of October, which ends with a pumpkin carving contest!

#### *-Collaborative Lessons*

We have connected with some of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to work on a cross-curricular lesson called Family Budgeting where students will have a fictional family and career and learn about the costs of adulting.

### *\*GEAR UP Google Classroom*

Nathan is continuing his awesome work on a GEAR UP google classroom for both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. One exciting presentation he was able to set up was a college presentation on MSU Northern and he was able to secure Tiara Gilham as one of the speakers! We are still struggling a little with participation rates like other teachers. We will continue to look for other creative ways to get students involved.

### *\*Virtual Campus Visits*

We had a meeting with FVCC in hopes of setting up virtual campus visits however they aren't doing middle school visits right now so we will continue to reach out to other schools like MSUN.

