

**Browning Public Schools
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Dear School Board and Superintendent Guardipee-Hall;

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Wow! What a year this has been. During the month of May we were unable to have some of our normal end of the year activities, such as the barbeque/picnic and game day. The important thing is that we've all been able to remain healthy; these events can be rescheduled.

Graduation at Big Sky and Glendale Schools was on Wednesday, May 27 in the respective schools. We had small, yet pleasant graduations. Two students graduated at Big Sky and three students graduated at Glendale. The graduates were very happy and excited to graduate and thanked everyone for the gifts and cards. The parents of the graduates were very proud. We were hoping the ceremony could be larger, but understood that we have to respect the criteria set by the Blackfeet Tribe for events at this time. Mr. Andreas was able to attend the graduations and the students were thankful he was able to go. Pictures of the graduates are below.

At both schools we had students come in grade by grade and clean out their desks and return materials. It was nice to see the students; some of them wanted to visit a lot. Students at Big Sky used shaving cream to clean out their desks. The students enjoy doing that and it was nice to be able to have some closure for the school year.

Staff, students, and parents at Big Sky and Glendale are all thankful we were able to continue school this year and we appreciate Browning Public School District for supporting us through these times. The students at Glendale are very excited to be getting a playground with help from the district. Staff have had to be flexible in how we teach this year and this has been very appreciated.

Although this has been a trying time for many if not all of us, it has been uplifting to see all of the compassion people have for each other during the Covid-19 Pandemic; people have been making sure their neighbors are all doing alright. From the students, parents, staff, people of neighboring communities and all around the state we have all been reaching out to help others. Both Big Sky and Glendale Colonies have donated masks and food to the communities of Browning and Cut Bank, very nice gestures of sharing with others.

We're looking forward to having a nice summer break. When school begins again we hope it is able to be back to normal, yet if we have to teach online we now know we have the ability to do so and our students are able to continue to learn.

Please stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Thank You, Natasha Siliezar, Cindy Show, Ellen Christoferson



**Ike Wipf, Aaron Wipf, Big Sky Colony School
8th Grade Graduates of 2020**



Students at Big Sky School 2020

End of year- a few were unable to be in this photo



**Jennifer Wipf, Amanda Wipf, Lana Waldner
8th Grade Graduates of Glendale Colony School of 2020**