

Browning Middle/High School /WBH GEAR UP December 2023 Board Report

Note: Since Ronnel and I will both be leaving GEAR UP, (Ronnel in January; me in June), we are working hard to make sure our offices are ready for the transition to new staff.

BHS/WBH GEAR UP

***Senior Advising**

We have been busy helping Seniors with their post-high school plans. The new FAFSA won't be out until December 30th so we haven't been able to work on that piece other than getting them their FSA ID set up. We will have a FAFSA workshop in January.

***Dual Enrollment**

We just had 11 students meet with FVCC about dual enrollment registration for next semester. We will also have more students signed up with BCC, once we recruit and fill for our 4 classes set up with BCC and our own teachers.

BMS GEAR UP

Due to budget cuts, we are unable to fill the full-time BMS GEAR UP Specialist position so we chose to use the limited allocation for student services.

***Career/College Prep Lessons in 7th and 8th Grade Social Studies**

We have been providing mini lessons in these classes, once per week. The focus this semester is on careers. We are continuing our "family budgeting" activity that students will work on to learn about the cost of adulting. Students will have jobs, cars, houses and other related bills. This activity will take up most of the semester to do.

***STEM events**

These are back in our budget. We were approved for 2 different events - 1 per semester. The plan is to get one set up for January.

***College Visits**

We plan to take all eligible 7th and 8th graders on campus visits this year. The goal for 7th is to visit Flathead Valley Community College - with 4 separate trips to keep our numbers manageable. We haven't heard back from FVCC on date options yet. For

8th grade, we will be visiting SKC with the plan for 3 trips (1 boy and 2 girls, since there are more girls in this class). Our first SKC college visit will be in January, tentatively January 17th.