

# Browning Public Schools

## Home of the Browning Indians!

### Record year for Browning students attending State Musical Festival

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Credit: Browning Public High School

### Browning Band with our outstanding director June Matt



### Browning Choir with our new director Adrien Wagner!

GREAT FALLS - The Montana High School Association State Music Festival and Browning Public High School are celebrating sending a record number of student musicians.

Typically only three or four students from Browning High School go to the MHSA State Music Festival, but with Browning growing their music program and these kids' hard work paying off, more were able to go.

This year, nine students from Browning Public High School are heading to the event.

"I never really thought my voice could go anywhere," said Nick Tailfeathers, a senior at Browning High School and vocalist.

"I did it for my family. I feel like I'm making so many people proud by going to state," said Alicia Archambault, a junior at Browning High School and vocalist.

"Personally I did my solo considering our community and showing people that people with talent deserve to come from anywhere," said BreeAnna Polk, a sophomore at Browning High School and tuba player.

The competition takes place on May 3-4, and they'll be competing with 13 other school districts.

### Superior Rating (I)

Jurell Gilham - Guitar

RedSky Boggs - Bass Guitar

Maddalyn Whitright - Trumpet

BreeAnna Polk - Tuba

Ali Archambault - Vocal

### Excellent Rating (II)

Hailey BullShoe

Nick Tailfeathers

Trey Smith

Jeremy Bockus

### Congratulations!



### National Honor Society Inductees!

Gave Walker  
Mishayla Croff  
Joyce Kemmer  
Angel Kennerly  
Chucky BraveRock  
Alena Burdeau  
Chalissa Kipp  
Rosalinda Spotted Eagle  
Jacalynn Monroe

Payton CrossGuns  
BreeAnna Polk  
Brynlee St. Goddard  
Logan Williams  
Latasha Fitzgerald  
Shonte Spino  
Alexander Smaill

### 5 S's - Reminder

**Stop complaining** - educators and those involved, engaged, and working for public good;

**Shift from negative to POSITIVE** in all that you do.

**Share success** - consistently and constantly - it is not self-serving or "spinning" to share achievements and accomplishment - we need to be unapologetic for things that work;

**Sustain** the effort of positive, success, and optimism for the work of teaching and learning

**Start now**



## We LOVE Easter and our Bunny!



Browning Public Schools is currently in the process of requesting a partnership with the Blackfeet Tribe, which could bring big changes over the next year.

If the partnership is approved, Browning Public Schools will move forward with a remodel and expansion of the current Browning Middle School and start construction of a new multi-sports complex.

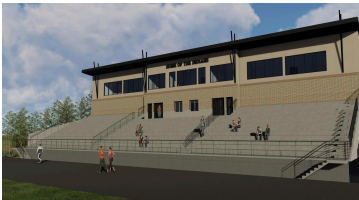
Funds for the construction project will come from a \$3.9 million Impact Aide Revenue Bond passed last September.

Money will also come from Impact Aide funds set aside by school board members for years.

Changes to the middle school will include a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade wings due to current overcrowding issues at Lapi Elementary School. Other changes at the middle school include a new heating system and a new kitchen and cafeteria.

The new multi-sports complex will be constructed east of Browning High School. The complex will include new grandstands, a football field, soccer field, softball field and outside tennis and volleyball courts. If funds are available, a new outside basketball court will also be added.

Browning Public Schools Superintendent Corrina Guardipee-Hall said, "We want to thank all of the community members that voted for the bond."



**Innovative Awards!** So exciting 6 of our schools are receiving Innovative Awards from OPI through our MCLP grant, which was highly competitive throughout the state.

Buffalo Hide Academy, Browning Middle School, Napi Elementary, Browning Elementary, KW and Vina Elementary for their hard work improving with student achievement, School action plans and instruction.

The awards will come in additional \$ for innovative practices that each school can bring to their campus to enhance education!



## Unfunded Needs:

1) Our Good Medicine Program which is a strong counseling program received the Montana (SOARS) Support Outreach for Resiliency of Students grant which is ending on September 2019. With this funding we were able to give additional counseling services to our students K-12. A total of 8 counselors will be out of a job this fall and our students will not get the quality intensive counseling services they so desperately need. So far we have lost 3 students to suicide in the past two years, which proves that our students can not afford to be without these services.

2) Our Early Kindergarten development grant will be finished this year. It is imperative that legislature fund this program. We need to be able to claim ANB for our 54 students to keep our three Early K classrooms.

## **BMS Remodel and SportsComplex** **Currently negotiating with Blackfeet Tribe on partnership contribution.**

Currently our Browning Middle School has been ruled unsafe by the State Fire Inspector due to the over crowding, boiler and cafeteria issues. We also have severe overcrowding at the Napi Elementary. We are in the process of doing an addition to fix these needs. Additional funding is needed to ensure the heating system is safe throughout the building.

BPS is the only Class A Montana school district without a sports complex; area class B schools have better facilities due to their local contributions and the tax base that they have which we can't rely on. This New Sports Complex will help ensure that our students and community have a facility that they can use and be proud of. This will be the first in our school history to provide this for our students and community.

Currently we are waiting for exact \$ amount for Blackfeet Tribal Contribution before moving ahead on project.

**Mission** Browning Public Schools works with all stakeholders – families, students, staff, trustees and community – to provide a high quality, culturally diverse education for all our children using guidance, teaching, and support through collaboration and communication.

**VISION** Browning Public Schools is a safe environment that teaches personal and community wellness and provides support and strategies for overcoming adversity. **In Browning Public Schools, we are free to teach and learn successfully. We instill and develop respect and pride for self, family, school, community, our environment and all cultures through service to others. We model hard work and personal accountability through humility and dedication – demonstrating that these values are the responsibility of all. We cultivate and nurture strong partnerships with the community to build citizens who have a sense of place, respect for Mother Earth, and an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of, and to, all people in all communities.**

