<u>Athletics/Activities Report</u> <u>Board Report</u> <u>August-September</u>

Napi Athletics

Football

We have 40-55 kids showing up for Napi football. Kids practicing and showing up aren't always consistent which is why the numbers are an estimate. We have enough for 2 teams for 7th and 8th grade and they compete hard.

Cross Country

49 kids joined cross country and they are pretty consistent in their practices. Napi competed in our home meet and competed well, unfortunately they did not have jerseys because they were accidentally thrown away in the trash. We have ordered them new jerseys and they will get to compete the rest of the season with these jerseys.

Middle School Athletics

Football

47 students joined middle school football which consists of 6th, 7th, & 8th graders.

We have only 2 coaches for 47 students and we are struggling to monitor them as we have had some serious reports come up with fights & street people conflicts. Not having a place for the middle school to practice is becoming an issue as we make them wait to use the field which also gives them time for mischief. We have moved their times up and split the field with Napi so they can practice at the same time but the walk to the Napi and the little wait creates openings for things to go wrong. My next solution is to ask for some sort of improvement to the old football field at the middle school so we can alleviate our problems and concerns with middle school football.

Cross Country

33 students have tried out for Middle school Cross Country and have been competing pretty well. We had 1 girl and 1 boy win our own meet here in Browning. Middle School cross country works hard and we want to have more of a middle school and high school relationship to better the program.

Volleyball

53 kids joined volleyball for middle school which consists of 6 teams, 2 teams per grade. Our Volleyball teams are competing and working hard. We have had 1 coach resign and that leaves 1 team without a coach.

High School Athletics

Volleyball

We competed and went to our tipoffs for all levels. As we finished the first tipoff for the varsity we ended up in coaching issues and our head coach resigned. We moved our assistant coach to interim head coach and that is where she will remain until the end of the season. We have 3 competitive squads and our games have been extending longer than previous years. The future is good for volleyball despite our coaching issues. Despite the inconsistency of how our coaching situation has gone we had a great turn out for our first home game which led to our ticket booth needing more money than we need for a special guest night. Our concessions were busy all 3 games for the opening as well.

Cross Country

Cross Country started with 64 kids and the numbers have gone down with a consistent 45 showing up and putting in work. We hosted our XC meet here on the High school property and ended the course in the stadium. We had more runners than last year competing from 12 different schools with one of those schools being international from Lethbridge. We have taken note of what we need to improve on and will have to accommodate the extra runners with room and course maintenance for next year. We had 1 boy from our team win this event 3 years in a row.

We received many compliments from all the coaches with our meet and all want to return for next year.

Golf

Golf started with 20 kids joining with more asking to join later and we ended up having 35 join all together. That number moved around with consistency and who showed up for practice. We are approaching our Divisionals on Sept. 27th and this year we will have 2 teams competing because our girls Varsity team is full with reserves competing for our 5 top spots and a chance to go to state.

Football

We have around 48 consistent players at the high school level and with football comes injury so it detours our roster in another direction and limits are numbers lower. We have pulled off a win against Ronan and our fan attendance has been up for record numbers with Arrowhead Stadium. Our ticket booth had to double the money to accommodate tickets and our concession line never goes down all game long.

Fall Cheer

Cheerleaders had their cheer camp vs the Hardin game and they are a huge factor of why our numbers are up in attendance for football games. The cheer camp was a success with 40 young girls participating in our halftime show for the community and our fans. Cheer has been doing great by implementing a pep club to the home games and students are cheering and engaging.

Soccer

We have moved to Varsity and we have been struggling trying to compete with other schools. We have been mercy ruled in 4 games out of 5. When the mercy rule is in play we only get to play half a game which hurts development.

This is a huge concern and a reiteration of not having feeder programs at the lower levels. As long as we continue to ask our students to compete with the best in the state while also not creating those opportunities for development, we will be hindering their progression in the sport, while creating forms of depression and anxieties that lead to behavior conflicts between player to player and player to coach. I feel this is a situation the community has put us in by not being involved enough because it is our community that needs to step up to provide these feeder programs. We need to start asking ourselves if we are creating opportunity or are we creating an environment of performance anxiety among our players?

Despite this mental conundrum, most of our kids enjoy soccer and are trying their best to learn.

Kellen Hall Athletic Director

Student Activities

The Ee-Kah-Ki-Maht Program is excited for the 2025/26 School Year. The program will be providing Open gym to all BMS & BHS Students at the Browning Elementary Gym.

Monday – Thursdays 6:00 PM -10:00 PM. BHS weightroom will open Monday – Thursday 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Ee-Kah-Ki-Maht after school program for K-5th grade will start 10/1/25 at BES Gym Monday –Thursday 3:15pm-5:00pm.

EE-KAH-KI-MAHT has been busy planning our Annual Lights on After School Drive Thru and Red Ribbon Week Activities. Red Ribbon kick off week October 27th Lots of awesome activities scheduled for this week.

I have attached our Lights on After School Drive Thru Flyer. Hope to see you all there

Heidi Bullcalf